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HONG KONG'S TOP INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX OPENED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY OFFICIALLY OPENED THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ADDRESSING A PACKED AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 3 000 DIGNITARIES AND SPORTS OFFICIALS IN THE ARENA, SIR MURRAY SAID THE STADIUM PROVIDES THE LATEST OF INDOOR FACILITIES WHERE SPORT, RECREATION AND CULTURE ARE PRACTISED AND ENJOYED TO AN EVER INCREASING EXTENT.

HE SAID THE STADIUM ALSO PROVIDES A HOME FOR THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, 23 LOCAL GOVERNING SPORTS BODIES AND A CENTRAL SECRETARIAT - +A VERITABLE POWER-HOUSE OF SPORT+.

+BUT THIS IS NO ORDINARY FACILITY. IT WAS BUILT UNDER THE IMPETUS OF THE ROYAL VISIT COMMEMORATION FUND ORGANISED TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S VISIT IN 1975. SOME OF THE DONORS ARE SEATED BEHIND ME AND I WOULD LIKE TO PAY MY TRIBUTE TO THEIR IMAGINATION AND PUBLIC SPIRIT. THE SUBSTANTIAL SUM THEY RAISED WAS THEN SUPPLEMENTED BY THE ROYAL VISIT GOLD COIN FUND, AND BY GOVERNMENT AND URBAN COUNCIL MONEY TO PROVIDE THIS BUILDING,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

SIR MURRAY COMMENTED THAT THE VISIT OF THE QUEEN AND PRINCE PHILIP WAS A NOTABLE EVENT AND THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY THAT HONG KONG PLAYED HOST TO A REIGNING MONARCH.

+IT WAS A SINGULARLY HAPPY OCCASION CONDUCTED WITH GRACE AND GOODWILL,+ SIR MURRAY NOTED.

+IN THE CITY HALL HER MAJESTY REMINDED US OF OUR TIES WITH BRITAIN, OF THE HARMONY IN WHICH WE LIVE WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND URGED US TO HOLD TO OUR VISION OF BOTH THE PROSPERITY AND ALSO THE MANY-SIDED LIFE WE ARE ENDEAVOURING TO BUILD BY THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS THAT BESET AN OVER-CROWDED CITY. THESE ARE THE CORNERSTONES OF OUR EXISTENCE, AND IT WAS RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD BE REMINDED OF THEM ON THAT OCCASION.

+IT WAS IN ALL RESPECTS A GREAT VISIT, WORTHY OF A LASTING MONUMENT. IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THIS SHOULD BE NOT AN ARCH OR A STATUE BUT THIS BUILDING, IN WHICH OVER THE YEARS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS WILL FIND HEALTH, ENJOYMENT, AND RELIEF FROM THE PRESSURES OF EVERYDAY LIFE. IN DOING SO LET THEM ALSO THINK OF THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND QUIET CONFIDENCE PERSONIFIED BY THE QUEEN THE PUBLIC SUBSCRIBED TO HONOUR IN THIS WAY,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR A. DE O. SALES, SAID THE OPENING OF THE STADIUM WAS A DISTINCT COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT.

+IT IS THE CREATION OF ANOTHER ASSET OF FAR-REACHING SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT WILL BENEFIT THE YOUTH OF HONG KONG IN MANY WAYS IF IT IS PUT TO ITS INTENDED USE JUST AS IT WILL GIVE PLEASURE TO ALL WHO COME HERE FOR THE MANY SPORTS, CULTURAL AND OTHER PROGRAMMES WHICH MAY NOW BE PUT ON UNDER PROPER AND COMFORTABLE CONDITIONS AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR,+ MR SALES SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT, THE MAJOR DONORS, OTHER PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE URBAN COUNCIL TOGETHER FINANCED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS COMPLEX. THE COST OF RUNNING IT WILL BE VERY HEAVY, ESTIMATED AT \$9.1 MILLION TO START OFF IN THE FIRST YEAR, AND WILL BE BORNE ENTIRELY BY THE COUNCIL AS A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY,+ MR SALES ADDED.

EARLIER, THE GOVERNOR UNVEILED TWO PLAQUES AT THE STADIUM'S ENTRANCE, ONE TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND THE OTHER THE DONORS TO THE ROYAL VISIT COMMEMORATION FUND.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR D.W. MCDONALD PRESENTED A KEY TO MR SALES TO SIGNIFY THE HANDING-OVER OF THE 13-STOREY MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED A MARCH-PAST OF NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION TEAMS, TABLE-TENNIS DEMONSTRATION MATCHES AND DISPLAYS OF JUDO, BADMINTON AND FENCING. A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION ON SPORTS WAS ALSO MOUNTED IN THE LOBBY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE STADIUM.

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SECOND TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL BEING ORGANISED * * * *

AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED TO ORGANISE THE SECOND TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL WILL OPEN ON NOVEMBER 1 AND LAST THREE WEEKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID THE IDEA OF THE FESTIVAL WAS TO INCREASE LOCAL INTEREST IN SPORT, TO RAISE SPORTING STANDARDS AND TO HELP PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND INTEGRATION AMONG NEW RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN.

THE FESTIVAL WAS FIRST HELD LAST YEAR AND PROVED TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL. AS A RESULT IT WAS DECIDED TO MAKE IT AN ANNUAL EVENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NEW FEATURES OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, SQUASH COMPETITIONS AND CANOE POLO MATCHES.

AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL BE FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BADMINTON, BOXING, VOLLEYBALL, BASEBALL, HANDBALL AND TABLE TENNIS. THERE WILL ALSO BE ATHLETICS AND AQUATIC EVENTS, GYMNASTIC AND MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAYS, AS WELL AS ARCHERY DEMONSTRATIONS.

MOST ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW INDOOR GAMES HALL IN KWAI CHUNG WHICH WILL BE OPENED BY THE END OF OCTOBER.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WILL PROVIDE \$150 000 FOR THE FESTIVAL AND ANOTHER \$50 000 IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, IS PATRON OF THE COMMITTEE AND TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES HAYES, IS PRESIDENT.

THE COMMITTEE HAS 31 MEMBERS WHO COME FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, POLICE AND TSUEN WAN SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

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LABOUR LAW BREAKERS PENALISED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT LAST (JULY) MONTH TOOK OUT 834 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LEGISLATION.

OF THE CASES TAKEN OUT BY THE DEPARTMENT'S PROSECUTIONS UNIT, 816 RESULTED IN CONVICTION, AND FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS TOTALLED MORE THAN \$567 000.

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, 328 CONCERNED VIOLATION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS AND THE FINES AMOUNTED TO \$349 075.

OF THESE CASES, 208 (\$183 675 IN FINES) WERE FOR BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 59 (\$101 150 IN FINES) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

OFFENCES IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR 451 CASES WITH \$204 180 IN FINES.

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PREVOCATIONAL STUDENTS HAVE WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

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THE INTRODUCTION OF FORMS IV AND V IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS STARTING FROM 1981 WILL MAKE THIS SCHOOL SYSTEM MORE FLEXIBLE, MR T.L. LAM, ACTING SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS AND SERVICES) SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN INDUCTION COURSE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHERS IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HELD AT LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN KOWLOON TONG.

THE SETTING UP OF SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS IN THESE SCHOOLS WOULD OFFER FORM III LEAVERS A CHOICE OF JOINING INDUSTRY FOR FURTHER TRAINING, OR GOING ON TO FORM V IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS, MR LAM SAID.

+THIS FLEXIBLE SYSTEM WILL ENABLE THE STUDENTS TO MAKE A SUITABLE CHOICE IN THE FORM OF FURTHER EDUCATION OR TRAINING BEST SUITED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES,+ HE SAID.

GRADUATE TEACHERS ARE RECRUITED FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR TO TEACH IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) SAID THAT PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION WAS BECOMING MORE AND MORE POPULAR.

+THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS SEEKING ENTRY INTO PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS THIS COMING ACADEMIC YEAR IS FOUR TIMES THE NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

MR WATERS SAID ALL THE SCHOOLS WOULD TAKE PART IN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TO BE INTRODUCED NEXT JANUARY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SUBSIDIZED FORM IV PLACES.

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RESERVOIR FISHING SEASON STARTS NEXT WEEK

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THE ANNUAL RESERVOIR FISHING SEASON WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) AND LAST TILL MARCH 31, 1981.

LICENCES FOR RESERVOIR FISHING CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

+THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAS SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THOSE APPLYING IN PERSON TO HAVE THEIR LICENCE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY,+ A SPOKESMAN SAID.

AN APPLICANT SIMPLY SHOWS HIS IDENTITY CARD, GIVES HIS NAME AND ADDRESS AND PAYS A FEE OF \$20, HE SAID.

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APPLICANTS MAY ALSO APPLY BY POST, GIVING THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBER TOGETHER WITH A CROSSED-CHEQUE FOR \$20 MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. THEIR FISHING LICENCE WILL BE ISSUED BY MAIL.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED LICENCE HOLDERS THAT ALL THE RULES OF RESERVOIR FISHING MUST BE OBSERVED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PHOTOGRAPH OF ICAC COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE

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COPIES OF A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF MR PETER WILLIAMS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE STANDING COMMISSION ON CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM GIS PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

MR WILLIAMS WILL SUCCEED SIR DONALD LUDDINGTON, WHO WILL BE RETIRING IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, AS COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

THE PHOTOGRAPH IS FOR YOUR RECORD AND EDITORIAL USE.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF BOUNDARY STREET FLYOVER

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THE EASTBOUND LANE OF THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM BOUNDARY STREET TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM TONIGHT AND AGAIN TOMORROW (THURSDAY) NIGHT FOR ROAD REPAIR.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER SUPPLY CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF MID-LEVELS WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 29).

THE AREA COVERS CONDUIT ROAD, OLD PEAK ROAD, HORNSEY ROAD, TREGUNTER PATH, MAY ROAD FROM HOUSE NO 1 TO OLD PEAK ROAD, AND ROBINSON ROAD HOUSE NOS 1-9 AND 79-85.

THE ALBANY AND THE WATER WORKS QUARTERS AT GARDEN ROAD WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED BY THE WATER CUT.

ALSO ON FRIDAY, BEGINNING AT 10 PM, WATER SUPPLY TO MEI WAN STREET AND ALLWAY GARDEN IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR NINE HOURS ENDING AT 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (SATURDAY).

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SPEECH BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, KBE, KCMG, KCVO,
AT THE OPENING OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON AUGUST 27, 1980

It gives me great pleasure to be here to declare open this fine new building. It is the latest addition to our growing array of outdoor and indoor facilities where sport, recreation and culture are practised and enjoyed to an ever increasing extent.

It is the finest yet, with seating for 3 600 and a versatility that spans all the way from full-scale exhibitions, ballet and opera, to basketball and ping pong.

It also provides a home for the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee, 23 local governing sports bodies and a central secretariat - a veritable power-house of sport.

I congratulate the Public Works Department and the architects and contractors and all others who have helped to concentrate so much into this building that will contribute to the lighter side of life in Hong Kong, and done so with such pleasing taste.

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Now with the keys presented, it is handed over to the expert management of the Urban Council. We all wish them resounding success.

But this is no ordinary facility. It was built under the impetus of the Royal Visit Commemoration Fund organised to commemorate The Queen's visit in 1975. Some of the donors are seated behind me and I would like to pay my tribute to their imagination and public spirit. The substantial sum they raised was then supplemented by the Royal Visit Gold Coin Fund, and by Government and Urban Council money to provide this building.

The visit of Her Majesty and Prince Philip was a notable event; the first time in its history that Hong Kong played host to a reigning monarch. It was a singularly happy occasion conducted with grace and goodwill.

In the City Hall Her Majesty reminded us of our ties with Britain, of the harmony in which we live with the People's Republic of China, and urged us to hold to our vision of both the prosperity and also the many-sided life we are endeavouring to build by the solution of the problems that beset an overcrowded city. These are the cornerstones of our existence, and it was right that we should be reminded of them on that occasion.

It was in all respects a great visit, worthy of a lasting monument. It is appropriate that this should be not an arch or a statue but this building, in which over the years hundreds of thousands will find health, enjoyment, and relief from the pressures of everyday life. In doing so let them also think of the spirit of service and quiet confidence personified by The Queen the public subscribed to honour in this way.