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GOVERNOR INSPECTS PRISONS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PARADE
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY THERE HAD BEEN A WELCOME RELIEF TO THE PROBLEM OF OVERCROWDING IN PRISONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY AN INCREASE IN ACCOMMODATION AND OVER TEN PER CENT DECREASE IN THE PRISONER POPULATION.

SPEAKING AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL INSPECTION PARADE AT STANLEY, SIR MURRAY SAID THE OPENING OF THE LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE FOR 960 INMATES AND THE NEW BLOCK FOR 70 YOUNG ADULTS AT SHA TSUI WERE MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASE IN ACCOMMODATION.

HE NOTED THAT THE LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE FOR 260 AND AN EXTENSION TO THE TREATMENT CENTRE AT HEI LING CHAU FOR 200 YOUNG ADDICTS WILL BE OPENED THIS YEAR, AND WORK HAS COMMENCED ON A NEW MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK ON LANTAU ISLAND.

SIR MURRAY INSPECTED THE PARADE AND LATER PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 40 PRISON OFFICERS INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONER FOR PRISONS, MR. TOM GARNER.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL INSPECTION PARADE :

+SINCE LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL INSPECTION THERE HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS. THERE HAS BEEN A WELCOME RELIEF TO THE PROBLEM OF OVERCROWDING IN PRISONS, BROUGHT ABOUT BY AN INCREASE IN CERTIFIED ACCOMMODATION, AND A REDUCTION IN THE PRISONER POPULATION OF ABOUT 10 PER CENT.

+THE OPENING OF THE LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE FOR 960 INMATES AND THE NEW CELL BLOCK FOR 70 YOUNG ADULTS AT SHA TSUI WERE MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASE IN ACCOMMODATION. ALTHOUGH THE CHATHAM ROAD PRISON IS TO BE GIVEN UP SHORTLY, THE LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE FOR 260 AND AN EXTENSION TO THE TREATMENT CENTRE AT HEI LING CHAU FOR 200 YOUNG ADDICTS WILL BE OPENED LATER THIS YEAR. FOR THE FUTURE - WORK HAS COMMENCED ON A NEW MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK ON LANTAU.

+I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THIS VIGOROUS PROGRAMME OF CONSTRUCTION HAS RELIEVED SOME OF THE DAY-TO-DAY PRESSURE ON PRISONS STAFF, AND THAT MORE INTENSIVE STAFF TRAINING IS ADVANCING YOUR ALREADY HIGH STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE. I WELCOME THE NEW PSYCHOLOGICAL UNIT WHICH SHOULD MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

+THE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PRISON INDUSTRIES SHOULD NOW GATHER MOMENTUM AS SPECIALIST STAFF ARE SECURED. THIS SHOULD SAVE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND ALSO AID THE REHABILITATION OF PRISONERS.

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+IN THE DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME, A SUCCESS RATE OF OVER 70 PER CENT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS AFTER RELEASE IS BEING ACHIEVED. THIS IS QUITE REMARKABLE AND A CREDIT TO ALL ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

+YOUR SERVICE HAS A FINE RECORD AND ITS STANDARDS HAVE IMPROVED STEADILY OVER THE YEARS. TODAY, AS A RESULT OF AN AMENDMENT, I AM HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THE COLONIAL SERVICE MEDAL TO A NUMBER OF SENIOR PRISONS OFFICERS, INCLUDING YOUR COMMISSIONER, WHO BY VIRTUE OF THEIR RANK, WERE ONCE INELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.

+I KNOW THAT UNDER YOUR COMMISSIONER ALL WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE DISCIPLINED, INTEGRATED AND EFFICIENT SERVICE WHICH YOU NOW HAVE. YOUR TURN-OUT AND BEARING TODAY REFLECTS THIS, AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON IT.

+I WISH THE DEPARTMENT EVERY SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.+

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FIVE MORE TRADES DESIGNATED UNDER APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE
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FIVE MORE TRADES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THESE TRADES, SPECIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR ON THE ADVICE OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, ARE MACHINIST, FITTER, TOOL AND DIE MAKER, ELECTRICIAN, AND INSTRUMENT MECHANIC.

THEY BECOME DESIGNATED TRADES ON FEBRUARY 1, 1978. THIS INCREASES THE NUMBER OF DESIGNATED TRADES UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE FROM 23 TO 28.

THE APPRENTICESHIP PERIOD FOR THESE TRADES IS FOUR YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PROMOTE APPRENTICE TRAINING IN TRADES WHICH ARE VITAL TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES AND TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED MANPOWER IN THESE TRADES.

HE SAID: +THE DESIGNATION OF THESE TRADES WILL AFFECT THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGE OF 14 AND 18 YEARS.

+EMPLOYERS ENGAGED IN THESE DESIGNATED TRADES MUST ENTER INTO A VALID CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP WITH YOUNG EMPLOYEE EMPLOYED IN ANY OF THESE TRADES UNLESS HE HAS ALREADY COMPLETED AN APPRENTICESHIP IN THAT TRADE.

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+THE CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP MUST BE IN THE SPECIFIED FORM AND REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SO THAT THE APPRENTICE WILL BE GIVEN PROPER TRAINING.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HELP PROTECT THE EMPLOYER FROM LOSING HIS APPRENTICE TO ANOTHER EMPLOYER.+

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, HOWEVER, HAS THE POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTION IN CERTAIN CASES, FOR EXAMPLE, IF HE IS SATISFIED THAT THE YOUNG PERSON HAS UNDERGONE SUFFICIENT TRAINING IN A PARTICULAR TRADE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE ADVISED EMPLOYERS OF YOUNG PERSONS IN THE FIVE ENGINEERING TRADES TO PREPARE THEMSELVES TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE AND TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH THEIR APPRENTICES.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE OR APPRENTICE TRAINING, OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION WILL BE OBLIGED TO HELP ON TELEPHONE 5-280545 OR 3-219285 OR AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99, QUEENSWAY, WAN CHAI, OR PARIS THEATRE BUILDING, 7, KING FUK STREET, GROUND FLOOR, SAN PO KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SENIOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING OFFICER, MR. AU-YEUNG MAN-TAK, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRESS INTERVIEWS ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE FIVE ADDITIONAL TRADES AND EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE. THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MR. AU-YEUNG CAN CONTACT HIM ON TELEPHONE 5-282523 EXT. 23. MR. AU-YEUNG'S OFFICE IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF NEW RODNEY BLOCK IN QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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COUNTRY PARK FOR LANTAU

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GAZETTED MORE THAN 5,500 HECTARES OF SOUTH LANTAU ISLAND AS A PROPOSED COUNTRY PARK.

THE COUNTRY PARK WILL STRETCH FROM MUI WO (SILVERMINE BAY) TO NEAR YI O IN THE WEST AND WILL BE SOUTH OF THE RIDGELINE BETWEEN SUNSET PEAK AND LANTAU PEAK.

THE AREA OF 5,640 HECTARES INCLUDED 5,536 HECTARES OF RUGGED MOUNTAIN, FOREST PLANTATION AND UNSPOILT COASTLINE OF THE ISLAND. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE AREA IS THE SHEK PIK RESERVOIR, WITH A WATER SURFACE AREA OF 104 HECTARES.

SOUTH LANTAU IS THE TENTH PARK TO BE GAZETTED UNDER THE COUNTRY PARK ORDINANCE. ALREADY DESIGNATED ARE THE TAI PO TOWN SPECIAL AREA, SHING MUN, KAM SHAN, LION ROCK, ABERDEEN AND TAI TAM COUNTRY PARKS. AWAITING DESIGNATION ARE SAI KUNG (EAST AND WEST) AND PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARKS.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH, THE COUNTRY PARK AUTHORITY PROPOSED TO DESIGNATE 19 COUNTRY PARKS BY 1981.

NOTIFICATION IN THE GAZETTE OF THE PROPOSED SOUTH LANTAU COUNTRY PARK ENABLES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC A PERIOD OF 60 DAYS TO INSPECT THE DRAFT MAP AND EXEMPLARY STATEMENT OF THE AREA, IF NEED BE, TO LODGE OBJECTION WITH THE COUNTRY PARK AUTHORITY BEFORE DESIGNATION OF THE PARK.

THE ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT NO NEW DEVELOPMENT MAY BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN A COUNTRY PARK WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITY.

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ZONING PLAN FOR WANG TAU HOM
AND TUNG TAU AMENDED
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AN AMENDED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR WANG TAU HOM AND TUNG TAU AREAS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

AMONG THE NINE ZONING AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN THE NEW DRAFT PLAN IS THE RE-ZONING OF TWO AREAS FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES.

THREE OTHER SITES HAVE BEEN RE-ZONED FROM GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES TO RESIDENTIAL PURPOSE WITHIN GOVERNMENT HOUSING ESTATES.

THE NOTES TO THE PLAN HAVE ALSO BEEN AMENDED TO REMOVE ANOMALIES IN USES AND TO PERMIT CLOSER CONTROL OVER COMMERCIAL USE IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING, WHICH HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO RESIDENTIAL 'A' AND 'B' GROUPS.

THE PLAN COVERS 189.6 HECTARES OF LAND, OF WHICH 58.7 HECTARES ARE RESERVED FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, 29.3 HECTARES FOR OPEN SPACE AND 27.3 FOR GREENBELT.

A TOTAL OF 30 HECTARES IS EARMARKED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES.

THE AMENDED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION UNTIL FEBRUARY 2, AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN, WONG TAI SIN, AND KOWLOON CITY AND AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE ALSO ON SALE AT THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING. THE PRICES ARE \$5 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$25 FOR A COLOURED ONE.

UNDER A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN CAN SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTIONS BEFORE FEBRUARY 2 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, HONG KONG.

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SUCCESS OF REHABILITATING A DISABLED
DEPENDS ON CONCERTED EFFORTS
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THE SUCCESS OF REHABILITATING A PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSON DEPENDS ON THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF MEDICAL AND PARAMEDICAL STAFF, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THE COMMUNITY AND, ABOVE ALL, THE PATIENT HIMSELF.

THIS WAS STATED BY DR. S.F. LAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR (MEDICAL) OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE LIONS CLUB OF KOWLOON CENTRAL THIS EVENING.

HE SAID REHABILITATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED EMBODIED THE WHOLE PROCESS OF RESTORING DISABLED PERSONS BACK TO NORMAL LIFE OR AS NEAR TO ONE AS POSSIBLE, AND EACH AND EVERY PARTY CONCERNED HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE PROCESS.

ON THE PART OF THE PATIENT HIMSELF, DR. LAM SAID, THE WILL TO SUCCEED IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING ODDS COULD DO MORE THAN ANY FORM OF THERAPY.

+HISTORY IS FULL OF EXAMPLES OF COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SURMOUNTED THEIR PHYSICAL HANDICAP AND HAVE REHABILITATED THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

DR. LAM SAID ALTHOUGH REHABILITATION IS THE CONCERN OF ALL DOCTORS, YET IN PRACTICE, NURSES, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS ARE MOST CLOSELY CONCERNED WITH PHYSICAL RECOVERY.

IN ADDITION, SOCIAL WORKERS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS HAVE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION IN CONTINUING CARE AT HOME, AND IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES RESETTLEMENT OR HOUSING OFFICES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING OR JOB PLACEMENT STAFF MUST ALSO PLAY THEIR PART.

DR. LAM WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAS ALWAYS BEEN INVALUABLE.

+THESE ORGANISATIONS ARE USUALLY THE FIRST TO REACT TO ANY NEED AND ARE MORE SENSITIVE TO WHAT IS LACKING IN THE COMMUNITY, AND CAN AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST AND EVEN PRESSURE TO INFLUENCE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE NEEDED,+ HE SAID.

DR. LAM ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF REHABILITATION AND THIS IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE ADOPTION NOT TOO LONG AGO OF THE WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION AND THE SETTING UP OF A REHABILITATION UNIT AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

+THIS CO-ORDINATION AMONGST THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL AVOID FRAGMENTATION AND DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS, ECONOMISE ON RESOURCES, PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF CARE, FEED BACK INFORMATION AND SUPPLY EXPERTISE FOR IMPROVEMENT AND MATERIAL FOR RESEARCH,+ HE SAID.

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WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, SAID DR. LAM, IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE SOCIETY TOWARDS THE DISABLED.

THE SOCIETY MUST BE SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS THEM AND BE READY TO ACCEPT THEM, HE SAID.

DR. LAM POINTED OUT THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR EACH AND EVERY DOCTOR TO ORGANISE A REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR EVERY PATIENT OF HIS WHO NEEDS SUCH A SERVICE.

+DOCTORS JUST DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME AND ALSO THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH REMEDIAL STAFF TO GIVE THE CLINICAL DEPARTMENTS ALL THE MAN-POWER THEY NEED,+ HE SAID.

IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM LOGICAL THAT IN A GENERAL HOSPITAL ONE DOCTOR SHOULD ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORGANISING THE REHABILITATION SERVICES, AND CO-ORDINATING THE WORK OF THE REMEDIAL THERAPISTS WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS SUCH AS THE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, SPEECH THERAPISTS, JOB PLACEMENT OFFICERS, HOUSING OFFICERS AND VOLUNTARY WORKERS, HE SAID.

+THE HOSPITAL REHABILITATION UNIT THROUGH THE DOCTOR MUST FUNCTION AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE HEALTH SERVICES AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES SO THAT REHABILITATION BECOMES ONE CONTINUOUS PROCESS,+ HE SAID.

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WIDER RANGE OF LUCKY CAR NUMBERS FOR AUCTION

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MOTORISTS WILL SOON BE ABLE TO +BID+ FOR A MUCH WIDER RANGE OF +LUCKY+ VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

AT PRESENT ONLY SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS LISTED IN THE SIXTH SCHEDULE TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS ARE CONSIDERED LUCKY AND SOLD BY AUCTION.

OTHER REGISTRATION NUMBERS, THAT IS NON-SCHEDULED NUMBERS, ARE CURRENTLY ALLOCATED IN STRICT SEQUENCE IN THE ORDER OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FREQUENT ENQUIRIES HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WHICH ARE NOT ON THE LIST OF LUCKY NUMBERS.

HE SAID THAT THE NUMBERS THEY ENQUIRED ABOUT MIGHT HAVE A COMBINATION OF NUMBERS WHICH MEAN LUCK OR PROSPERITY, OR THE NUMBERS MIGHT COINCIDE WITH THEIR HOUSE NUMBERS OR THE MODEL OF THEIR CARS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS GENERALLY NOT POSSIBLE TO DECIDE IN ADVANCE WHICH NON-SCHEDULED NUMBERS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED LUCKY AND THEREFORE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH THEM UNDER THE EXISTING PROVISIONS REGULATING THE AUCTION OF SCHEDULED NUMBERS.

AMENDING LEGISLATION IS THEREFORE BEING SOUGHT TO ENABLE REGULATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL EMPOWERING THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT TO SELL BY AUCTION AT A RESERVE PRICE OF \$1,000 NON-SCHEDULED NUMBERS APPLIED FOR OR WHICH THE COMMISSIONER CONSIDERS SUITABLE FOR AUCTION.

ONLY NON-SCHEDULED NUMBERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED IN THE ORDINARY MANNER WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR AUCTION.

+UNDER THE PROPOSALS AN APPLICANT WILL HAVE TO DEPOSIT \$1,000 WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE NUMBER WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+WHEN THE NUMBER COMES UP FOR AUCTION AND IF THERE IS NO OTHER BIDDER THE NUMBER WILL GO TO THE APPLICANT FOR \$1,000. BUT IF THERE ARE OTHER BIDDERS HE WILL HAVE TO COMPETE WITH THEM FOR THE NUMBER. IF HE IS UNSUCCESSFUL THE \$1,000 DEPOSIT WILL BE RETURNED.+

THE PROCEEDS FROM ALL SALES OF +LUCKY+ REGISTRATION NUMBERS GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND WHICH ARE USED IN SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS.

SINCE MAY 1973, 35 AUCTIONS OF +LUCKY+ NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WITH THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR AT ABOUT \$6.3 MILLION.

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MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB TO WALK FOR A MILLION
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ABOUT 500 YOUTHS FROM THE NEWLY FORMED COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S WALK FOR A MILLION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 15).

IT WILL BE THE NEW CLUB'S MEMBERS' FIRST MAJOR COMMUNITY PROJECT.

THE CYC GROUPS, ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED AS +CLEAN YOUR CITY/ COUNTRYSIDE+ GROUPS, HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HELPING TO REDUCE THE LITTER MENACE IN HONG KONG. THEY HAVE NOW EXTENDED THEIR SCOPE TO COVER A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY - ORIENTED ACTIVITIES UNDER A NEW NAME - COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS.

+THEIR ACTIVITIES WILL RANGE FROM ASSISTING THE DISABLED OR OLD PEOPLE TO HELPING DISASTER VICTIMS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CLUB'S ORGANISERS AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HE ADDED : +WE HOPE THE CYC'S WILL SET AN EXAMPLE ON SUNDAY BY HELPING TO RAISE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE FOR CHARITY.+

+WE ARE QUITE SURE THEY WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN WALKS LIKE THIS WHENEVER THEY ARE HELD.+

STUDENTS FROM CYC GROUPS IN MORE THAN 10 SCHOOLS, MAINLY IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT, WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE CHARITY WALK. ALL OF THEM WILL BE WEARING SMART WHITE CAPS BEARING THE DISTINCTIVE RED CYC LOGO.

THE WALK BEGINS AT TAI WO HAU, TSUEN WAN AND FOLLOWS A 14-MILE CIRCUIT. AMONG THE FIRST AWAY FROM THE STARTING POINT WILL BE THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

AMONG THE SCHOOLS TAKING PART WILL BE DON BOSCO TECHNICAL SCHOOL, DAUGHTERS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIAN SIU MING CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL, NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, BUDDHIST SIN TAK COLLEGE, TSUNG SUN COLLEGE, SAM SHUI BRANCH SCHOOL, LO WAI PUBLIC SCHOOL, LEI MUK SHUE RHENISH CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL, BUDDHIST TO CHI FAT SHE MEMORIAL SCHOOL AND TSANG SHING DISTRICT CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION SCHOOL.

ONE CYC GROUP LEADER FROM DON BOSCO TECHNICAL SCHOOL, MR. HUI SHUI WING SAID TODAY : +WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS WALK.+

+OF COURSE WE HOPE TO HELP RAISE A LOT OF MONEY TO HELP THE NEEDY AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE PUBLIC HAS HAD A CHANCE TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO.+

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NOTICES OF RATEABLE VALUE

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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT IS IN THE COURSE OF SENDING NOTICES OF RATEABLE VALUE (FORMS R4) BY POST TO RATEPAYERS OF PREMISES IN THOSE PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH WERE RECENTLY SPECIFIED AS RATING AREAS.

PREMISES IN THESE AREAS WILL BECOME LIABLE FOR RATES WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PURPOSE OF SENDING THE NOTICES OF RATEABLE VALUE WAS TO INFORM RATEPAYERS OF THE RATING ASSESSMENTS OF THEIR PROPERTIES. HE SAID : +LEAFLETS EXPLAINING GENERALLY ABOUT RATES, LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT, AND EXEMPTIONS, WILL BE SENT WITH THE NOTICES.

+RATEPAYERS ARE ADVISED TO PAY ATTENTION TO PROCEDURES REGARDING THE MAKING OF PROPOSALS FOR THE ALTERATION OF RATEABLE VALUES, WHICH ARE PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE NOTICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ANYONE, WHO IS IN DOUBT REGARDING THE RATEABLE VALUE ASSESSED FOR HIS PROPERTY OR OTHER ASSOCIATED RATING MATTERS, MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES AT THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, 1 GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. : 5-249021).

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TOPLEY TO ATTEND PERFORMANCE BY WINNERS OF DANCE CONTEST

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, WILL ATTEND A PERFORMANCE BY WINNERS OF THE SEVENTH OPEN DANCE CONTEST AT THE CONCERT HALL, CITY HALL NEXT TUESDAY (JANUARY 17).

AT THE END OF THE PERFORMANCE, MR. AND MRS. TOPLEY WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

THE COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG), THE RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION WAS HELD LAST DECEMBER.

MORE THAN 1,500 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN THE CONTEST WHICH INCLUDED BOTH CHINESE AND WESTERN FOLK AND CLASSICAL DANCES.

TICKETS FOR THE WINNERS PERFORMANCE PRICED AT \$5 AND \$10 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE BOOKING OFFICE OF CITY HALL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE DANCE WINNERS PERFORMANCE AT THE CONCERT HALL, CITY HALL AT 7 P.M. NEXT TUESDAY.

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U.S. INDUSTRIALISTS TO VISIT HONG KONG

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SENIOR EXECUTIVES FROM A NUMBER OF U.S. COMPANIES WILL BE MAKING FAMILIARISATION TRIPS TO HONG KONG OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

THE FIRST GROUP, COMPRISING SEVERAL EXECUTIVES FROM TWO MAJOR AMERICAN COMPANIES, WILL ARRIVE HERE SUNDAY (JANUARY 15) ON A FIVE-DAY VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

A FAMILIARISATION PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE VISITORS WITH AN OVER-ALL PICTURE OF HONG KONG, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ITS INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL.

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. ROY PORTER, WILL GIVE A BRIEFING TO THE VISITORS WHO WILL ALSO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

IN ADDITION, THE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIALISTS WILL VISIT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND VIEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE NEW TOWNS OF TAI PO AND TUEN MUN. THEY WILL ALSO VISIT FACTORIES AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH FACTORY MANAGERMENTS ON POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL JOINT VENTURES.

THE INCOMING MISSION IS PART OF HONG KONG'S CONTINUING PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL INDUSTRY BY SHOWING LEADING BUSINESSMEN THE MANY ADVANTAGES THAT HONG KONG HAS TO OFFER AS A MANUFACTURING LOCATION.

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EVENING COURSE FOR PART-TIME LECTURERS

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS OFFERING A TWO-YEAR EVENING COURSE FOR PART-TIME LECTURERS COMMENCING JANUARY 30, 1978. APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FROM TEACHERS OR THOSE INTENDING TO TAKE UP PART-TIME TEACHING.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN EVENING PART-TIME TEACHERS ENGAGED IN FURTHER EDUCATION OR THOSE WISHING TO TAKE UP EVENING PART-TIME TEACHING. THE AIM OF THE COURSE IS TO RAISE THE GENERAL STANDARD OF PART-TIME TEACHING IN HONG KONG.

THE COURSE PROVIDES A STUDY OF PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF TEACHING. IN ADDITION TO THEORETICAL STUDIES, EMPHASIS WILL ALSO BE PLACED ON PRACTICAL TEACHING. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND CLASSES ONE EVENING PER WEEK.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE A GOOD COMMAND OF WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH AND PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH SUITABLE TECHNICAL OR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG FROM SATURDAY (JANUARY 14).

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY JANUARY 21, 1978.

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RE-ROUTING OF HOW MING STREET IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 16), HOW MING STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND BETWEEN HOI BUN ROAD AND HUNG TO ROAD.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS INTRODUCED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SIGNALISATION OF THE JUNCTION BETWEEN WAI YIP STREET AND HOW MING STREET.

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

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT

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THE FINAL TWO MATCHES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S WILSON CUP INTER-SECTION MINI-SOCCER TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE FIRST OF THE TWO MATCHES, BETWEEN TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND RUMSEY STREET CARPARK, WILL KICK OFF AT 5 P.M.

THE OTHER MATCH, CITY HALL CAR PARK VERSUS DRIVING TEST SECTION, WILL KICK OFF AT 6 P.M.

THE WILSON CUP, NAMED AFTER THE FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. BRIAN WILSON, WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FINAL MATCH BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. PETER LEEDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A PHOTOGRAPHER AND/OR REPORTER TO COVER THE TWO MATCHES ON JANUARY 14, AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, STARTING AT 5 P.M.

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