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GOVERNOR DECLARES SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPEN
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY THE EXPANSION IN RECREATION IN RECENT YEARS HAD BEEN +AS REMARKABLE AS IT HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY+.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TENTH SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT ERSKINE CAMP, SAI KUNG, SIR MURRAY SAID THE EXPANSION WAS A PRODUCT OF INCREASING AFFLUENCE AND MORE LEISURE, AND MORE IMPORTANCE GIVEN TO USING LEISURE CONSTRUCTIVELY.

HE SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE AND THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY AND MANY OFFICIAL AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAD ALL MADE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS EXPANSION.

+LIKE SO MANY OF THE TRIBUTARIES OF THIS NEW FLOOD OF ORGANISED LEISURE ACTIVITY, THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HAS FLOWED FROM SUCCESSFUL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BODIES IN THE TYPICAL AND ADMIRABLE HONG KONG WAY,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

+IN THIS CASE THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE JOCKEY CLUB HAVE HELPED WITH FUNDS, AND MUCH WORK HAS BEEN PUT IN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, KAIFONGS AND PRIVATE PERSONS, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION, MR. NORMAN OEI, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, SAID THAT OVER 8,000 EVENTS WOULD BE HELD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

HE SAID THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROGRAMME WAS LIKELY TO EXCEED \$4 MILLION AND THERE SHOULD BE OVER TWO MILLION PARTICIPANTS.

AFTER THE 1978 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS DECLARED OPEN BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR KENNETH PING-FAN FUNG, STEWARD OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$1.76 MILLION TO THE GOVERNOR AS THE CLUB'S DONATION TOWARDS THIS YEAR'S PROJECT.

SPEAKING AT THE CHEQUE PRESENTATION, SIR KENNETH SAID :
+THE CLUB HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THESE ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAMMES SINCE THEIR INCEPTION IN 1969 AND HAS BEEN HAPPY TO PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE FUNDS TO MEET EXPENSES.+

AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT WERE MR. JOHN WALDEN, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS= BRIGADIER M.E. CARLETON-SMITH, COMMANDER GURKHA FIELD FORCES= AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND WELFARE BODIES.

AT THE CEREMONY, SIR KENNETH AND BRIGADIER CARLETON-SMITH PRESENTED SOUVENIR PENNANTS TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM 12 YOUTH GROUPS WHICH WERE SELECTED FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND WELFARE AGENCIES TO DEMONSTRATE THE VARIOUS SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMP.

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THE LEADER OF THE ARMY BAND WHICH PROVIDED MUSIC AT THE CEREMONY WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH A SOUVENIR PENNANT BY MR. WALDEN.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY THE GOVERNOR TOURED THE CAMP SITE TO WATCH SOME 120 YOUTHS IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SPORTS, GAMES AND FOLK DANCES.

THERE WAS ALSO A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AT THE CAMP DEPICTING THE FULL RANGE OF ACTIVITIES IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

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INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION TEAM RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS VISITS

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A TEAM OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT OFFICERS HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO BRITAIN, GERMANY AND HOLLAND AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE DIVERSIFICATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY.

THE TEAM WAS LED BY MR. ROY PORTER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, ASSISTED BY MAJOR BERNARD AND MR. EDMUND CHEUNG.

IN BRITAIN, SEMINARS ON HONG KONG AS A MARKET AND AN INDUSTRIAL BASE WERE ORGANISED BY THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY IN LONDON AND BY THE BIRMINGHAM CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. BOTH WERE WELL ATTENDED BY BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS.

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM VISITED SOME 20 EUROPEAN COMPANIES WITH WHICH THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY IN CONTACT.

THEY ALSO ATTENDED INDUSTRIAL FAIRS IN MANCHESTER, BIRMINGHAM, HANOVER AND UTRECHT, TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH INDUSTRIALISTS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG.

A SEMINAR ON HONG KONG FOR DUTCH INDUSTRIALISTS WAS HELD AT THE UTRECHT FAIR. DR. J.C. WRIGHT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, ALSO ATTENDED AS A SPEAKER. A HONG KONG STAND AT THE FAIR ATTRACTED MANY VISITORS, INCLUDING OVER 30 INTERESTED IN OFFERING TECHNOLOGY IN ONE FORM OR THE OTHER.

THE MISSION RESULTED IN 140 NEW ENQUIRIES FROM MANUFACTURERS WITH MANY INTERESTS, INCLUDING FOUNDRIES, PRECISION METAL STAMPING, HIGH PRESSURE DIE-CASTING, TYRE RETREADING, RECYCLING OF PAPER AND POLYETHYLENE, AUTOMOBILE COMPONENTS, SCREWS, ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, DOMESTIC APPLIANCES AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.

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DISTRIBUTION OF FACTORIES AND EMPLOYMENT BY GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION
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MORE THAN 750,000 PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED IN 37,568 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO AN EMPLOYMENT SURVEY RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SUMMARY TABLES OF THE SURVEY RELEASED BY THE DEPARTMENT TODAY ALSO INCLUDED AN ANALYSIS OF THE MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION.

ACCORDING TO THE ANALYSIS, THERE ARE MORE FACTORIES LOCATED IN CENTRAL, SHEUNG WAN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS THAN ELSEWHERE ON THE ISLAND (2,378) - IN KOWLOON THEY ARE CONCENTRATED IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, SHAM SHUI PO AND LAI CHI KOK DISTRICTS (6,199) AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES (4,321).

AS TO EMPLOYMENT, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS FOUND IN NORTH POINT, SHAU KEI WAN, CHAI WAN, AND HONG KONG SOUTH DISTRICTS ON THE ISLAND (58,919) - IN NGAU TAU KOK, KWUN TONG AND LEI YUE MUN DISTRICTS IN KOWLOON (124,663) AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES (139,796).

DETAILS OF THE ANALYSIS ARE SHOWN IN THE TABLES BELOW.

	MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS		PERSONS ENGAGED	
	<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>
<u>HONG KONG ISLAND</u>				
CENTRAL, SHEUNG WAN, WEST	2,378	7	25,032	3
POK FU LAM, ABERDEEN, WONG CHUK HANG	797	2	23,954	3
WAN CHAI, CAUSEWAY BAY, TAI HANG	1,504	4	9,972	2
NORTH POINT, SHAU KEI WAN, CHAI WAN, HONG KONG SOUTH	2,327	6	58,919	8

SUB-TOTAL	7,006	19	117,877	16

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KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON

TSIM SHA TSUI, YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK, TAI KOK TSUI	5,831	16	60,001	8
HUNG HOM, HO MAN TIN, SHEK KIP MEI	3,944	10	66,142	9
CHEUNG SHA WAN, SHAM SHUI PO, LAI CHI KOK	6,199	17	101,893	13
KOWLOON CITY, TZE WAN SHAN, SAN PO KONG	4,298	11	100,060	13
NGAU TAU KOK, KWUN TONG, LEI YUE MUN	3,157	8	124,663	17

SUB-TOTAL	23,429	62	452,759	60
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NEW TERRITORIES

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT	4,321	12	139,796	18
YUEN LONG DISTRICT	1,210	3	21,821	3
TAI PO DISTRICT	1,143	3	16,472	2
SAI KUNG DISTRICT	229	*	4,503	1
ISLANDS DISTRICT	230	1	1,880	*

SUB-TOTAL	7,133	19	184,472	24
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GRAND TOTAL	37,568	100	755,108	100
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LAND IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN FOR SALE
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ABOUT FIVE HECTARES OF LAND IN 15 DIFFERENT LOTS IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. ROGER THOMPSON, SAID TODAY: +THE GOVERNMENT WILL INVITE TENDERS FOR MOST LOTS FROM HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS, AND THE REST WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION.+

ON TUESDAY (JUNE 20), AN INDUSTRIAL SITE IN THE NEW TOWN WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR. THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, COMMENCING AT 11 A.M.

THE LOT HAS AN AREA OF 3,782 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$4,070,000 TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 30 CALENDAR MONTHS FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR. BUILDING TO BE ERECTED ON THE SITE WILL BASICALLY BE RESTRICTED TO SIX TO SEVEN STOREYS.

THE SITE IS SITUATED IN TAI WAI AND HAS GOOD ROAD ACCESS TO KOWLOON BY WAY OF THE SHA TIN TRUNK ROAD.

MR. THOMPSON SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT OF THE CONTINUING INTEREST FROM ENTERPRENEURS IN THE INVESTMENT PROSPECTS OF THE NEW TOWN. +JUDGING FROM THE LARGE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES ABOUT THE LOT, THERE WILL BE KEEN INTEREST IN THE LAND AUCTION,+ HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, ANOTHER TWO LOTS IN THE SAME AREA ARE AVAILABLE FOR TENDERS BY HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

THE FIRST LOT HAS AN AREA OF 3,226 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$3,500,000 TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 30 CALENDAR MONTHS FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SECOND LOT HAS AN AREA OF 2,319 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING OF \$2,500,000 TO BE FULFILLED IN THE SAME PERIOD.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE TWO LOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES BY 12 NOON ON JULY 14 THIS YEAR, AND SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, 5/F., HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, KOWLOON.

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NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YUEN LONG
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A SECONDARY SCHOOL, WITH AN ENLARGED ASSEMBLY HALL, IS TO BE BUILT SHORTLY IN YUEN LONG.

THE SCHOOL, SITUATED AT THE CORNER OF TAI YUK ROAD AND KAU YUK ROAD, WILL HAVE AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,700 SQUARE METRES.

MR. PATRICK LEE, SENIOR ARCHITECT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY THAT THERE WOULD BE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK COMPRISING 24 CLASSROOMS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS.

FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS WOULD BE PROVIDED IN ANOTHER BLOCK.

MR. LEE SAID THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD ALSO HAVE AN ENLARGED ASSEMBLY HALL WITH COVERED PLAY AREA ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

AMONG THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED, HE ADDED, WERE AIR-CONDITIONING, MALE AND FEMALE DRESSING ROOMS, WORKSHOP AND GALLERIES OVER THE STAGE, STORE AND ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY SPACES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, THE SCHOOL WILL BE NAMED AFTER THE LATE MR. CHIU LUT-SAU, WHO HAD OFFERED A DONATION OF \$1 MILLION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE PROJECT.

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SPORTS CENTRE TO OPEN SHORTLY IN KWAI CHUNG
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THE NEW SPORTS COMPLEX IN KWAI CHUNG WILL OPEN SHORTLY.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT WORK ON THE COMPLEX IS COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR THE SURFACE OF THE EIGHT-LANE ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK AND SOCCER PITCH.

WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAR PARK CONCOURSE AND ENTRANCE HAVE YET TO BE COMPLETED.

THE SPORTING COMPLEX ALSO PROVIDES OTHER FACILITIES TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD WITH TWO HARD-SURFACED MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, THREE BASKETBALL COURTS, SHOT PUTT, JAVELIN THROW, LONG JUMP AND HIGH JUMP FACILITIES, AS WELL AS CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS AND REFRESHMENT KIOSKS.

THE COMPLEX IS LOCATED ON A 4.3 HECTARE SITE BOUNDED BY HING SHING ROAD, KWAI FONG ROAD, HING FONG ROAD AND KO FONG ROAD.

IN ADDITION TO THE FACILITIES FOR ATHLETES, THERE IS A 2,000 SEAT STAND FOR SPECTATORS OVERLOOKING THE MAIN SOCCER FIELD.

THE GROUND IS FLOODLIT SO THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO BE USED AT NIGHT.

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UK PENSIONERS CAN CLAIM TAX RELIEF
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SOME UNITED KINGDOM PENSIONERS RESIDING IN HONG KONG MAY BE UNAWARE THAT THEY CAN CLAIM TAX RELIEF UNDER A TAX ACT PASSED IN BRITAIN EIGHT YEARS AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THESE PEOPLE, INCLUDING RETIRED SERVICEMEN, CAN CLAIM RELIEF UNDER SECTION 27 OF THE INCOME AND CORPORATION TAXES ACT PASSED IN 1970.

UNDER THIS SECTION, HE SAID, AN INDIVIDUAL LIVING ABROAD MAY QUALIFY FOR TAX RELIEF IF HE CAN SATISFY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- * THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS A BRITISH SUBJECT OR A CITIZEN OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC=
- * IS OR HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE SERVICE OF THE BRITISH CROWN=
- * IS EMPLOYED IN THE SERVICE OF ANY MISSIONARY SOCIETY=
- * IS EMPLOYED IN THE SERVICE OF ANY STATE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE QUEEN=
- * IS RESIDENT IN THE ISLE OF MAN OR THE CHANNEL ISLANDS=
- * IS EITHER A RESIDENT OF A COUNTRY, OR A NATIONAL OF A COUNTRY, WITH WHICH THERE IS A DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR SUCH ALLOWANCES=
- * HAS PREVIOUSLY RESIDED WITHIN BRITAIN AND IS RESIDENT ABROAD FOR THE SAKE OF HIS HEALTH, OR THE HEALTH OF A MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY RESIDENT WITH HIM= OR
- * IS A WIDOW WHOSE LATE HUSBAND WAS EMPLOYED IN THE SERVICE OF THE BRITISH CROWN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE HAD BEEN CORRESPONDENCE RECENTLY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS FROM UNITED KINGDOM PENSIONERS LIVING IN HONG KONG COMPLAINING THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY 33 PER CENT OF THEIR PENSIONS BACK IN TAX TO THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT RESIDENT IN BRITAIN.

HE SAID IF FURTHER INFORMATION WAS REQUIRED, IT COULD BE OBTAINED BY WRITING EITHER TO THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF TAXES (CLAIMS), MAGDALEN HOUSE, STANLEY PRECINCT, BOOTLE 20, -L69, 9NN, LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND, OR FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE PENSIONS PAID OUT OF UK PUBLIC REVENUE FOR SERVICE TO THE UK GOVERNMENT (SUCH AS CIVIL SERVANTS OR EX-MEMBERS OF H.M. ARMED FORCES) TO H.M. INSPECTOR OF TAXES, PUBLIC DEPARTMENTS 8 (FOREIGN SUBMISSIONS), TY GLAS ROAD, CARDIFF, CF4 5ZE.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN LOK FU ESTATE OFFICE
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS IN LOK FU ESTATE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA FOR THREE DAYS FROM JUNE 26.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON THESE DAYS.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO NIGHTS BETWEEN 11 P.M. AND 6 A.M. FROM TUESDAY (JUNE 20) TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS ON THE FLYOVER.

DURING THE CLOSURE, NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD TO WATERLOO ROAD SHOULD TURN LEFT INTO ARGYLE STREET, U-TURN IN FRONT OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY AND ENTER WATERLOO ROAD.

FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC, MOTORISTS SHOULD DRIVE ALONG WATERLOO ROAD, CROSS ARGYLE STREET AND ENTER PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SUPPLEMENT

Sunday, June 18, 1978

SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE AT THE
OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 10TH SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 18.

The beginning of another Summer Youth Programme is always a particularly happy day. This will be the tenth of the series, and a great success these events have proved.

The expansion in recreation in recent years has been as remarkable as it has been satisfactory. It is a product of increasing affluence and more leisure, and more importance given to using leisure constructively. The Urban Council, the Council for Recreation and Sport, the Recreation and Sports Service and the Country Parks Authority and many official and voluntary agencies have all made their special contributions to this expansion. Let me give just one example of how fast the growth has been. In 1970 it is estimated that about 500,000 people visited the areas managed by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Last year three and a half million visited the successors of these areas, the Country Parks, and since 1975 the increase each year has been about 40 per cent. This

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growth in outdoor interests has been paralleled by a similar increase in the numbers interested in the arts.

The Summer Youth Programme has followed this pattern and while in 1970 about 750,000 participated, this year it will be over two million.

Like so many of the tributaries of this new flood of organised leisure activity, the Summer Youth Programme has flowed from successful co-operation between the Government and other public and private bodies in the typical and admirable Hong Kong way. In this case the Urban Council and the Jockey Club have helped with funds, and much work has been put in by voluntary agencies, schools, Kaifongs and private persons, as well as the Government.

I should like to congratulate all concerned and thank them for the time and effort they have put in so that this year's programme will not only be bigger than ever but will be refreshed with new ideas and activities.

I am sure it will be an enormous success and a great credit to the organisers. It gives me great pleasure to declare this year's Summer Youth Programme open.