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GOVERNOR VISITS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS IN
THE NEW TERRITORIES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (TUESDAY) BEGAN A ROUND OF VISITS TO THE NEWLY-CREATED DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SIR MURRAY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, FIRST WENT TO TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, AND HOW IT INTENDS TO SPEND THE \$1.5 MILLION IN GOVERNMENT FUNDS AT ITS DISPOSAL.

SIR MURRAY WAS TOLD THAT THE BOARD'S VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES HAVE ALREADY MAPPED OUT CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHICH INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

* RECREATION AND SPORTS - A JOINT PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS HAS BEEN DRAWN UP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WHICH WILL COST \$500,000, WITH THE BOARD MEETING HALF THIS COST.

THE BOARD ALSO PLANS TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL \$200,000 TO LOCAL AGENCIES AND ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND SPORTS ON AN INDIVIDUAL AGENCY BASIS IN MEETING THE INCREASED LEVEL OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

* CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES - A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE APPROPRIATE SUB-COMMITTEE AND \$250,000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO IMPLEMENT IT. THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE THE PROMOTION OF DRAMA, MUSIC, DANCE AND CULTURAL EXHIBITIONS TO BE STAGED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TSUEN WAN CULTURAL AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

* ENCOURAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT - THE BOARD PLANS TO GRANT FUNDS SO THAT THE ESTATE AND SUB-DISTRICT +DAYS+ SIMILAR TO THOSE HELD AT CHEUNG CHING AND KWAI SHING ESTATES LAST WEEK CAN BE CONTINUED ON A REGULAR BASIS. IT IS INTENDED THAT EACH HOUSING ESTATE AND SUB-DISTRICT IN THE NEW TOWN WILL HAVE AN ANNUAL +COMMUNITY DAY+.

* ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS - THE BOARD HAS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY TO PLANS TO CLEAN UP MANY OF THE URBAN AREAS OF TSUEN WAN MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER LOCAL BODIES WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO BEAUTIFY THE IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS OF THEIR AREAS BY PUTTING IN SUCH THINGS AS FLOWER BOXES. FUNDS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THIS.

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THE BOARD WILL ALSO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT AND EXTEND THE +CLEAN HONG KONG+ CAMPAIGN WITH THE HELP OF TSUEN WAN'S AREA COMMITTEES.

LATER, SIR MURRAY WENT TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND MET MEMBERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WHICH COMPRISES SEVEN OFFICIALS AND EIGHT UNOFFICIALS.

SIR MURRAY WAS INFORMED THAT TWO MEETINGS WERE HELD BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. DURING ITS FORMATIVE STAGE EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON GETTING MEMBERS FAMILIARISED WITH OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD AND WITH THE WORK AND PLANS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OPERATING IN THE DISTRICT.

PRESENTLY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE DISCUSSING ON THE DESIRABILITY OF BUILDING A CREMATORIUM IN TUEN MUN.

THE BOARD WILL HAVE \$300,000 IN GOVERNMENT FUNDS IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR FOR USE IN THE PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE GOVERNOR WILL VISIT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS OF ISLANDS, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO AND YUEN LONG AT LATER DATES.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR FEBRUARY

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR LAST MONTH (FEBRUARY) WERE BOTH 123, EACH BEING TWO POINTS HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS ROSE BY FOUR POINTS IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN C.P.I. (B). INCREASED DEMAND DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PUSHED UP THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH FRUITS. ON ACCOUNT OF REDUCED SUPPLY, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH, FRESH-WATER FISH AND PORK ALSO ADVANCED. MOVEMENTS IN RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES WENT UP BY FOUR POINTS IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN C.P.I. (B) OWING TO HIGHER FARES BEING CHARGED BY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR.

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HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIR DRESSING BEFORE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CAUSED THE INDEX FOR SERVICES TO RISE BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B).

INCREASES OF ONE POINT EACH WERE RECORDED IN THE INDEXES FOR DURABLE AND MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, OPTICAL GOODS, CHINESE HERBAL MEDICINES AND FRESH FLOWERS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE C.P.I. (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 - \$1,499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I. (B), BETWEEN \$1,500 - \$2,999 A MONTH IN THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1973/74.

THE SECTION INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1978 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1977 ARE INDICATED BELOW:-

SECTION	C.P.I. (A)			C.P.I. (B)		
	FEB. 78	JAN. 78	FEB. 77	FEB. 78	JAN. 78	FEB. 77
FOODSTUFFS	120	116	116	120	117	116
HOUSING	127	127	121	126	126	119
FUEL AND LIGHT	135	135	133	134	134	132
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	137	137	131	133	133	128
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	102	102	101	101	101	101
DURABLE GOODS	112	111	108	109	108	106
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	128	127	124	125	124	121
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	121	117	117	124	122	120
SERVICES	136	134	130	137	135	129
ALL/ITEMS	123	121	118	123	121	118

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TOPLEY OPENS AIDS TO ENGLISH EXHIBITION

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY ENCOURAGED TEACHERS TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS TO HELP TEACH ENGLISH IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

MR. TOPLEY WAS INAUGURATING THE +AIDS TO ENGLISH+ EXHIBITION AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE IN BONHAM ROAD. THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, PRESENTS TAPED TEACHING MATERIALS, LANGUAGE PRACTICE KITS, POLYSTYRENE FOAM MODELS, SLIDE AND PICTURE SERIES.

THE AIDS DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION WERE MADE BY TEACHERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED IN-SERVICE COURSES IN THE CENTRE.

+WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THE COURSES RUN HERE IS THAT THEY ARE OF A PRACTICAL NATURE -- THEY GET THE TEACHERS DOING THINGS AND THE TEACHERS AFTERWARDS 'RE-DO' THEM IN THE CLASSROOM, AND SURELY THAT IS THE WHOLE POINT OF A TEACHING CENTRE,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

MR. TOPLEY, HOWEVER, CAUTIONED THE TEACHERS IN THE USE OF AIDS.

+WE ARE TOLD THAT THEY CAN BRIGHTEN UP THE CLASSROOM AND BRING MORE VARIETY AND INTEREST INTO THE LANGUAGE LESSON, BUT THERE IS ALWAYS A DANGER OF THE AIDS SEEMINGLY TAKING OVER A LESSON WITH THE TEACHER BEING LOST IN THE PROCESS, BURIED BENEATH ALL THE WALL CHARTS AND FLASHCARDS AND PAPER CHAINS. SO YOU HAVE GOT TO BE CAREFUL, STAY IN CONTROL AND USE THEM RATHER THAN LETTING THEM USE YOU,+ HE SAID.

+AIDS ARE FINE,+ MR. TOPLEY ADDED, +BUT THEY CANNOT REPLACE THE TEACHER. IT FOLLOWS, HOWEVER, THAT THE TEACHER SHOULD KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE FULLEST USE OF THEM. AND THAT IS WHAT THIS EXHIBITION IS ALL ABOUT.+

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE ON VIEW AT THE CENTRE UNTIL MARCH 29 BEFORE IT MOVES TO THE KOWLOON CENTRE AT 1, MA TAU KOK ROAD WHERE IT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN APRIL 3 AND 8.

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APRIL 5 IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT APRIL 5, THE DAY OF THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE TEN STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. WILLIAMS EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED TO ALL EMPLOYEES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOWEVER, IF DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE BUSINESS, AN EMPLOYER REQUIRES HIS EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST THEN GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE THE EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIM 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60= KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096 AND TUEN MUN 12-760261 EXT. 82.

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EASTER HOLIDAYS POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS
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THE POST OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS FROM MARCH 24 - 27.

ON GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 24), THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY AND ALL POST OFFICES WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

ON SATURDAY (MARCH 25) AND EASTER MONDAY (MARCH 27), HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL. 32 POST OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, WILL ALSO BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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FAMILY SHOWS FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS THREE VARIETY SHOWS AS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE CURRENT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THE SHOWS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (MARCH 24 - 26) AT THE OCEAN PARK, THE LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK AND THE VICTORIA PARK RESPECTIVELY.

WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES FROM THREE TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS WILL ENTERTAIN THE AUDIENCE AND PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CONCEPT WITH SHORT DRAMAS AND A QUIZ SHOW. THERE WILL ALSO BE DANCES, SONGS, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC DISPLAYS.

AN OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE ON HAND AT A NEARBY COUNTER TO ANSWER QUERIES ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF A BOOKLET CONTAINING INFORMATION ON VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND S.W.D. OFFICES OFFERING THIS SERVICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE THREE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SHOWS AT: OCEAN PARK ON MARCH 24 AT 2 - 3.30 P.M., LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK ON MARCH 25 AT 2.30 - 4 P.M., AND VICTORIA PARK ON MARCH 26 AT 3 - 4.30 P.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FIREMEN TO COMPETE IN PEAK RELAY
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THE HONG KONG COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS SECOND INTER-DIVISIONAL PEAK RELAY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

EIGHT TEAMS, EACH CONSISTING OF FIVE RUNNERS, WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE 11-MILE RACE WHICH STARTS AND ENDS AT THE LARGE OPEN GROUND NEAR THE PEAK CAFE. EACH OF THE FIVE RUNNERS HAS TO COMPLETE THE 2.2 MILES CIRCUIT VIA HARLECH AND LUGARD ROADS.

THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A TROPHY BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR. J.W. MCCARTHY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THIS EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW. YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE PEAK CAFE WHERE THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO THE STARTING POINT BY FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF
SLIP ROAD UNDER LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (MARCH 27), THE SLIP ROAD ABOUT 400 FEET EAST OF THE BUS TERMINUS UNDER THE LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR THREE DAYS TO FACILITATE TELEPHONE CABLE LAYING WORKS.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO ANOTHER SLIP ROAD ABOUT 170 FEET EAST OF THE TERMINUS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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