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FUTURE USE OF BUILDINGS IN VICTORIA BARRACKS FINALISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS FINALISED DETAILS ON THE FUTURE USE OF BUILDINGS TO BE RETAINED WITHIN THE RECREATION AND LEISURE AREA IN VICTORIA BARRACKS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THESE BUILDINGS AND THEIR PROPOSED USES ARE:

- CASSELS BLOCK** - THE BUILDING WILL BE CONVERTED TO PROVIDE HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS INVOLVED IN RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED DIRECTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT OR INDIRECTLY BY A SUBVENTED ORGANISATION.
- WAVELL HOUSE** - THE BUILDING WILL BE OFFERED TO THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY LIMITED FOR OFFICE ACCOMMODATION. THE SOCIETY HAS TO MOVE OUT OF ITS PRESENT PREMISES TO MAKE WAY FOR MTR DEVELOPMENT.
- BIRDWOOD BLOCK** - THE BUILDING WILL BE CONVERTED AND USED AS HEADQUARTERS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CENTRE OF HONG KONG LIMITED, THE MEMBER ORGANISATIONS OF WHICH INCLUDE THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS (LONDON)(HONG KONG CENTRE), THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, THE ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE (HONG KONG BRANCH) AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.
- SQUASH COURTS** - THE SITE WILL BE USED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A LARGE SQUASH COURTS COMPLEX.
- INFANT SCHOOL** - THE SITE HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS A SUITABLE LOCATION FOR THE RE-ERECTION OF MURRAY HOUSE. SINCE THE QUARRY BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL, WHICH NOW OCCUPIES THE INFANT SCHOOL BUILDING, WILL NOT BE MOVING TO ITS NEW PREMISES IN BRAEMAR HILL UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF 1985, IT IS PROPOSED THAT A DECISION ON THE RE-ERECTION OF MURRAY HOUSE, AND ON THE FUTURE OF THE INFANTS SCHOOL BUILDING SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL FIRM PROPOSALS ON PERMANENT USES FOR A RE-ERECTED MURRAY HOUSE ARE AGREED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY AGREED TO THE USE OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE AS A MUSEUM AND OF RAWLINSON HOUSE AS A MARRIAGE REGISTRY AND PARK ADMINISTRATION OFFICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL HAD AGREED TO ACCEPT ALLOCATION OF THE RECREATION AND LEISURE AREA AND TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN IT AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, USING THE CONSULTANT'S REPORT AS A GUIDELINE.

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TO FACILITATE PLANNING AND THE URBAN COUNCIL'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR SCHEME, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE UNWANTED BUILDINGS SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED IN THREE PHASES.

PHASE ONE WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF THIS YEAR FOR BUILDINGS NOT BEING USED AT PRESENT AND THOSE BEING USED FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE HEADQUARTERS BRITISH LAND FORCES.

PHASE TWO, WHICH WILL COMMENCE AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR OR BEGINNING OF 1984, INVOLVES BUILDINGS BEING USED AS TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

TWO BLOCKS OF BUILDINGS - KITCHENER BLOCK AND HQBLF EXTENSION - WILL BE INVOLVED IN PHASE THREE OF THE DEMOLITION PROGRAMME TO BE CARRIED OUT IN MID-1985. THE INFANT SCHOOL BUILDING WILL BE DEMOLISHED IF IT IS SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO RE-ERECT MURRAY HOUSE ON THAT SITE WHILE THE HQBLF EXTENSION WILL BE DEMOLISHED AFTER THE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, NOW HOUSED IN THE BUILDING, IS ACCOMMODATED ELSEWHERE IN 1984.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONVERSION AND DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDINGS IN QUESTION WERE ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$3.3 MILLION.

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REFUGEE CHANGES MIND ABOUT REPATRIATION

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECURITY BRANCH ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WAS ADVISED BY THE UNHCR THAT THE 29-YEAR-OLD MALE REFUGEE AT CHI MA WAN WHO HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BEING REPATRIATED TO VIETNAM, HAD HAD A CHANGE OF HEART AND RETRACTED HIS REQUEST.

HE SAID THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THIS WAS CLEARLY A CASE WHICH COULD NOT BE PURSUED FURTHER.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS REFUGEE'S REQUEST, THE UNHCR HAS KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SECURITY BRANCH OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

BOTH THE UNHCR AND THE SECURITY BRANCH CONFIRMED THAT THE CASE OF ANY REFUGEE EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION WOULD BE URGENTLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERED.

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HK SETS UP TWO MORE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICES
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TO STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN THE SEARCH FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND TO ATTRACT POTENTIAL FOREIGN INVESTORS, TWO MORE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION OFFICES - ONE IN STUTTGART, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND ONE IN SAN FRANCISCO, USA - WILL BE OPERATIONAL NEXT MONTH, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR PAUL WONG ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ADDRESSING A SEMINAR CALLED: +OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS+, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRY ESTATE CORPORATION, MR WONG SAID THAT THE OVERSEAS OFFICES, STAFFED BY INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION SPECIALIST OFFICERS, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLICISING THE ADVANTAGES HONG KONG HAD TO OFFER AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE, AND TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL INVESTORS AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SET UP MANUFACTURING FACILITIES IN HONG KONG.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THEY ALSO ASSIST HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS IN SEEKING FOR TECHNOLOGY, IMPROVED PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS, AND COMPANIES WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING JOINT VENTURES, SUBCONTRACTING OR LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL COMPANIES.+

CITING EXAMPLES OF HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY PLAYS THE MATCHMAKER'S ROLE IN BRINGING TOGETHER LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS IN JOINT VENTURES, HE SAID: +CO-OPERATION WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES WILL NOT ONLY BRING ABOUT THE TRANSFER OF HIGHER TECHNOLOGY TO HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, IT ALSO HELPS IN THE EXPANSION OF MARKETS FOR OUR PRODUCTS.

+ACCORDING TO THE RESULT OF A SURVEY WE CONDUCTED LAST YEAR, MOST OF THE LOCAL FACTORIES WITH FOREIGN INTEREST WERE EXPORT ORIENTED. ABOUT 66 PER CENT OF THEIR PRODUCTION WAS DIRECTLY EXPORTED: 31 PER CENT WERE EXPORTED TO USA, 13 PER CENT TO EUROPE, FOUR PER CENT TO JAPAN, WHILE OTHER COUNTRIES ACCOUNTED FOR THE REMAINING 18 PER CENT. THE TOTAL VALUE OF SALES INVOLVED WAS HK\$11 480 MILLION.

+IT IS THEREFORE EVIDENT THAT JOINT VENTURES, SUBCONTRACTING AND LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS ALSO PROMOTE THE EXPANSION OF OVERSEAS MARKETS FOR OUR PRODUCTS,+ HE EMPHASISED.

IN THE COMING YEAR THE DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE OUTGOING MISSIONS FOR INDUSTRIALISTS WHO WISH TO SEEK JOINT VENTURES, LICENSING OR SUBCONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS, OR WISH TO UPGRADE THEIR PRODUCTION PROCESSES BY SEEKING NEW MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY.

+THIS TYPE OF MISSION SHOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS, AS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE TECHNOLOGY OF THE INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS TO HAVE DIRECT DISCUSSIONS OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH POTENTIAL PARTNERS OR LICENSERS.+

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THE ONE-STOP UNIT OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT HAS NOW ON HAND ABOUT 130 PROJECTS IN WHICH OVERSEAS COMPANIES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SETTING UP WHOLLY-OWNED MANUFACTURING LICENSING OR SUBCONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS.

+ALL THE INFORMATION ON THESE 'OPPORTUNITIES' ARE READILY AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 'ONE-STOP' UNIT, WHICH WILL ASSIST AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS ON HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN 1981

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THE TOTAL VALUE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION IN 1981 AMOUNTED TO ABOUT HK\$17 000MILLION, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN SAID WHEN ADDRESSING THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION AT ITS ANNUAL LU PAN FESTIVAL DINNER TONIGHT.

HE SAID THAT THE LEVEL OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IN HONG KONG WAS CONTINUING TO GROW AT A REMARKABLE RATE.

+ON THE PUBLIC SECTOR, WORK HAS CONTINUED TO GROW UNABATED AND THE ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE (EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSING AND LAND ACQUISITION) FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE REGION OF \$7 000 MILLION AND \$1 250 MILLION FOR PUBLIC WORKS NON-RECURRENT AND RECURRENT ITEMS RESPECTIVELY.

+IN ADDITION, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT PLANS TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY HK\$3 600 MILLION DURING 1982-83 AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AUTHORITY ANTICIPATES THAT THE TOTAL VALUE OF CONTRACTS WHICH WILL BE AWARDED ON THE ISLAND LINE WILL AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY HK\$6 500 MILLION,+ MR CHAN SAID.

REFERRING TO THE AMOUNT OF CONSTRUCTION WORK OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, MR CHAN SAID IT COULD BE GAUGED BY THE VALUE OF CAPITAL PUBLIC WORKS PRESENTLY PROGRAMMED FOR THE YEARS 1983 TO 1985 AND ESTIMATED AT \$22 500 MILLION, EXCLUDING SUCH PROJECTS AS TIN SHUI WAI, LEI YUE MUN BRIDGE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT.

HOWEVER, MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE REMARKABLE GROWTH IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT ATTENDANT PROBLEMS.

THE FIRST OF THESE WAS THE SHORTAGE OF SKILLED WORKERS.

REFERRING TO THE TRAINING OF SKILLED WORKERS, MR CHAN CONGRATULATED THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE HELP GIVEN TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.

HE PREDICTED THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE AUTHORITY'S SECOND TRAINING CENTRE IN THE COMING AUTUMN, THERE WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SUPPLY OF NEWLY TRAINED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS.

HE SAID: +TRAINING PROVIDES THE BEST ANSWER TO THE PRESENT SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL MANPOWER. IN A SITUATION OF OVERALL SHORTAGE, PAYING HIGHER SALARIES BY ITSELF MAY MERELY RESULT IN HIGH STAFF TURNOVERS THUS ADVERSELY AFFECTING EFFICIENCY OF THE INDUSTRY.+

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE SECOND AREA OF CONCERN WAS THE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY.

HE SAID: +THE NUMBER OF SITE ACCIDENTS IN 1981 WAS APPROXIMATELY 18 000. THE NUMBER OF FATAL CASES WAS 92 - AN INCREASE OF 12 OVER THE FIGURE FOR 1980. THESE FIGURES REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 39 PER CENT AND 65 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF ALL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.+

MR CHAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS AWARE OF THE GREAT EFFORTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE, AND WERE CONTINUING TO BE MADE, BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS OCCURRING ON CONSTRUCTION SITE, (AND THE FACT THAT ACCIDENTS, BY VIRTUE OF THE NATURE OF THE WORK, WERE AN UNFORTUNATE HAZARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY) HE REGARDED THAT THE FIGURES HE HAD QUOTED WERE UNACCEPTABLE IN A MODERN AND DEVELOPED SOCIETY AND MUST BE REDUCED.

MR CHAN, THEREFORE, APPEALED TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO UNDERTAKE EVEN GREATER VIGILANCE TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BY MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE, OF THE HIGH COST OF SITE ACCIDENTS IN TERMS OF LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY AND THE HUMAN SUFFERING AND MISERY THEY BROUGHT.

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WIDER POWERS FOR MUSEUM MANAGEMENT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO GIVE THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES WIDER POWERS TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF MUSEUMS UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL IS THE AUTHORITY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF MUSEUMS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND THE DIRECTOR IS THE AUTHORITY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) BILL 1982 PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY), THE AUTHORITY WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE WITH CONTRACTORS FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES, SUCH AS FOOD SERVICES, IN THE MUSEUMS.

VISITORS WHO CAUSE NUISANCES WILL BE SUBJECT TO GREATER CONTROL AND THOSE WHO DAMAGE AN EXHIBIT MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE COST OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AND A SURCHARGE AMOUNTING TO 20 PER CENT OF THE COST.

THE AUTHORITY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO CONTROL TRADING OR ADVERTISING IN MUSEUMS AND IMPOSE CHARGES ON THESE ACTIVITIES.

THE THREE EXISTING MUSEUMS ARE ALL MANAGED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THEY ARE THE MUSEUM OF ART LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY HALL, THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY IN STAR HOUSE AND ITS BRANCH MUSEUM AT LEI CHENG UK, AND THE SPACE MUSEUM IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

UNDER PLANNING ARE A PERMANENT MUSEUM OF ART, A MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND A MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TO BE LOCATED IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND TO BE COMPLETED BY THE LATE 1980'S.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THERE ARE PLANS FOR CONVERTING SAM TUNG UK VILLAGE IN TSUEN WAN INTO A FOLK MUSEUM.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT
AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR 'BASICALLY SOUND'
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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR MIGHT BE DESCRIBED AS +A MARRIAGE BETWEEN TWO STRONG-WILLED PARTNERS HOLDING BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS WHICH MAY NOT ALWAYS COINCIDE,+ THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE AT THE FURAMA HOTEL, MRS CHAN SAID SHE BELIEVED THAT THIS MARRIAGE WAS +BASICALLY SOUND BECAUSE EACH NEEDS THE OTHER, WE SHARE A COMMON AIM OF RELIEVING HARDSHIP AND SUFFERING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE, AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THERE IS A DETERMINATION TO WORK AT ITS SUCCESS.+

SHE SAID THAT IF ONE BELIEVED SOME OF THE MORE SENSATIONAL UTTERANCES THAT HIT THE NEWSPAPER HEADLINES, ONE WOULD THINK THAT THIS MARRIAGE HAD LONG SINCE GONE ON THE ROCKS. +BUT THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE,+ SHE STRESSED.

+A GREAT DEAL,+ SHE SAID, +HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY THOSE WHO WORK QUIETLY BEHIND THE SCENE AND THIS WILL CONTINUE. I HAVE GREAT FAITH IN THIS PARTICULAR MARRIAGE SURVIVING THE TEST OF TIME, ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT PERHAPS QUITE COME OF AGE YET.+

REFERRING TO PUBLIC FUNDING, MRS CHAN SAID THAT THERE WAS NEVER ENOUGH TO GO ROUND BUT LIKE A PRUDENT FAMILY, THE GOVERNMENT MUST KEEP TO A BUDGET AND MUST HAVE SOME SAVINGS IN HAND FOR THE RAINY DAY.

+THIS,+ SHE SAID, +MEANS MAKING SOME QUITE DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL CHOICES BETWEEN THE MULTIPLICITY OF COMMUNITY NEEDS, ALL OF WHICH MEAN A LOT TO THE RELEVANT TARGET GROUPS.+

COMMENTING ON THE CATEGORISATION OF SERVICES UNDER THE NEW SUBVENTION SCHEME, MRS CHAN DESCRIBED AS +INVIDIOUS AND UNHELPFUL+ COMPARISONS OF THE RELATIVE VALUE AND WORTH OF CATEGORY I AND II SERVICES.

SERVICES PLACED IN CATEGORY II, SHE SAID, WERE JUST AS MUCH NEEDED AND VALUED BY THEIR RECIPIENTS AS THOSE IN CATEGORY I.

THE INITIAL CATEGORISATION OF SERVICES CAN CHANGE WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME AS CAN THE PERCENTAGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT GIVEN TO SERVICES PLACED IN CATEGORY II.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT APART FROM DETERMINING A FUNDING PRIORITY, THE NEW SUBVENTION SCHEME WAS ALSO INTENDED TO INDICATE CLEARLY TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES THE EXTENT OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR A PARTICULAR SERVICE SO THAT THEY COULD PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

+WE BELIEVE,+ SHE SAID, +THAT TO RETAIN AND FOSTER THE VOLUNTARY SPIRIT, A DEGREE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, AND JUDGING BY FUND-RAISING RESULTS THERE CERTAINLY SEEMS TO BE NO LACK OF PUBLIC SUPPORT IN THE WELFARE FIELD.+

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HOWEVER, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT MUST ALWAYS BE RESPONSIVE TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, SHE SAID. SHE ASSURED AGENCIES THAT WERE EXPERIENCING GENUINE DIFFICULTIES IN MAINTAINING THEIR CATEGORY II SERVICES THAT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD BE +SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDERED.+

MRS CHAN SAID HOWEVER THAT MONEY WAS NOT ALWAYS THE REASON BEHIND AN AGENCY WITHDRAWING OR CURTAILING A PARTICULAR SERVICE.

+THESE REASONS ARE OFTEN VERY VALID ONES AND I HOPE AGENCIES WILL NOT FIND IT NECESSARY TO HIDE BEHIND THE NEW SUBVENTION SYSTEM,+ SHE ADDED.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT THE FINANCING OF CATEGORY II SERVICES MUST BE SEEN IN ITS PROPER PERSPECTIVE. MORE THAN 80 PER CENT OF ALL SUBVENTED SERVICES ARE IN FACT ATTRACTING 100 PER CENT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR CATEGORY II SERVICES IN 1982/83 EXCEEDS LAST YEAR'S PROVISION BY 43 PER CENT OR \$14 MILLION. OVERALL THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE SPENDING \$289 MILLION ON SUBVENTING SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AS AGAINST \$192 MILLION LAST YEAR -- AN INCREASE OF OVER 50 PER CENT.

+THERE IS THEREFORE AN INCREASING COMMITMENT IN THIS FIELD, WHICH I AM SURE WILL CONTINUE,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

SPEAKING ON COMMUNITY NEEDS, MRS CHAN SAID THAT IDENTIFYING THESE NEEDS WAS COMPARATIVELY EASY BUT THAT IT WAS MORE DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON SOLUTIONS AND ON THE ORDER OF IMPLEMENTATION.

+AS SOCIETY PROGRESSES AND THE ECONOMY EXPANDS, THERE IS A NATURAL TENDENCY TO WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO DO MORE,+ SHE SAID. +THIS IS ENTIRELY RIGHT - UP TO A POINT.+

BUT SHE ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A CARING COMMUNITY IN HELPING TO IDENTIFY AND TACKLE COMMUNITY NEEDS.

REFERRING TO THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG, MRS CHAN SAID THAT THE TERRITORY HAD PROSPERED +BECAUSE FREE ENTERPRISE THRIVES AND BECAUSE IN TIMES OF HARDSHIP, PEOPLE HAVE RALLIED ROUND TO HELP ONE ANOTHER, TO SHARE SCARCE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND TO RELY ON THE HELP OF FAMILIES AND RELATIVES TO SEE THEM THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD.+

+WE WOULD DO WELL TO MAINTAIN AND NURTURE THIS SPIRIT OF SELF-RELIANCE,+ SHE ADVISED.

IN ITS SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES, WHETHER IN TERMS OF CASH OR DIRECT SERVICES, THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY HAD BEEN AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE +TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE LEAST ABLE TO HELP THEMSELVES,+ SHE SAID.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF VOLUNTEERS, MRS CHAN SAID IT WAS +TOO MUCH OF A GENERALISATION+ TO LABEL HONG KONG AS AN UNCARING, MATERIALISTIC SOCIETY.

SHE ASSERTED THAT +THERE IS A MORE HUMAN SIDE TO THE HONG KONG SOCIETY AND THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE GREAT NUMBERS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO GIVE WILLINGLY OF THEIR TIME, EFFORT AND MONEY TO SERVE OTHERS.+

THE SERVICES THESE PEOPLE PROVIDED MIGHT NOT BE WIDELY PUBLICISED BUT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS WERE POSITIVE AND WIDE-RANGING, SHE SAID.

MANY INNOVATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN INITIATED AND DEVELOPED BY VOLUNTEERS AND HONG KONG HAS NO LACK OF SERVICE GROUPS WHO BOTH SPONSOR AND PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT THE WEALTH OF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFERED BY VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR POTENTIAL FOR GOOD WERE UNDISPUTED. +OUR CONCERN IS HOW TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERISM AND ENSURE THAT THE SERVICES PROVIDED ARE MEANINGFUL BOTH TO THE VOLUNTEERS AND TO THE PEOPLE THEY SEEK TO SERVE,+ SHE SAID.

+EXPERIENCES INDICATE THAT THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPERATES BEST WITHIN AN UNSTRUCTURED FRAMEWORK, WITH AS MANY POINTS OF CONTACT AND SERVICE DELIVERY AS POSSIBLE,+ MRS CHAN SAID.

+THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT VOLUNTEERS SHOULD NOT BE PROPERLY ORIENTED AND ASSISTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES SUITED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL TALENTS AND ABILITIES. INDEED THEY SHOULD FOR ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN THEY LEARN AND GROW AT THE SAME TIME.+

MRS CHAN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE FOR PLAYING A +VALUABLE PROMOTIONAL AND TRAINING ROLE.+ +I AM SURE THAT THE DIRECTION YOU HAVE TAKEN IS THE RIGHT ONE,+ SHE SAID.

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CERTIFICATE OF ABSENCE OF MARRIAGE RECORD

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN NOW APPLY FOR A +CERTIFICATE OF ABSENCE OF MARRIAGE RECORD+ AT ANY MARRIAGE REGISTRY, AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+THE CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED TO A PERSON WHO HAS NO MARRIAGE RECORD IN HONG KONG. FORMERLY, SUCH CERTIFICATE WAS ONLY ISSUED AT THE CITY HALL MARRIAGE REGISTRY,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+TO FACILITATE THE PUBLIC, THIS SERVICE IS NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MARRIAGE REGISTRIES.

+AN APPLICANT IS ONLY REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PHOTOCOPY OF HIS IDENTITY CARD ON APPLICATION,+ HE SAID.

IT WILL TAKE 10 WORKING DAYS TO ISSUE A 'CERTIFICATE OF ABSENCE OF MARRIAGE RECORD' AND THE FEE IS \$35, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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YOUTH SPORTS TRAINING CAMP IN FULL SWING
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THE FIRST SUMMER YOUTH SPORTS TRAINING CAMP IS IN FULL SWING.

THIS MORNING, THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, MR A. DE O. SALES, ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE BOARD, SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES- THE GENERAL MANAGER, JSC, MR DAVID GRIFFITHS AND THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (RECREATION AND SPORT) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT MR BRIAN COAK, VISITED THE CAMP TO SEE YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS IN TRAINING.

THE CAMP WHICH STARTED ON MONDAY IS SPLIT INTO TWO SECTIONS AND WILL END EARLY NEXT MONTH.

IT IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG BADMINTON ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG AMATEUR FENCING ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RCD AND THE JSC.

ACTIVITIES IN THE FIRST CAMP CONSISTED OF SOCCER, BADMINTON, TENNIS AND SWIMMING, WHICH STARTED ON MONDAY AND ENDED TODAY.

THE SECOND CAMP STARTS TOMORROW AND ITS FIVE DAYS OF ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS AND FENCING.

ALL THE TRAINING IS BEING HELD AT THE ULTRA-MODERN SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN, AND IN ADDITION TO THE SPORTS COACHING, ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND TRANSPORTATION ARE PROVIDED.

MR SALES SAID THE CAMP SERVES TO BOOST THE SKILLS OF HONG KONG'S ASPIRING YOUNG SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN.

+THIS IS THE START, AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT GIVEN TIME, HONG KONG WILL HAVE A GOOD NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN,+ HE SAID.

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ANTI-DRUGS DRIVE IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN) AND LOCAL KAIFONG ORGANISATIONS, WILL LAUNCH A SERIES OF ANTI-DRUGS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), AN ACAN SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THESE ACTIVITIES WAS TO ALERT THE RESIDENTS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND TO CALL ON THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN ERADICATING THE PROBLEM.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRICT IS A FAST DEVELOPING COMMUNITY WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE. TO HELP THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO THE TEMPTATION TO TRY DRUGS, HE SAID, WE SHOULD CHANNEL THEIR ENERGIES AND CURIOSITY TO RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE FIRST OF THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 8 PM AT WAH HONG SQUARE, WAH FU ESTATE.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACAN, CDO (SOUTHERN), INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS (SARDA) AND THE WAH FU ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A BAND PERFORMANCE, A SHORT ANTI-DRUGS DRAMA, SINGING PERFORMANCE BY POPULAR ARTISTS, AND MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS.

OFFICIATING AT THE FUNCTION WILL BE MR PETER LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS; MR K.C. KWONG, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (SOUTHERN); MR GEORGE YUEN, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT; SISTER AQUINAS, CHAIRMAN OF SARDA; MR ALBERT LAM, CHAIRMAN OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION COMMITTEE; MR LAI SING, PRESIDENT OF WAH FU ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION; AND MR LO KAM, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SARDA.

ANOTHER ANTI-DRUGS VARIETY SHOW IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE ACAN, CDO (SOUTHERN), AND THE AREA COMMITTEE OF TIN WAN ESTATE AND SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE. THE FUNCTION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 11 (WEDNESDAY) AT NO. 3 PLAYGROUND IN TIN WAN ESTATE.

THE ACAN AND THE ICAC WONG CHUK HANG SUB-OFFICE WILL ALSO JOINTLY ORGANISE A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SHEK O NEXT MONTH. THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS, FILM SHOWS, SEMINARS, HOME VISITS AND VARIETY SHOWS.

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DEATH REGISTRIES IN STANLEY, RENNIE'S MILL,
KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN

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WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 1), THE POLICE STATIONS IN STANLEY, RENNIE'S MILL, TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG WILL NO LONGER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF DEATHS IN THESE AREAS.

AS FROM THAT DAY REGISTRATION OF DEATHS IN STANLEY WILL HAVE TO BE MADE AT THE ABERDEEN DEATHS REGISTRY AT ABERDEEN CENTRE, WHILE DEATHS WHICH OCCUR IN RENNIE'S MILL WILL BE REGISTERED AT THE KOWLOON DEATHS REGISTRY AT THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AND DEATHS IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE REGISTERED AT THE TSUEN WAN DEATHS REGISTRY IN THE FAR EAST BANK BUILDING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UPON REGISTRATION THE INFORMANT IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE CERTIFYING THE CAUSE OF DEATH BY THE ATTENDING DOCTOR.

A DEATH CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY TO THE INFORMANT ON PAYMENT OF A \$5 FEE, HE ADDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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FROM THIS SUNDAY (AUGUST 1), ONLY VEHICLES FROM THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE — A SERVICE ROAD — ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT INTO ARSENAL STREET.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO ENTER THE LANE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH O'BRIEN ROAD.

ON THE SAME DAY, ISLAND ROAD IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE REOPENED TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM.

ON MONDAY (AUGUST 2) SPORTS ROAD BETWEEN ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS AND HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB STADIUM WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM UNTIL 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 12) FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE SECTION EAST OF HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB STADIUM WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

ACCESS TO THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB STADIUM WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SPORTS ROAD AT ITS EASTERN JUNCTION WITH WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN AND
CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 20 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA
WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE FIRING PRACTICE ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
AUGUST 3 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
AUGUST 4 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
AUGUST 5 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
AUGUST 6 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
AUGUST 9 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 6.30 PM
AUGUST 10 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 6 PM
AUGUST 11 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
AUGUST 12 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
AUGUST 13 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
AUGUST 16 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
AUGUST 17 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 18 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
AUGUST 19 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
AUGUST 20 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
AUGUST 23 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 11 PM
AUGUST 24 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
AUGUST 25 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
AUGUST 26 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
AUGUST 27 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
AUGUST 31 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 6.30 PM

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MINI-BUS DRIVER SETS HONEST EXAMPLE

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THE HONESTY OF A TSUEN WAN MINI-BUS DRIVER, 46-YEAR-OLD MR WONG KAM-CHI, HAS JUST WON HIMSELF A +GOOD CITIZEN+ AWARD.

IN ORDER TO TRACE THE OWNER OF A WOMAN HANDBAG FOUND IN HIS VAN, MR WONG SPENT TWO DAYS TRYING VARIOUS SOURCES, INCLUDING THE RECORDS OF A DENTIST.

AND AS A RECOGNITION OF HIS HONESTY AND CIVIC-MINDEDNESS, THE ACTING TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, PRESENTED HIM A +GOOD CITIZEN+ PLAQUE AT A BRIEF CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR WONG RECALLED THAT HE FOUND THE HANDBAG CONTAINING CASH AND VALUABLES WORTH MORE THAN \$600 ABOUT A MONTH AGO.

THERE WAS NO ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER IN THE BAG, EXCEPT AN IDENTITY CARD AND A DENTIST CARD.

AFTER SOME FRUITLESS EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE OWNER HE EVENTUALLY CALLED AT THE DENTIST'S OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.

AND THE OWNER TURNED OUT TO BE THE WIFE OF A STAFF OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WHO OFFERED HIM A \$100 REWARD.

BUT MR WONG REJECTED THE OFFER, SAYING IT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN JUST PERFORMING HIS DUTY AS A GOOD CITIZEN.

+THE MONETARY LOSS MAY BE SMALL BUT THE INCONVENIENCE SO CAUSED IS CERTAINLY GREAT,+ HE SAID.

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MR WONG HAD FOUND VALUABLES LEFT IN HIS MINI-BUS. BUT HE ALWAYS TRIED TO LOCATE THE OWNERS OR HANDED THE ARTICLES OVER TO THE POLICE.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, MR LUI PRAISED MR WONG FOR HIS HONESTY WHICH HAD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHER PEOPLE.

+HONESTY IS A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE. MR WONG HAS OFTEN GONE THROUGH GREAT TROUBLES TO TRY TO FIND THE PROPERTY OWNERS BUT NEVER THOUGHT OF GETTING ANY REWARD IN RETURN,+ SAID MR LUI.

+THIS SPIRIT AND ATTITUDE MUST BE APPLAUDED AND RESPECTED BY US ALL.+

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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COURSE FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSE WHICH WILL START IN SEPTEMBER.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS BETWEEN \$1 650 AND \$2 500 PER MONTH WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COURSE. THE AMOUNT OF SUCH GRANTS WILL DEPEND ON THE EXPERIENCE OF INDIVIDUAL COURSE MEMBERS.

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS EITHER A HIGHER DIPLOMA, ORDINARY DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION AWARDED BY THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, POLYTECHNIC, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR AN EQUIVALENT EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (PRODUCTION/AUTOMOBILE/AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION), PRINTING INDUSTRY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING/BUILDING STUDIES.

APPLICANTS HOLDING A HIGHER DIPLOMA SHOULD POSSESS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS RELATED, PRACTICAL POST-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE, AND SIX YEARS FOR AN ORDINARY DIPLOMA OR HIGHER CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI AND THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 6.

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