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COMMISSION APPOINTED TO ADVISE ON CHINESE UNIVERSITY
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THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, HAS APPOINTED A COMMISSION TO ADVISE ON WHETHER ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS CONSTITUENT COLLEGES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE LORD FULTON OF FALMER, WHO IN 1962-63 CHAIRED THE COMMISSION WHOSE REPORT LED TO THE UNIVERSITY'S INAUGURATION.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE SIR MICHAEL HERRIES, WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE FROM 1965 TO 1973, AND PROFESSOR C.K. YANG, A FORMER VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND NOW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.

THE SECRETARY WILL BE MR. I.C.M. MAXWELL OF THE INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OVERSEAS, WHO WAS SECRETARY TO THE FIRST FULTON COMMISSION.

THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSION FOLLOWS THE COMPLETION OF A REPORT BY A WORKING PARTY APPOINTED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY WHICH WAS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH ISSUES AFFECTING THE ACADEMIC FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

THE COMMISSION UNDER LORD FULTON WILL UNDERTAKE A WIDER REVIEW OF THE GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSITY. THE WORKING PARTY'S REPORT WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THEM IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW.

THE FULL TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION ARE :-

+BEARING IN MIND EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE FIRST DECADE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT, AND THE 'FINAL REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE' :-
TO ADVISE ON WHETHER ANY CHANGES ARE NECESSARY IN THE GOVERNANCE, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY, ORDINANCES AND STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS CONSTITUENT COLLEGES.+

THE COMMISSION WILL CONVENE IN HONG KONG EARLY NEXT MONTH AND WILL SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO THE CHANCELLOR.

LORD FULTON HAS ASKED THAT PERSONS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD SUBMIT EVIDENCE IN WRITING. THIS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MR. GORDON SIU, COLONIAL SECRETARIAT, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, TO REACH HIM BEFORE DECEMBER 3.

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY URGED TO PROMOTE WORK SAFETY
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ABOUT ONE SIXTH OF ALL ACCIDENTS AT WORK OCCUR ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, SAID THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE TODAY.

CALLING FOR A MORE CONCERTED EFFORT BY CONTRACTORS, SUPERVISORS AND WORKERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO PROMOTE WORK SAFETY, HE SAID: +WITH THE ADVENT OF LARGE ENGINEERING PROJECTS, BUILDING CONTRACTORS SHOULD STRICTLY APPLY SAFETY MEASURES AND TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN EDUCATING THEIR STAFF IN MODERN ACCIDENT PREVENTION TECHNIQUES.+

MR. PRICE MADE THIS COMMENT AFTER TOURING THE HEADLAND SITE OF THE OCEAN PARK IN WONG CHUK HANG - ONE OF HIS REGULAR +KEEPING UP TO DATE+ VISITS.

THE OCEAN PARK PROJECT - A MARINE PARK IN A SCENIC SPOT ALONG THE SEAFRONT OF WONG CHUK HANG - COMPRISES SEVERAL CONTRACTS OF WHICH THE HEADLAND SITE, UNDERTAKEN BY HSIN CHONG CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., IS THE LARGEST.

MR. PRICE SAID THE COMPANY'S EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF WORK SAFETY HAD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHERS.

IN ADDITION TO REGULAR MEETINGS AT MANAGERIAL LEVEL TO DISCUSS SAFETY PROBLEMS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF SAFETY SUPERVISORS, THE COMPANY RUNS FIRST AID TRAINING COURSES, AND SUBSIDIZES THE ATTENDANCE BY STAFF AT SAFETY TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

HE URGED BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS TO MAKE GREATER USE OF THE FREE FACILITIES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE WHICH OFFERS BASIC, ADVANCED AND SPECIALISED SAFETY COURSES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

+APART FROM THE COMPARATIVELY MINOR COST OF RELEASING THEIR STAFF FROM WORK, THIS IS A REWARDING INVESTMENT BY MANAGEMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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CENTRAL - AIRPORT EXPRESS COACH SERVICE
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WITH FULL BACKING OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE KOWLOON MOTORS BUS COMPANY AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST AND HOTELS ASSOCIATIONS ARE TAKING STEPS TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE USE OF THE CENTRAL-AIRPORT EXPRESS COACH SERVICE.

THE SERVICE, ROUTE 200, WAS STARTED EARLIER THIS YEAR AT GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST TO PROVIDE RELATIVELY CHEAPER AND YET COMFORTABLE AND DIRECT PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE SERVICE HAD BEEN UNDER-UTILISED DESPITE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO MAKE IT AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO PRIVATE CARS OR TAXIS FOR AIR TRAVELLERS, WELL-WISHERS AND AIRPORT STAFF.

HE SAID THE MOST RECENT INNOVATIONS, INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER, INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF FREE LUGGAGE SPACE ON THE COACHES, REVISED ROUTING AND A SERIES OF SIGNS WITH WHICH INTENDING PASSENGERS COULD READILY IDENTIFY THE SERVICE BOTH AT EACH BUS STOP AND AT THE AIRPORT.

IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS TO FURTHER PROMOTE ROUTE 200, HE SAID, KMB AGREED TO DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS TO HOUSEHOLDS RESIDING NEAR THE ROUTE WHO MIGHT BE POTENTIAL PASSENGERS FOR THE COACH SERVICE.

THE LEAFLETS GIVE DETAILS OF THE ROUTING TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT, FREQUENCY, HOURS OF OPERATION, JOURNEY TIME, FARE AND THE HOTELS COVERED BY THE SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID BOTH THE HONG KONG TOURIST AND HOTELS ASSOCIATIONS WERE WRITING TO VARIOUS TRAVEL AGENCIES AND HOTELS SEEKING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE SERVICE WHICH WAS CONSIDERED A USEFUL ALTERNATIVE FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS.

KMB, HE SAID, HAS INDICATED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT THAT IT INTENDS TO DISCONTINUE ROUTE 200 BY THE END OF THE YEAR UNLESS THERE ARE ENOUGH PASSENGERS USING THE SERVICE TO MAKE IT VIABLE.

THE COMPANY HAS CLAIMED LOSSES ON THE SERVICE WHICH IS CARRYING ABOUT 600 PASSENGERS A DAY WHILE A DAILY AVERAGE OF AROUND 1,000 WOULD MAKE IT ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, HE SAID.

+IT WOULD BE A PITY IF KMB WERE FORCED TO DISCONTINUE ROUTE 200 WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS INITIATED TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS IN THE PAST ABOUT HIGH CHARGING OR OVERCHARGING BY OTHER MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT THE AIRPORT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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+WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT PASSENGERS TO KEEP THE SERVICE RUNNING BEYOND ITS TRIAL PERIOD WHICH LASTS UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ON ROUTE 200 SHOWED THAT 44 PER CENT OF ITS PASSENGERS PREVIOUSLY USED TAXIS, 40 PER CENT TRAVELLED BY ORDINARY KMB SERVICES PLUS SHORT WALKS, AND NINE PER CENT BY PRIVATE CARS.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT 46 PER CENT OF THE PASSENGERS WERE WELL-WISHERS AND ANOTHER 46 PER CENT WERE PEOPLE USING THE SERVICE TO AND FROM WORK. ONLY THREE PER CENT WERE AIR TRAVELLERS.

+THESE INDICATE THAT ROUTE 200 IS PROVIDING A USEFUL TRANSPORT FACILITY TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT AND IT IS HOPED THAT MORE PEOPLE WILL USE IT,+ HE SAID.

ROUTE 200, USING 38-SEATER LUXURY COACHES WITH NO STANDING PASSENGERS ALLOWED, OPERATES BETWEEN TERMINALS NEXT TO THE AIRPORT BUILDING AND IN ICE HOUSE STREET IN CENTRAL EVERY 15 MINUTES AT A \$3 FLAT FARE.

AIRPORT-BOUND JOURNEYS RUN FROM 7 A.M. TO 8.15 P.M. VIA CHATER ROAD, QUEENSWAY, HENNESSY ROAD, GREAT GEORGE STREET, GLOUCESTER ROAD, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, HONG CHONG ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, OLYMPIC AVENUE AND THE AIRPORT ARRIVAL LEVEL.

CENTRAL-BOUND JOURNEYS OPERATE BETWEEN 7.22 A.M. AND 7.37 P.M. VIA OLYMPIC AVENUE, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, FU NING STREET, ARGYLE STREET, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, HONG CHONG ROAD, CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, GLOUCESTER ROAD, PATERSON STREET, YEE WO STREET, CAUSEWAY ROAD, IRVING STREET, PENNINGTON STREET, YEE WO STREET, HENNESSY ROAD, QUEENSWAY, JACKSON ROAD, CHATER ROAD, CLUB STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TEN-PIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT
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THE FIRST INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TEN-PIN BOWLING TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE FOUR SEAS BOWLING CENTRE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 16) STARTING AT 12.30 P.M.

MR. DENIS BRAY, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT AT ABOUT 7 P.M. THE PRIZES COMPRISE A SHIELD FOR THE CHAMPIONS AND SILVER-PLATED TRAYS, JUGS AND BOWLS FOR THE WINNING TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS.

THE TOURNAMENT IS ORGANISED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT. SO FAR, ABOUT 34 TEAMS HAVE ENTERED AND AS THE ENTRY DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TILL NOON ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT, SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ENTER MORE TEAMS.

+THE RESPONSE TO THE TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN VERY GOOD, AND PLANS ARE IN HAND TO MAKE IT AN ANNUAL EVENT,+ THE ORGANISER SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WONG TAI SIN, KOWLOON, WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR ABOUT FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 15) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, TSUEK LUK STREET, TAI YAU STREET, NG FONG STREET, SHEUNG HEI STREET, CHOI HUNG ROAD, YAN OI STREET AND SHUNG LING STREET.

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