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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA ARRIVES

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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND HER HUSBAND THE HON ANGUS OGILVY ARRIVED THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON ON THEIR SIXTH OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THE BLUE AND WHITE RAF CHARTERED 707 ON WHICH THE ROYAL COUPLE WERE TRAVELLING TOUCHED DOWN AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT PRECISELY 4.26 PM, FOUR MINUTES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, DRESSED AGAINST THE COLD IN A VIVID NARROW CUT BLUE WOOLLEN OVERCOAT, BROWN FUR HAT AND BROWN BOOTS, STEPPED OUT OF THE AIR BRIDGE INTO THE AIRPORT'S TERMINAL BUILDING TO A WARM WELCOME BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND LADY MACLEHOSE.

SIR MURRAY THEN PRESENTED TO THE PRINCESS HIS AIDE-DE-CAMP, MR ANGUS STEVENSON-HAMILTON, THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE, MR JUSTICE A.A. HUGGINS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, AND LADY CATER, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJ GEN SIR ROY REDGRAVE, AND LADY REDGRAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG, AND MRS CHEUNG, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY.

DESPITE THE EIGHT DEGREE WEATHER AND THE LONG 12 300-KILOMETRE JOURNEY FROM LONDON, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA LOOKED RADIANT AND REFRESHED AS SHE CHATTED WITH THE WELCOMING PARTY.

THE ROYAL COUPLE SMILED TO THE 40 PRESSMEN COVERING THEIR ARRIVAL BEFORE PROCEEDING TO A WAITING ROLLS ROYCE LIMOUSINE FOR THE TRIP TO FANLING LODGE WHERE THEY WILL REST BEFORE STARTING A BUSY SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS ON THURSDAY.

INCLUDED IN THE PRINCESS'S ENTOURAGE WERE HER LADY-IN-WAITING, LADY MARY FITZALAN-HOWARD, AS WELL AS HRH'S SECRETARY AND HAIRDRESSER.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA'S FIRST PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON THURSDAY WILL BE THE OPENING OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WHERE SHE WILL ALSO DOT THE EYES OF A LION AND A UNICORN AND WATCH A DANCE BY YOUNGSTERS OF TSUEN WAN.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF HER NINE-DAY VISIT WILL BE AT CHATER STATION WHERE THE PRINCESS WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE NEXT TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 12) TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY -- HONG KONG'S LARGEST PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECT.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL MEET COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AT A RECEPTION IN THE CHATER STATION LOBBY.

DURING HER STAY IN HONG KONG, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING VARIOUS NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT FIRST HAND. HER PROGRAMME INCLUDES VISITS TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, THE RED CROSS MEDICAL CENTRE AT KAI TAK AND THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR WHERE SHE WILL START A PUMP TO DRAW WATER FOR THE FIRST TIME FROM THE $1 348 MILLION WATER SCHEME.

THE ROYAL COUPLE WILL ALSO VISIT CHEUNG CHAU AND TAI O BEFORE LEAVING ON FEBRUARY 13.

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POLICE MOUNT GUARD FOR PRINCESS ALEXANDRA

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AFTER WALKING THE BEATS OF KOWLOON, MOUNTING GUARD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE MIGHT SEEM LIKE A HOLIDAY FOR MANY POLICE OFFICERS. BUT FOR THE MEN OF THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT, THE GUARD DUTY PRESENTS A RARE HONOUR.

THE MEN OF NO 2 PLATOON, GOLF COMPANY, CHOSEN TO MOUNT GUARD FOR HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WHILST SHE IS IN RESIDENCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, KNOW THAT WHEN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE IS SELECTED FOR ROYAL DUTIES, THE PTU IS THE POLICE CONTINGENT TRAINED TO REPRESENT THE FORCE. THE PRINCESS IS THE HONORARY COMMANDANT-GENERAL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

+TWO MONTHS AGO THESE MEN WERE ALL POUNDING BEATS IN KOWLOON,+ SAID CHIEF INSPECTOR ALAN NEWTON, THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE PLATOON FOR ITS SIX DAYS' GUARD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. +NOW THEY'RE TRAINING HARD FOR THEIR ROYAL DUTIES.+

THE 32 MEN OF NO 2 PLATOON WILL FORM FOUR SQUADS OF SEVEN CONSTABLES AND A SERGEANT GUARD COMMANDER. THEY WILL WORK AS TWO GUARDS, MAINTAINING AN ALERT PRESENCE COMBINED WITH CEREMONIAL PROCEDURES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

WHEN HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ARRIVES AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 8) AFTERNOON, GUARD COMMANDER SERGEANT CHAN HUNG-FUN WILL CALL OUT THE FIRST GUARD SQUAD AND GIVE THE ORDER TO PRESENT ARMS FOR A ROYAL SALUTE.

FROM THEN UNTIL THE PRINCESS LEAVES HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 13 THE POLICE WILL STAND GUARD OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT HOUSE FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM EVERY DAY.

WHEN HER ROYAL HIGHNESS LEAVES GOVERNMENT HOUSE THE GUARD WILL AGAIN BE TURNED OUT, THIS TIME FOR INSPECTION BY THEIR HONORARY COMMANDANT-GENERAL. THE GUARD COMMANDER ON THIS OCCASION WILL BE SERGEANT LUK SHIU-PANG.

IT WILL BE THE SECOND TIME THAT THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT WILL BE REPRESENTING THE FORCE ON ROYAL GUARD DUTIES. IN 1972, WHEN PRINCESS ALEXANDRA MADE HER FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG AS THE HONORARY COMMANDANT-GENERAL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, THE UNIT WAS CHOSEN TO PROVIDE THE GUARD.

+THE MEN HAVE BEEN HAND PICKED FOR THEIR SMARTNESS,+ SAID MR NEWTON. +THEY ARE WORKING HARD EVERY DAY TO LEARN THE DRILL AND I KNOW THAT THE SATISFACTION THEY WILL GAIN FROM MOUNTING GUARD FOR HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL MAKE THEIR EFFORTS ALL THE MORE WORTHWHILE.+

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NEW DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES
MEETS PRIMARY PRODUCERS
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THE NEW DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN WILL PAY A SERIES OF KUNG HEI FAT CHOY VISITS TO PRIMARY PRODUCERS AND RURAL LEADERS.

THE PROGRAMME STARTED TONIGHT WHEN HE ATTENDED A DINNER WITH FARMERS. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH WITH FISHERMEN ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 8). HE WILL ALSO ATTEND A SERIES OF INFORMAL GATHERINGS WITH RURAL REPRESENTATIVES IN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG DISTRICTS.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISITS BY THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DR C.T. WONG- NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, DR H.Y. LEE- NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES, MR ROY CHILVERS- AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS, MR MARTIN LEWIS.

THE CHANGES IN DIRECTORATE LEVEL OF THE DEPARTMENT CAME ABOUT WITH THE RETIREMENT OF MR TED NICHOLS WHO WAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND THEN DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR 21 YEARS. THE CHANGES WERE EFFECTIVE FROM LAST FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 1).

AT TONIGHT'S DINNER AT YUEN LONG, MR RIDDELL-SWAN TOLD THE FARMERS THAT THE YEAR OF THE GOAT HAD BEEN A GOOD YEAR DESPITE THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON HOPE AND TYPHOON MAC IN SEPTEMBER.

+FOR VEGETABLE FARMERS THE YEAR WAS MARKED BY GOOD YIELDS AND STEADY PRICES WHICH ENABLED FARMERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR SHARE OF THE LOCAL MARKET DESPITE THE ONGOING LOSS OF GOOD AGRICULTURAL LAND THROUGH INCREASED URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

+I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT VEGETABLE FARMERS HAVE BEEN TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE AGRICULTURAL LOAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE LABOUR SAVING DEVICES, SUCH AS ROTARY CULTIVATORS AND SPRINKLER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS,+ SAID MR RIDDELL-SWAN.

HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THREE FARMERS, MR LEUNG CHIK, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU, AND MR TANG CHE-LEUNG FOR BEING AWARDED BADGES OF HONOUR BY THE QUEEN.

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USA DELEGATION HERE TO STUDY AIRPORT FACILITIES

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THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR BRIAN KEEP TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF AIRPORT OFFICIALS FROM LOS ANGELES, USA WHO ARE HERE TO STUDY FACILITIES AT HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE DELEGATION HEADED BY MR CLIFTON MOORE, GENERAL MANAGER OF DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS ALSO INCLUDES AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS MR SAMUEL GREENBERG AND MR ROBERT COLLINS.

THEY ARE ON A SPECIAL TRIP TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF MODERN AIRPORT FACILITIES TO ASSIST THE AUTHORITIES IN DRAWING UP THE DESIGN OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER TERMINAL FOR LOS ANGELES.

THE GROUP IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AIRPORT'S CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND CONCESSION FACILITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GROUP WILL VISIT KAI TAK AIRPORT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING. PHOTOGRAPHERS WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD MEET SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER MR H.L. KO IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM NOT LATER THAN 9.45 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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COURSE FOR MATHS TEACHERS
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A COURSE ON THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS WILL BE REPEATED IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS TO ENABLE MORE MATHEMATICS TEACHERS TO ATTEND.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID SIMILAR COURSES HELD IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR WERE HEAVILY OVERSUBSCRIBED.

+IN VIEW OF THE ENTHUSIASM OF UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS AND AT THE REQUEST OF MANY OTHER TEACHERS, IT IS DECIDED TO REPEAT THIS COURSE FOR SIX MORE GROUPS OF TEACHERS,+ HE SAID.

THE HALF-DAY COURSE WILL COVER ELEMENTARY OPERATIONS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF CALCULATORS, RANGING FROM THE ELEMENTARY ONES TO THE MORE COMPLEX PROGRAMMABLE TYPE.

A SELECTION OF MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE MATHEMATICS SYLLABUSES WILL BE USED TO DEMONSTRATE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE MODELS AVAILABLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

LECTURES, PRACTICAL WORK AND DISCUSSIONS IN CANTONESE WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE COURSE WHICH WILL BE HELD EITHER ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS OR SATURDAY MORNINGS AT THE MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE IN NORTH POINT.

NO FEE IS CHARGED FOR THE COURSE, AND ATTENDANCE WILL NOT LEAD TO ANY NEW QUALIFICATIONS.

EACH SESSION IS FOR 25 TEACHERS AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

+HOWEVER, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE APPLICANTS WHO WERE NOT SELECTED FOR COURSES LAST YEAR DUE TO OVERSUBSCRIPTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS BEFORE FEBRUARY 29 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (MATHEMATICS), MATHEMATICS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COURSE CAN BE MADE WITH THE MATHEMATICS SECTION ON TELEPHONE 5-774001 EXT 47.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OPENING OF NEW VILLAGE IN SHA TIN
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, WILL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF PAT TZE WO NEW VILLAGE NEAR SHA TIN WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S VILLAGE REMOVAL SCHEME.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10.30 AM AT THE NEW VILLAGE ON A HILLSIDE ABOVE FO TAN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.30 AM.

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CLOSURE OF CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL ROAD
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CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC PERMANENTLY FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 8) TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF A BRIDGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

WITH THE CLOSURE OF THIS ROAD, ACCESS TO CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, CHING CHUNG KOON, KEI LUN WAI AND OTHER VILLAGES IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN CAN BE VIA SEVERAL UNNAMED ROADS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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