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SIR JACK OPENS TSUEN WAN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN

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THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FIELD ARE CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL -- TO STOP THE IMPORT OF ILLICIT DRUGS AND TO ELIMINATE DRUG ABUSE FROM THE COMMUNITY, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, SAID TODAY(SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TSUEN WAN ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, SIR JACK SAID SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THIS LONG BATTLE IS BEING MADE, THROUGH THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF THOSE INVOLVED, AT THE OFFICIAL, UNOFFICIAL AND COMMUNITY LEVELS.

+BUT AN ENORMOUS TASK STILL LIES AHEAD -- WE STILL HAVE BETWEEN 35 000 AND 50 000 ADDICTS= THIS IS, THEREFORE, NO TIME TO RELAX OUR ENDEAVOURS,+ HE SAID.

SIR JACK SAID DRUG ABUSE HAS BEEN A MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEM IN HONG KONG FOR MANY YEARS. IT IS NOT ONLY DESTRUCTIVE TO THE ADDICT HIMSELF, BUT IS OF ENORMOUS POTENTIAL DANGER TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE COMMUNITY OF WHICH HE IS PART.

+WE RECOGNISED THIS THREAT MANY YEARS AGO, AND HAVE TAKEN ENERGETIC ACTION TO DEAL WITH IT, THROUGH CAREFULLY COORDINATED PROGRAMMES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION,+ HE SAID.

+THE SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS, ACHIEVED AFTER UNREMITTING WORK AND THE EXPENDITURE OF CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES, IS EVIDENCED TODAY BY THE RECORD PRICES OF DRUGS ON THE STREETS, THE VERY LARGE NUMBERS OF ADDICTS IN TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND AFTERCARE, THE DECLINING INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DRUG SCENE, AND THE GREATLY REDUCED NUMBER OF THOSE CONVICTED OF MINOR DRUG OFFENCES.

HOWEVER, SIR JACK SAID, IN A WORLD IN WHICH DRUG ABUSE IS INCREASING DRAMATICALLY AND IS PRODUCING ENORMOUS PROFITS FOR THE TRAFFICKERS, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT AFFORD TO RELAX ITS EFFORTS IN ANY WAY.

ALSO, THE SUPPORT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HE STRESSED.

+IT IS JUST AS MUCH FOR THEIR BENEFIT THAT WE STRIVE, AS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY ADDICTED TO DRUGS, OR FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK OF BEING ENTICED INTO ADDICTION,+ HE SAID.

SIR JACK ALSO NOTED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE STRENUOUS AND DEVOTED EFFORTS BY A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WORKING IN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGNS, THERE IS SOLID EVIDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ARE NOW MORE ACUTELY AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS AND DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSES, AND BETTER INFORMED ABOUT THEM, THAN EVER BEFORE.

ALSO ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER LEE= THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES= THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN, MR. HO CHI-PING AND THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR. KARL STUMPF.

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AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, SIR JACK INSPECTED A COLOURFUL PROCESSION OF FLOATS, BANDS, DRAGON AND LION DANCE TEAMS AND THE FAMOUS CHIU CHOW GONG AND DRUM FOLK DANCE TEAM.

OVER 2 000 STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS FROM TSUEN WAN TOOK PART IN THE PROCESSION WHICH TOOK TO THE STREETS WHERE MORE THAN 100 000 RESIDENTS WATCHED THE COLOURFUL LAUNCHING OF THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN.

ABOUT 100 ANTI-DRUG PREVENTIVE AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN LINED UP FOR THE 600 000 RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT WHICH COVERS TSUEN WAN PROPER, KWAI CHUNG, MA WAN AND TSING YI ISLAND DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

THESE INCLUDE A SEMINAR, AN EXHIBITION, VISITS TO ANTI-DRUG INSTITUTIONS, WALKATHON, CHILDREN GAMES DAY, OPEN-AIR PAINTING COMPETITION, TREASURE HUNTING, VARIETY AND FILM SHOWS, SOCCER, BASKETBALL, SPEECH, DRAMA, PHOTOGRAPHY, POSTER AND SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITIONS.

THE TSUEN WAN CAMPAIGN IS THE LAST AND THE BIGGEST OF THE THREE DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS THIS YEAR.

THE THREE CAMPAIGNS WERE TARGETED AT MORE THAN ONE MILLION RESIDENTS LIVING IN WAN CHAI, MONG KOK AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICTS.

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#### SUCCESS OF TICD EXHIBITION

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VISITORS TO THE TECHNO '79 FAIR IN TOKYO HAVE BEEN FLOCKING TO THE EXHIBITION STAND MOUNTED BY THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

+THE FIVE-DAY FAIR, WHICH CLOSED YESTERDAY (SATURDAY) ATTRACTED OVER 12 000 VISITORS, AND IT SEEMED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION WAS INTERESTED IN OUR DISPLAY,+ SAID MR. C.G. BERNARD, THE LEADER OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSION.

+WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH A NUMBER OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ON POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES WITH HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, AND OF THE TRANSFER OF JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY TO HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS DISPLAYED BY THE JAPANESE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY, AND INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH A NUMBER OF ELECTRONIC COMPANIES.

+INTERESTING PROPOSALS FOR NEW PRODUCTS WERE ALSO DEMONSTRATED BY AUSTRIAN AND ITALIAN EXHIBITORS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE COMPANIES WILL MEET TICD OFFICERS IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (MONDAY),+ SAID MR. BERNARD.

A NEW PROMOTIONAL BROCHURE WITH A JAPANESE TEXT WAS PREPARED FOR THE FAIR, AND A FEATURE ON THE TICD STAND WAS A VIDEO-TAPE PRODUCTION WITH A JAPANESE COMMENTARY GIVING INFORMATION ON THE OPPORTUNITIES HONG KONG OFFERS TO JAPANESE INDUSTRIES.

THIS WAS REINFORCED BY A PAPER DELIVERED BY MR. BERNARD TO THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED BY THE LICENSING EXECUTIVES SOCIETY OF JAPAN, IN WHICH HE DETAILED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES FOR ATTRACTING OVERSEAS TECHNOLOGY.

FOLLOWING THE FAIR MR. BERNARD IS REMAINING IN JAPAN UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH TO COMPLETE A FULL PROGRAMME OF APPOINTMENTS WITH LEADING COMPANIES ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS, MAINLY IN THE METAL AND ELECTRONIC FIELDS.

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### 72 CITIZENS JOIN VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS

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SEVENTY-TWO CIVIC-MINDED CITIZENS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO JOIN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

THEY WERE GIVEN AN ORIENTATION COURSE TODAY (SUNDAY) TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION OFFICERS IN PROVIDING AFTER-CARE SERVICES TO YOUNG OFFENDERS.

THEY WILL SOON TAKE UP THE ROLE OF HELPING TO SOLVE THE OFFENDERS' SOCIAL PROBLEMS THROUGH CARE AND UNDERSTANDING WHILE PROBATION OFFICERS ASSUME THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF GUIDING THEM IN BEHAVIOURAL DEVELOPMENT.

AT THIS AFTERNOON'S ORIENTATION COURSE, THE VOLUNTEERS WERE GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PROBATION SERVICE BEFORE THEY ARE ASSIGNED LATER TO SUITABLE CASES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR AREAS OF INTEREST AND ABILITY.

FOR EXAMPLE, VOLUNTEERS MAY HELP PROBATIONERS DEVELOP MEANINGFUL HOBBIES BY JOINING THEM IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS PICNICKING, SWIMMING OR PHOTOGRAPHY. OTHERS WHO ARE PROFESSIONALS MAY PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR OWN FIELD.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS. EVELYN DOE, WELCOMED THE NEW RECRUITS AND THANKED THEM FOR GIVING GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME TO JOIN THE SCHEME.

MRS. DOE SAID MANY PEOPLE HAD THE MISCONCEPTION THAT PROBATION WORK WAS A LENIENT MEASURE FOR OFFENDERS.

+IT IS IN FACT A POSITIVE MEANS BY WHICH OFFENDERS ARE REFORMED AND HELPED TO BE REINTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY,+ SHE SAID.

SHE STRESSED THAT SUCCESSFUL PROBATION WORK CALLED FOR BOTH EFFORTS BY PROBATION OFFICERS AND SUPPORT FROM PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY.

THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME, SHE SAID, IS ONE WAY OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WHEREBY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ABLE TO HAVE DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN UNDERSTANDING OFFENDERS AND HELPING TO REFORM THEM.

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TWO BLIND GIRLS AMONG TOP 10 IN THEIR CLASS IN  
ORDINARY SCHOOL  
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IN A KENNEDY ROAD SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASSROOM THE STUDENTS ARE BUSY READING TEXTBOOKS. BUT TWO OF THE GIRLS, INSTEAD OF READING, ARE SLIDING THEIR HANDS ALONG PATTERNS OF DOTS JUTTING OUT OF THE PAGES FROM A RELATIVELY LARGE BOOK.

THESE TWO GIRLS, LUIGIA LIP AND EDITH YEUNG, ARE NOT PLAYING, BUT READING BRAILLE -- THE METHOD USED BY THE BLIND TO READ.

ALTHOUGH VISUALLY DISABLED, BOTH LUIGIA AND EDITH ARE JUST AS COMPETENT AS THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS. IN FACT THEY ARE RATED AMONG THE TOP 10 IN THEIR CLASS.

EVER SINCE THEY ENROLLED AT ST. FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE FROM A NEARBY SPECIAL SCHOOL, LUIGIA AND EDITH HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR CAPABILITY OF STUDYING IN AN ORDINARY SCHOOL.

+I WAS EXCITED ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT ST. FRANCIS,+  
LUIGIA RECALLED.

AS FOR EDITH HER COMMENT WAS: +SCHOOL LIFE IN AN ORDINARY  
SCHOOL IS A NEW AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE.+

+I CAN NOW LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND ME THROUGH MAKING  
MORE NEW FRIENDS,+ SHE ADDED.

LUIGIA AND EDITH ARE AMONG THE 24 BLIND STUDENTS NOW ATTENDING ORDINARY CLASSES IN SIX ORDINARY SECONDARY SCHOOLS UNDER AN INTEGRATING SCHEME LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT EARLY THIS YEAR. THEY ARE ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE, LA SALLE COLLEGE, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE, ST. FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND CANOSSIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

THE SCHEME, ADVOCATED BY SEVERAL SPECIAL INSTITUTES IN THE EARLY 60'S, AIMS AT INTEGRATING THE BLIND INTO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION.

MISS TERESA WONG, SENIOR INSPECTOR (SPECIAL EDUCATION) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID: +IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WHITE PAPER ON INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS EXPANDED THE SCHEME FURTHER BY SUBSIDISING SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF RESOURCE TEACHERS.+

SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE SCHEME STIPULATED THAT BLIND STUDENTS, WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN A SPECIAL SCHOOL, CAN SEEK ENROLMENT IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES.

+IN SOME CASES, APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT IN LOWER FORMS ARE ALSO CONSIDERED,+ SHE SAID.

+HOWEVER, EACH BLIND STUDENT SHOULD REGISTER PREFERABLY AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL BEFORE SEEKING ADMISSION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SPECIAL SERVICE,+ SHE ADDED.

SHE NOTED THAT ONCE A STUDENT IS INTEGRATED, ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION AND THE SCHOOL CONCERNED FOR THE PROVISION OF TEXTBOOKS AND SPECIALLY DESIGNED STUDYING AND TEACHING AIDS.

WARNING ON ANIMAL SOUVENIRS

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RESIDENTS RETURNING TO HONG KONG FROM OVERSEAS AND CHINA ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING BACK SOUVENIRS OF LIVE OR PRESERVED ANIMAL SPECIMENS LISTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

THE WARNING WAS ISSUED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WHICH NOTED THERE HAD BEEN MANY CASES RECENTLY THAT RETURNING RESIDENTS HAD BROUGHT BACK WITH THEM SOUVENIRS SUCH AS STUFFED SEA TURTLES AND CROCODILES, TIGER AND LEOPARD SKINS, A LIVE PANGOLIN AND A SCALEY ANT EATER.

ALL OF THESE ANIMALS AND SOME RARE PLANTS SUCH AS WILD ORCHIDS, CACTUS AND WILD AMERICAN GINSENG ARE PROTECTED BY LAW.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS ILLEGAL FOR ANYONE TO IMPORT OR BE IN POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

HE ADDED THAT DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS THERE HAD BEEN ABOUT 80 CASES OF THIS TYPE, MOST OF WHICH INVOLVED STUFFED SEA TURTLES BROUGHT IN FROM INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

+ANY OF THESE ARTICLES BROUGHT IN WITHOUT A LICENCE IS SEIZED BY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE AND THE OFFENDERS PROSECUTED.

+THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR A FIRST OFFENCE UNDER THE ORDINANCE IS \$5 000 AND THE SEIZED SPECIMENS ARE FORFEITED TO THE CROWN,+ HE SAID.

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NORTH KWAI CHUNG TO GET NEW TYPE OF URBAN CLINIC

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A NEW TYPE OF STANDARD URBAN CLINIC WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY IN NORTH KWAI CHUNG TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE FOUR-STOREY CLINIC, AT THE JUNCTION OF WO YI HOP ROAD AND LEI SHU ROAD OPPOSITE LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, WILL CONSIST OF A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, A FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE, A 24-BED MATERNITY HOME AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES SUCH AS A STAFF CANTEEN, KITCHEN AND STAFF CHANGING ROOMS.

+THE CLINIC IS SO DESIGNED THAT DAY-BEDS AND THERAPY FACILITIES CAN BE ADDED AT A LATER DATE IF THE EXPERIMENTAL SCHEME AT NGAU TAU KOK PROVES TO BE SUCCESSFUL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MR. YEE-SUN WU AND HIS BROTHER MR. JIEH-YEE WU OF WING LUNG BANK HAVE JOINTLY PLEDGED A DONATION OF \$2 MILLION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE CLINIC WHICH WILL BE NAMED AFTER THEIR MOTHER, MRS. WU YORK-YU.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 11 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WARNING ON BOGUS LABOUR OFFICERS  
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED EMPLOYERS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST PEOPLE SOLICITING MONEY BY IMPERSONATING OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED REPORTS THAT A MAN CLAIMING TO BE AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN SOLICITING MONEY FROM FACTORY PROPRIETORS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A PURPORTED DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION.

+NO OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AUTHORISED TO SOLICIT OR ACCEPT MONEY FOR ANY PURPOSE WHATSOEVER,+ HE STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT WERE FREE, AND FROM TIME TO TIME, THE DEPARTMENT PUBLISHED PAMPHLETS ON LABOUR LEGISLATION, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WHICH WERE ALSO FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

HE REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT ALL LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CARRIED WITH THEM GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS AND WARRANTS BEARING THE PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME OF THE HOLDER.

MEMBERS OF THE FACTORY AND LABOUR INSPECTORATES ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANTS WHEN VISITING FACTORIES, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CHECK ON THE IDENTITY OF VISITORS CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION IF THEY WERE IN ANY DOUBT.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION  
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A ONE-WEEK FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION IS TO BE HELD ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE EXHIBITION, STARTING TOMORROW (MONDAY), AIMS TO BRING HOME TO PEOPLE LIVING AT TSING YI LAGOON THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF FIRES IN SQUATTER AREAS AND THE NEED TO TAKE PROPER PRECAUTIONS.

ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FIRE SERVICES AND THE TSING YI LAGOON MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN THE PREMISES OF THE M.A.C.

AMONG THE EXHIBITS WILL BE PICTURES TAKEN DURING RECENT BIG SQUATTER AREA FIRES WHICH MADE THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICES SAID THE LOCAL FIRE SERVICES AND THE FIRE WATCH COMMITTEE WERE ANXIOUS THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT CARELESS ACTS LIKE THROWING AWAY LIGHTED CIGARETTE ENDS OR MATCHES COULD RESULT IN A FIRE IN WHICH FAMILIES COULD LOSE THEIR HOMES.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 5 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

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# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

SPEECH BY H.E. THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, KBE JP  
AT THE OPENING OF THE TSUEN WAN ANTI-NARCOTICS  
CAMPAIGN ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1979 AT 3 PM

Since the first ACAN Campaign was held here in 1973, Tsuen Wan New Town's population has increased by over 50 per cent (from 400 000 to 630 000). It has achieved increasing importance as an industrial and commercial centre, and its container terminal ranks as one of the top four in the world. A quarter of its population consists of school-children, and its 150 000 industrial workers are mostly young, in the 18 to 30 years age range. It illustrates, in short, the fast growth, vitality, hardwork and enterprise which have distinguished Hong Kong's development.

But in all mobile societies, the very process of rapid change is often accompanied by considerable stress both on the individual and on the family, when old habits, attitudes and routines have to be adapted to the new surroundings and circumstances. The great majority of Hong Kong's people have shown their capacity to overcome the undoubted strains and frustrations of living and working in high-density and quick-moving conditions, but there are others who are not so fortunate, who find themselves unable to cope and who turn to drugs or crime or to both.

We have had in our midst for many years a major social problem of drug abuse, which is not only destructive to the addict himself, but is of enormous potential danger to his family and to the community of which he is part. We recognised this threat many years ago, and have taken energetic action to deal with it, through carefully coordinated programmes of law enforcement, treatment and rehabilitation, preventive education and publicity, and international action. The success of our efforts, achieved

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after unremitting work and the expenditure of considerable resources, is evidenced today by the record prices of drugs on the streets, the very large numbers of addicts in treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare, the declining involvement of young people in the drug scene, and the greatly reduced number of those convicted of minor drug offences.

Nevertheless, in a world in which drug-abuse is increasing dramatically, producing profits for the trafficking criminals which are so enormous that, in a number of countries, they dwarf legitimate trade, we cannot afford to relax our efforts in any way. We must continue to rely on the skill and commitment of our law enforcement authorities who have played a large part in our current successes, of all those in government departments and voluntary agencies who look after the large numbers in treatment and after-care, and of those responsible for the work of prevention, education and publicity. But of equal importance is the support of our efforts by the general public: it is just as much for their benefit that we strive, as for those who are already addicted to drugs, or for those who are at risk of being enticed into addiction. We are well aware that, once drug abuse becomes established in a society, it is difficult to control, let alone eradicate. Fortunately, as a result of strenuous and devoted efforts by a great many people working in campaigns such as this, there is solid evidence that the people of Hong Kong are now more acutely aware of the problems and dangers of drug abuse, and better informed about them, than ever before.

Over the next four weeks, Mr. Ho Chi-ping and his Committee, with the active collaboration of the Action Committee Against Narcotics and a large number of local organisations, have organised one of the biggest campaigns ever to take place in Tsuen Wan. There will be 89 separate events, including recreational programmes, visits, competitions, exhibitions, seminars, and film shows; all have been designed to entertain as well as to inform, and all will carry an anti-narcotics message. The objectives will be to advise young people never to experiment with drugs, even once; to develop a more sympathetic and understanding attitude amongst residents towards those who have, unfortunately, become drug abusers; and to encourage the public to report any drug trafficking activities. Particular emphasis will be laid on young people, to encourage their participation in healthy recreational activities in their spare time through the 28 member bodies of the very active District Sports Association, and to enlist their further support for future campaigns and other anti-drug voluntary efforts.

The Government's own objectives in the anti-narcotics field are clear and unequivocal; to stop the import of illicit drugs into Hong Kong and to eliminate drug abuse from the community. We are making significant progress in this long battle, through the dedicated efforts of those involved, at the official, unofficial and community levels. But an enormous task still lies ahead - we still have between 35 000 and 50 000 addicts; this is, therefore, no time to relax our endeavours.

I wish to thank Mr. Ho, his three Vice Chairmen and all who have participated in organising this Campaign. Hong Kong owes much to the public spirit of its community leaders from all walks of life, who devote a considerable amount of their time, ability and enthusiasm to ensure the success of campaigns such as this. Social evils such as drug trafficking and abuse are a stigma on the good name of Hong Kong, and it is encouraging to see such well-led and well-supported efforts being made to remove them. I wish all of you the success in your efforts which you so richly deserve.