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SIR MURRAY: WORK SAFETY IS A TRIPARTITE RESPONSIBILITY  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE EMPHASISED TODAY THAT SAFETY IS A RESPONSIBILITY EQUALLY SHARED BETWEEN EMPLOYERS, WORKERS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ASIAN REGIONAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION CONGRESS AT THE SHERATON HOTEL, SIR MURRAY SAID THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WAS PLAYING ITS PART BY THE PROGRESSIVE ENACTMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY LEGISLATION AND BY PAYING INCREASING ATTENTION TO SAFETY EDUCATION.

+FOR THIS TO BE EFFECTIVE EMPLOYERS MUST ENSURE THAT THE LAW IS OBSERVED BOTH IN LETTER AND IN SPIRIT AND THAT THEIR WORKERS DO NOT FLAUNT THE RULES OUT OF EITHER SLACKNESS, BRAVADO OR LACK OF INSTRUCTION,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE WELCOME SIGNS THAT BOTH EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WERE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ITS PROMOTION.

+A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON A TRIPARTITE BASIS AND MORE ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

LAST YEAR IN HONG KONG, THERE WERE ABOUT 46 000 INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS OR ABOUT 45 IN EVERY THOUSAND WORKERS.

THE ACCIDENTS RESULTED IN 163 FATALITIES, LOST 552 000 MAN-DAYS, CLAIMED HK\$35 MILLION IN STATUTORY COMPENSATION AND COST SOME \$150 MILLION DUE TO WORK STOPPAGE AND MACHINE DAMAGE, NOT COUNTING THE INCALCULABLE TOLL OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND MISERY.

HONG KONG IS A CITY INTENSELY PROUD OF ITS DEVELOPMENT BUT WE CANNOT TAKE PRIDE IN THE SITUATION, SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO OPEN THIS ASIAN REGIONAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION CONGRESS -- THE FIRST IN ASIA. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG I EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND PARTICIPANTS.

+THE SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE, 'SAFETY AT WORK', IS WELCOME AND TIMELY. THE ASIAN REGION IS ONE OF RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS. IT IS A REGION OF SUCCESS AND A REGION IN A HURRY, AND RIGHTLY SO. BUT AS WE ALL KNOW PRECIOUS HUMAN LIVES ARE BEING PLACED AT RISK WHETHER THROUGH NEGLIGENT OR UNINSTRUCTED USE OF MACHINERY AND INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES OR THROUGH THE PRESSURE OF DESIRE FOR SPEED. IN A WORLD WHERE LIFE IS LIVED AT A FRENETIC PACE, IT IS INEVITABLE THAT SOME ACCIDENTS WILL OCCUR AT WORK OR AT PLAY, BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL IF PEOPLE ARE TO ENJOY PROPERLY THE STRIKING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THIS REGION MORE CARE MUST BE INSTILLED.

+STATISTICS ARE BALD BUT THEY ARE A USEFUL GAUGE TO BOTH THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH PEOPLE REGARD SAFETY AND THE SOCIAL COST OF NEGLIGENCE. CAREFULLY PREPARED STATISTICS HELP TO IDENTIFY THE AREAS WHERE THE PROBLEM IS MOST SERIOUS AND POINT THE DIRECTION WHICH PREVENTIVE OR REMEDIAL MEASURES MUST TAKE.

+IN HONG KONG THE INCIDENCE OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IS HIGH. LAST YEAR THERE WERE ROUGHLY 46 000 ACCIDENTS OR ABOUT 45 IN EVERY THOUSAND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, THIS INCLUDED 163 FATALITIES. INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS LOST 552 000 MAN-DAYS, HK\$35 MILLION WERE PAID IN STATUTORY COMPENSATION, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT \$150 MILLION WERE LOST AS A RESULT OF WORK STOPPAGE AND MACHINE DAMAGE. BUT FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS IS THE INCALCULABLE TOLL OF THE SUFFERING AND MISERY OF THE INJURED, THE GRIEF OF THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE LIFELONG HARDSHIP OF THOSE WHOSE PRINCIPAL BREAD WINNERS HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY DISABLED. NO ONE CAN COUNT THE COST OF THIS.

+HONG KONG IS A CITY INTENSELY PROUD OF ITS DEVELOPMENT, BUT WE CANNOT TAKE PRIDE IN THE SITUATION I HAVE JUST DESCRIBED. SAFETY IS A RESPONSIBILITY EQUALLY SHARED BETWEEN EMPLOYERS, WORKERS AND THE GOVERNMENT. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING ITS PART BY THE PROGRESSIVE ENACTMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY LEGISLATION AND THE INCREASING ATTENTION WHICH IT IS PAYING TO SAFETY EDUCATION. FOR THIS TO BE EFFECTIVE EMPLOYERS MUST ENSURE THAT THE LAW IS OBSERVED BOTH IN LETTER AND IN SPIRIT AND THAT THEIR WORKERS DO NOT FLAUNT THE RULES OUT OF EITHER SLACKNESS, BRAVADO OR LACK OF INSTRUCTION. HAPPILY THERE ARE WELCOME SIGNS THAT BOTH EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS ARE BECOMING MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ITS PROMOTION. A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON A TRIPARTITE BASIS AND MORE ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW.

+AS REGARDS ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, THE PICTURE IS ALSO NOT A HAPPY ONE. LAST YEAR THERE WERE SOME 15 000 ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THREE IN EVERY THOUSAND OF OUR POPULATION. 456 PEOPLE DIED- THREE TIMES THE NUMBER WHO DIED AT WORK. WE ARE A CROWDED TERRITORY WITH A VERY HIGH DENSITY OF OVER 200 VEHICLES FOR EVERY KILOMETRE OF ROAD. WHILE CONGESTION ITSELF BREEDS ACCIDENTS, A HIGH PROPORTION OF THEM RESULT FROM IMPATIENCE OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF DRIVERS, OWNERS OR PEDESTRIANS. THE FIGURES ARE UNACCEPTABLY HIGH AND EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO HALT THIS SENSELESS CARNAGE.

+THESE PROBLEMS ARE NOT UNIQUE TO HONG KONG. THE MEASURES WE HAVE ADOPTED IN OUR ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE THEM ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE BEST, AND I AM THEREFORE PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THE WORLD SAFETY ASSOCIATION TOGETHER WITH THE HONG KONG OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION HAVE SEEN FIT TO ORGANISE THIS CONGRESS HERE. IT WILL PROVIDE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON BOTH PREVENTIVE AND REMEDIAL MEASURES AND I WISH ALL OF YOU WHO TAKE PART, EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS.

+I NOW TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THE ASIAN REGIONAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION.+

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REPORT ON LATEST QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY

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A QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY CONDUCTED LAST MONTH (OCTOBER) SHOWED THAT BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1980 ON THE WHOLE TURNED OUT BETTER THAN PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED.

IN THE SURVEY, ABOUT 900 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

RESPONDENTS WERE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER: FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND TERTIARY SERVICES SECTORS EXPECTED FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN PERFORMANCE BUT THOSE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXPECTED DETERIORATIONS.

TAKEN ALONG WITH PREVIOUS SURVEY RESULTS, IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF THE CORRESPONDING ROUND OF SURVEY LAST YEAR, THESE VIEWS SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IS STRONG IN THE NON-MANUFACTURING SECTORS BUT RATHER WEAK IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER WERE REPORTED BY THE +FOOD, BEVERAGE, TOBACCO+, +FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS+, +ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES+, +ELECTRONICS+ AND +WATCHES AND CLOCKS+ INDUSTRIES.

HOWEVER APART FROM THE WATCHES AND CLOCKS INDUSTRY, FOR WHICH RESPONDING FIRMS PREDICTED FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS OUTLOOK, RESPONDENTS IN THE OTHER FOUR INDUSTRIES GENERALLY EXPECTED DETERIORATION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

FIRMS IN THE +WEARING APPAREL+ AND +TEXTILES+ INDUSTRIES REPORTED WEAKENING IN BUSINESS IN THE THIRD QUARTER. FIRMS IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY, IN PARTICULAR, REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN THE DEGREE OF UTILIZATION OF CAPACITY COMPARED WITH THE SECOND QUARTER.

THESE TWO INDUSTRIES EXPECTED FURTHER DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, ALTHOUGH, TAKEN ALONG WITH PREVIOUS SURVEY RESULTS, SUCH DETERIORATION DOES NOT SEEM TO BE VERY SERIOUS.

FIRMS IN THE +PRINTING+ AND +PLASTICS+ INDUSTRIES, WHICH REPORTED LITTLE CHANGE IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER, ALSO EXPECTED A DECLINE IN THE COMING QUARTER.

THIS RATHER UNFAVOURABLE OUTLOOK FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WAS PREDICTED GENERALLY BY RESPONDENTS AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF LOW ORDER BOOK POSITIONS WHICH THEY EXPERIENCED AT THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER.

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THE SITUATION IS QUITE DIFFERENT FOR THE NON-MANUFACTURING SECTORS.

IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER WERE REPORTED BY RESPONDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR AND SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS WERE PREDICTED FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

RESPONDENTS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE ALSO REPORTED IMPROVED BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND LOOKED FORWARD TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING QUARTER.

RESTAURANTS REPORTED A FAR BETTER PERFORMANCE THAN PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED. INSTEAD OF A DECLINE IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE OVER THAT IN THE SECOND QUARTER, THERE HAD BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT. THEY EXPECTED THAT BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE LAST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WOULD FURTHER IMPROVE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHICH CONDUCTED THE SURVEY, EXPLAINED THAT THE SURVEY DATA, OBTAINED WITH MINIMUM TIME LAG, WAS BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REQUIRING ANSWERS IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS, FIRMS WERE ASKED TO COMPARE THE QUARTER JUST PAST WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND SIMILARLY FOR THE FORTHCOMING ONE.

THE FIRMS ONLY HAD TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, A CERTAIN VARIABLE WAS 'UP', 'SAME' OR 'DOWN', HE SAID.

OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE THEY WERE INTERPRETED ALONG WITH RESULTS OBTAINED IN EARLIER SURVEYS.

THE SPOKESMAN CAUTIONED THAT IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS HAD TO BE MADE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDED WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE SURVEY REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS AND STATISTICAL TABLES ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE AT \$3 EACH.

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GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES POTENTIAL OF FERRY SERVICES  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY OF THRIVING AND EXPANDING FERRY SERVICES AND IS COMMITTED TO FOSTERING THEM AS PART OF OFF-ROAD TRANSPORT FACILITIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING OF A NEW FERRY THE 'MAN WO' OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY AT THE HONG KONG SHIPYARD.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS EQUALLY AWARE THAT, IN HONG KONG CONDITIONS, WHERE WE LOOK TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE FOR THE PROVISION OF MOST PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, DECISIONS TO EXPAND COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT ACTIVITIES MUST BE BACKED BY SOUND FINANCIAL PLANNING,+ HE SAID.

SIR JACK NOTED THAT THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THE RECENT AGREEMENT ON CONDITIONS AND TERMS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF JUBILEE STREET PIER.

HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FERRY COMPANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OVER THE TERMS OF A NEW FRANCHISE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR FERRY OPERATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

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HONG KONG/AUSTRIA TEXTILE TALKS START TOMORROW  
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CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRIA ON ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF TEXTILE EXPORTS TO AUSTRIA AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 1981 WILL BEGIN IN LONDON TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 27).

THE TWO CURRENT TEXTILE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRIA ARE DUE TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR JUSTIN YUE. MR GERHARD WAAS, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF COMMERCE TRADE AND INDUSTRY, WILL HEAD THE AUSTRIAN SIDE.

THE TALKS WILL LAST FOR 2-1/2 DAYS.

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YOUNG SEAMEN URGED TO DO WELL FOR HONG KONG

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER TODAY TOLD A GROUP OF YOUNG SEAMEN THAT WORKING LIFE ABOARD SHIP COULD BE AN EXEMPLARY MINIATURE OF A STABLE AND PRODUCTIVE SOCIETY, WITH DISCIPLINE AS ITS GOVERNING PRINCIPLE.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL THIS MORNING, SIR JACK TOLD THE BOYS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THEIR JOB WAS THAT THEY WOULD BE WORKING AS PART OF A CREW.

+TO WORK WELL IN THIS TEAM ON BOARD, YOU WILL NEED TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS YOUR WORK-MATES, LEARN TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND COOPERATE WITH THEM.

+MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, YOU WILL HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES THAT BIND THE TEAM TOGETHER. DISCIPLINE IS THE KEY-WORD,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO START AT THE BOTTOM, JUST LIKE WORKING IN ANY OTHER FIELD, BUT THERE WOULD BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCEMENT IF THEY WORKED HARD AND IN FACT MANY FORMER SEA SCHOOL BOYS HAD BEEN PROMOTED TO SHIPS' OFFICERS AND SOME TO MASTER.

HE TOLD THEM THAT BY WORKING HARD THEY COULD DO A GREAT DEAL TO COUNTER THE RECENT TREND OF SHIPPING COMPANIES EMPLOYING FEWER SEAMEN FROM HONG KONG.

+IN SO DOING YOU WILL NOT ONLY BE PROVING YOURSELVES, YOU WILL ALSO PROMOTE THE GOOD IMAGE OF HONG KONG SEAMEN THUS ENSURING THAT THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A PLACE FOR OUR SEAMEN IN THE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY ..... YOU ARE AMBASSADORS ON THE SEA FOR HONG KONG,+ SIR JACK SAID.

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SHA TIN STUDENT ATHLETES MEET FOR  
FIRST TIME ON OWN SPORTSGROUND

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SHA TIN'S NEW PUBLIC SPORTSGROUND IS PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE HEALTHY UP-BRINGING OF THE NEW TOWN'S YOUNGER GENERATION.

SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, SAID THIS TODAY WHEN PRESENTING PRIZES TO WINNERS IN THE DISTRICT'S THIRD STUDENTS ATHLETICS MEETING WHICH WAS HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE SPORTSGROUND.

DR HASE SAID PARTICIPATION IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES COULD MAKE LIFE ENJOYABLE, AND HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SUCH FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES WELL USED.

STUDENTS, IN PARTICULAR, SHOULD MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME BY JOINING ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD HELP THEM GROW UP MORE HEALTHILY.

+IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT OUR STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS CAN NOW ENJOY THIS LEISURE AT A SPORTSGROUND OF THEIR OWN,+ HE SAID.

NEARLY 900 STUDENTS FROM 20 LOCAL SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S ATHLETICS MEETING, WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY SHA TIN SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

BEFORE SHA TIN PUBLIC SPORTSGROUND WAS OPENED FOUR MONTHS AGO THE EVENT WAS HELD EACH YEAR AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY BECAUSE THERE WERE NO OTHER SUITABLE FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE SPORTSGROUND WAS COMPLETED IN JULY AND IS FOR USE BY ALL LOCAL SCHOOLS AND SPORTS ORGANISATIONS.

IT IS ON A 1.5 HECTARE SITE NEAR LEK YUEN ESTATE, WHERE EVENTUALLY PART OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN CENTRE WILL BE BUILT. IT IS LIKELY TO BE IN USE FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS.

IT HAS A 400-METRE RUNNING TRACK AND A STANDARD GRASS SOCCER PITCH WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED FOR FIELD EVENTS SUCH AS DISCUS, JAVELIN AND SHOT-PUT.

CHANGING FACILITIES AND SPECTATOR STANDS ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

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#### CAS STRENGTH INCREASED BY 200

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TWO HUNDRED CIVIL AID SERVICES RECRUITS WILL TAKE PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 28) AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN.

MR LAU WONG-FAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING OF THEM.

THE RECRUITS HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING IN FOOTDRILL, FIRST AID, FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE FIGHTING, COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT, RESCUE TECHNIQUES, AND TYPHOON AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

THEY WILL BE POSTED TO CAS UNITS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG FOR ACTIVE DUTY AND FURTHER TRAINING ON THE JOB.

MR LAU WILL ALSO PRESENT CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO 12 CAS MEMBERS WHO EACH HAS CONTRIBUTED 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CAS, AND CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE CLASPS TO TWO MEMBERS FOR A FURTHER 12 YEARS' SERVICE.

MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CAS BAND.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE AND MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN ON FRIADY (NOVEMBER 28) AT 8 PM.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS PROSECUTED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH (OCTOBER) TOOK OUT 845 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LEGISLATION.

OF THE CASES TAKEN OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT'S PROSECUTIONS UNIT, 818 RESULTED IN CONVICTION, AND FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS TOTALLED MORE THAN \$774 000.

THE MAJORITY OF CASES WERE RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND VARIOUS REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

AMONG THEM, 375 CONCERNED VIOLATION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS AND FINES AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$547 500.

OF THESE CASES, 197 (\$237 500 IN FINES) WERE FOR BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 125 (\$267 600 IN FINES) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

OFFENCES IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR 432 CASES RESULTING IN \$212 570 IN FINES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YAN CHAI HOSPITAL EXTENSION STONE-LAYING CEREMONY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STONE-LAYING CEREMONY TO MARK THE EXTENSION OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 28) AT 3.30 PM. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY. TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2.30 PM. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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SUNDAY DANCE CLASSES FOR TEACHERS

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A MODERN DANCE INTRODUCTORY COURSE WILL BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO ARE IN CHARGE OF OR ARE ABOUT TO START DANCE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

IT WILL BE A PRACTICAL COURSE ON DANCE TECHNIQUE, CHOREOGRAPHY, MUSIC, RHYTHM AND MOVEMENT.

TWO SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED, IN THE MORNING AND IN THE AFTERNOON, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND CLASSES ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS FROM JANUARY 11 TO FEBRUARY 1.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 40 FOR EACH SESSION, AND THE VENUE IS HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, 1 KA NING PATH, HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE DECEMBER 31 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHICH IS ORGANISING THE COURSE.

ITS ADDRESS IS AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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SHORTER HOURS FOR BUS ONLY LANE

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RESTRICTION HOURS ON TWO SECTIONS OF THE BUS ONLY LANE ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE REDUCED FROM 24 HOURS TO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 PM DAILY FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 29).

THE TWO SECTIONS ARE THE OUTERMOST LANE OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EXTENDING 30 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE ROAD BETWEEN THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

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CONTRACT FOR WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD A NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR TO MEET GROWING DEMAND FOR WATER SUPPLY IN WONG CHUK HANG AND THE LOW LEVEL AREA OF SHOUSON HILL.

A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION) OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF GAMMON (HONG KONG) LTD.

THE SERVICE RESERVOIR, AT A COST OF \$11 MILLION, WILL BE LOCATED SOUTH OF WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE AND WILL HAVE A TOTAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 15 200 CUBIC METRES. IT WILL BE REACHED BY A ROAD TO BE BUILT UNDER THE SAME CONTRACT.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS WEEK AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS.

THE RESERVOIR IS PART OF THE NEW WONG CHUK HANG AND SHOUSON HILL FRESH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

A PUMPING STATION WILL ALSO BE BUILT AND TRUNK AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS WILL BE LAID FOR THE SYSTEM.

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WONG TAI SIN WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF WONG TAI SIN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 28) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THE AREA COVERS PREMISES ON WAN FUNG STREET, KAM FUNG STREET AND NGAN FUNG STREET.

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