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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR LONDON TOMORROW

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR LONDON FOR TALKS WITH OFFICIALS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE AND WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

AMONG THE SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO BE DISCUSSED WILL BE THE RECENT MEASURES AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

ON MONDAY EVENING, SIR MURRAY WILL ATTEND A DINNER RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE MAIN SPEAKER IS THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRADE, MR CECIL PARKINSON. SIR MURRAY AND MR DAVID NEWBIGGING, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHAMBER, WILL ALSO SPEAK AT THE DINNER.

ON TUESDAY, SIR MURRAY WILL ATTEND A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE FOLLOWING DAY THE GOVERNOR WILL GO TO HONG KONG HOUSE TO ATTEND A RECEPTION FOR TWO POLICEMEN RECEIVING GALLANTRY MEDALS AND PRESENTATION OF THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL TO MR J.E. OVER, FORMER DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE. MR OVER, WHO WAS ON SECONDMENT FROM A BRITISH POLICE FORCE, PLANNED AND ESTABLISHED THE COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICE AND THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, SIR MURRAY WILL ADDRESS THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH SHIPPING AT ITS ANNUAL DINNER.

THE GOVERNOR WILL MEET LEADERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN LONDON ON THURSDAY AT A PRE-DINNER RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, MR DAVID FORD.

WHILE IN LONDON, SIR MURRAY WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE OFFICES OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

SIR MURRAY WILL FLY TO GLASGOW TO JOIN LADY MACLEHOSE FOR A SHORT HOLIDAY BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 12.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THERE WILL BE A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY AT KAI TAK AIRPORT TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE ON FLIGHT BA20 WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE AT 9 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WISHING TO COVER THIS EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 8.15 PM. PROOF OF IDENTITY IS REQUIRED TO FACILITATE ENTRY INTO THE AIRPORT'S RESTRICTED AREA.

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SHA TIN PEOPLE TO MANAGE THEIR OWN TOWN

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THE GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING TO THE TIME WHEN THE PEOPLE OF SHA TIN MANAGE THEIR OWN TOWN, SET THEIR OWN STANDARDS AND PLAN AND INITIATE THEIR OWN LEISURE ACTIVITIES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT CHUNG CHI COLLEGE.

+ONLY WHEN WE ARE APPROACHING THIS STAGE IN OUR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL WE BE ABLE TO SAY, 'THIS IS A COMMUNITY',+ HE SAID.

+THESE ARE THE SIMPLE UNDERLYING REASONS BEHIND RECENT PROPOSALS FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT.

+WE HAVE GRADUALLY TO REPLACE THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ON THE ONE HAND AND PEOPLE ON THE OTHER BY A TRIPLE PARTNERSHIP OF REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN BY DIRECT ELECTION- OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY REASON OF THEIR QUALITIES OF LOCAL LEADERSHIP AND, THIRDLY, THOSE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE TOWNS IS MAINTAINED.+

THIS WOULD PROVIDE THE BEST MEANS TO ENSURE THAT STANDARDS WERE KEPT, NEEDS FELT, WISHES FULFILLED, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY FAILURES AND SHORTCOMINGS UNDERSTOOD, MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

HE SAID IN SUPPORT OF THESE MEASURES GOVERNMENT WAS ALREADY TAKING CARE THAT PARTICULAR PHYSICAL FACILITIES WERE PROVIDED TO MEET THE SOCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SHA TIN: SCHOOLS, CLINICS, POLICE STATIONS -- ALL WOULD BE THERE- KINDERGARTENS AND OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES- DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR BOY SCOUTS, GIRL GUIDES, CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AND FOOTBALL TEAMS- +AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, IN OUR PLANNING WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BALANCE THE JOBS AVAILABLE WITH THE NUMBER OF WORKERS.+

+BUT I BELIEVE THAT IN OUR PLANS WE MIGHT HAVE NEGLECTED, OR TO HAVE INSUFFICIENTLY CONSIDERED, ONE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT - THE WOMEN OF THE TOWN: YOUNG MOTHERS WHO SPEND MANY HOURS EACH DAY ENCLOSED IN SMALL FLATS ALONE WITH VERY YOUNG CHILDREN- OR, LATER ON, WAITING FOR THEM TO COME HOME FROM SCHOOL, WORRYING ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S AMBITIONS AND ATTITUDES AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE- AND ELDERLY WOMEN NEEDING COMPANIONSHIP, AND A SENSE OF USEFULNESS AND PURPOSE.

+I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THESE THOUGHTS WITH A NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, AND I WAS ENCOURAGED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE WITH ME THAT WE MUST TEST THESE ASSUMPTIONS AND, IF THE NEED EXISTS, WE MUST PROVIDE WHATEVER MEANS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET IT IN SHA TIN AND OUR OTHER NEW TOWNS.+

/MR AKERS-JONES

MR AKERS-JONES SAID HE GAVE THIS MERELY AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE CAREFUL WAY WE MUST COMB THROUGH OUR SOCIAL STRUCTURE TO SEARCH OUT THE WEAK, THE LONELY AND THE IGNORED AND TO DEAL WITH THE CAUSES OF CRIME, CORRUPTION, DISEASE AND DIRT.

THIS WAS WHERE THOSE WHO TAUGHT AT CHUNG CHI AND THOSE WHO LEARNED THERE COULD GIVE WISE ADVICE AND COUNSEL, AND, HE HOPED, PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A +COMMUNITY+ AT SHA TIN AND IN OUR OTHER NEW TOWNS.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID IN THE PAST DECADE THE PACE OF SOCIAL CHANGE HAD BEEN EXTRAORDINARY- IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS THE PACE WOULD QUICKEN AS A RESULT OF UNIVERSAL SECONDARY EDUCATION, ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, IMPROVED SOCIAL SERVICES, A RISING STANDARD OF LIVING, AND CHANGING ATTITUDES TO FAMILY LIFE.

+MOREOVER, IN THE SPACE OF A FEW YEARS, WE ARE MOVING SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE TO LIVE IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT IN OUR NEW TOWNS- MOVEMENT ON A SCALE THAT HAS, SO FAR AS I KNOW, NEVER BEFORE BEEN ATTEMPTED ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.+

HE SAID: +IT IS DIFFICULT TO GRASP THE HUMAN REALITY BEHIND THE NUMBERS AND THE MASSES OF STATISTICS THAT ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND A COMFORTING RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT AND MATERIAL PROGRESS:

+THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOUSED- MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT- PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN TRAFFIC- YEARS OF EDUCATION- BEDS- PLACES- DAY-EQUIVALENT-STUDENTS, AND SO ON.+

WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FIGURES AND THE MASSES OF CONCRETE, IT IS EASY AND JUSTIFIABLE TO SPEAK WITH A MEASURE OF PRIDE OF THE MATERIAL CITY WE ARE BUILDING ON YOUR DOORSTEP. BUT ARE WE GIVING ENOUGH THOUGHT TO THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO WILL INHABIT IT? MR AKERS-JONES ASKED.

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#### 'THANK-YOU' RECEPTION FOR HK FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTORS

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MR ALAN SCOTT, SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, TODAY COMMENDED THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE HONG KONG IN LONDON FESTIVAL HELD IN BATTERSEA PARK, LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21.

ACCORDING TO BRITISH PRESS REPORTS, OVER 750 000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE FESTIVAL, 250 000 ON THE FIRST DAY AND 500 000 ON THE SECOND. IT IS VERY UNUSUAL FOR SUCH A BIG TURN-OUT AT PROMOTIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THIS TYPE IN LONDON.

SPEAKING AT A 'THANK-YOU' RECEPTION FOR THE FESTIVAL CONTRIBUTORS HELD IN THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT THEATRE, MR SCOTT SAID, +WITHOUT THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, THE FESTIVAL WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.+

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THE ORIGINAL AIM IN ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL WAS MAINLY TO CORRECT IN BRITAIN THE MISCONCEPTIONS AND ADVERSE PUBLICITY ABOUT HONG KONG.

THE RESULT NOT ONLY ACHIEVED THE AIM BUT ALSO PROJECTED A GOOD IMAGE OF HONG KONG.

AT THE TWO-DAY EVENT, LONDONERS HAD THE CHANCE TO JOIN A HONG KONG-STYLE FESTIVAL AS WELL AS LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT HONG KONG'S CAPACITY TO ORGANISE A PROMOTION OF SUCH MAGNITUDE.

MANY VISITORS TO THE FESTIVAL SAID AFTER ATTENDING THE FUNCTION THAT THEY WOULD VISIT HONG KONG ON THEIR NEXT HOLIDAY TRIP.

PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG IN LONDON WERE VERY PROUD OF THE FESTIVAL. THEY WERE HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO SHOW SO MANY FASCINATING CULTURAL PERFORMANCES TO LONDONERS. MR DAVID FORD, HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, SHARED THEIR VIEWS. MR SCOTT ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF MR DAVID FORD TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS.

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#### \$10 MILLION GRANT FOR NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RECOMMEND THAT A GRANT OF ABOUT \$10 MILLION BE MADE FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TOWARDS A NEW BUILDING PROPOSED BY THE ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY MR DENIS BRAY, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS TODAY WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT.

COMMENTING ON THE PLAN OF THE SETTLEMENT TO EXPAND INTO A NEW BUILDING, MR BRAY SAID: +THE GOVERNMENT, TOO, WELCOMES THE SETTLEMENT'S PROPOSALS, WHICH WILL DO MUCH TO ALLEVIATE THE CURRENT SHORTFALL OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN THE WAN CHAI AREA.+

ALTHOUGH FINAL DETAILS HAD STILL TO BE AGREED, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE WAS PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO RECOMMEND TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT A GRANT EQUIVALENT TO THE CAPITAL COST OF A STANDARD COMMUNITY CENTRE BE MADE FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TOWARDS THE SETTLEMENT'S NEW BUILDING, HE SAID.

+AT PRESENT PRICES, THIS WOULD BE ROUGHLY \$10 MILLION,+ HE ADDED.

MR BRAY WAS ADVISED BY THE DIRECTOR THAT THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NEW BUILDING WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED IN A COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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THE NEW BUILDING WOULD, UNDER ONE ROOF, HOUSE A VARIETY OF SERVICES FOR +ALL GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND FOR PEOPLE WITH VARYING CAPABILITIES+, TO ENABLE THEM TO LIVE WITH, UNDERSTAND AND HELP ONE ANOTHER, HE SAID.

HE COMMENDED THE SERVICES OF THE SETTLEMENT WHICH WAS STARTED LATE IN 1949 WHEN HONG KONG WAS RECEIVING AN INFLUX OF IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA EVEN NOW UNPARALLELED.

HE RECALLED THAT IN 1975, A GREAT STRIDE FORWARD TOOK PLACE WITH THE GRANT OF LAND BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE SETTLEMENT.

+THERE IS A MAGIC WORD IN HONG KONG'S SUCCESS STORY -- FLEXIBILITY,+ MR BRAY SAID. +WE FIND THIS SAME FLEXIBILITY IN ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT.+

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#### FIREMEN'S PART IN SUICIDE RESCUE COMMENDED \* \* \* \*

TWO FIRE OFFICERS AND TWO FIREMEN WHO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN PREVENTING A YOUNG WOMAN FROM LEAPING TO HER DEATH FROM A HIGH-RISE MONG KOK BUILDING THREE MONTHS AGO HAVE BEEN COMMENDED.

FIREMAN MAK CHI-SING RECEIVED THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION WHILE ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER WONG HING-YIP, STATION OFFICER WONG CHUNG-NGOR AND FIREMAN LEE CHI-SHING RECEIVED THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES COMMENDATION.

AT A CEREMONY IN MONG KOK FIRE STATION TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON, PRESENTED THE COMMENDATIONS.

ON JULY 29, A YOUNG WOMAN ATTEMPTED TO COMMIT SUICIDE BY JUMPING FROM THE 24TH FLOOR OF A PORTLAND STREET BUILDING. SHE FELL ON A LEDGE ONE FLOOR BELOW.

FIRE SERVICES MEN RUSHED TO THE SCENE AND FOR HOURS TRIED TO DISSUADE HER FROM JUMPING AGAIN. SHE REFUSED TO LISTEN, BECAME HOSTILE AND EVEN SLASHED HER BODY WITH A PIECE OF GLASS.

THEN FIREMAN MAK WAS STEALTHILY LOWERED TO THE LEDGE AND WITH THE HELP OF HIS COLLEAGUE LEE CHI-SHING, SUCCEEDED IN SAVING THE WOMAN'S LIFE.

THE TWO OFFICERS WERE COMMENDED FOR THE LEADERSHIP IN THE OPERATION.

WHEN PRESENTING THE COMMENDATIONS, MR WATSON SAID THE FOUR MEN DISPLAYED SKILL, TACT AND LEADERSHIP.

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### RSS PROVIDES PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

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THE AIM OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) IS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN TO DO SOMETHING ENJOYABLE AND MEANINGFUL WITH THEIR LEISURE TIME, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY AT THE FOUNDER'S DAY OF METHODIST COLLEGE.

HE SAID PLAY WAS A BASIC HUMAN NEED. THROUGH PLAY, SMALL CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE WORLD AND LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS. AFTER CHILDHOOD, PLAY CONTINUES TO BE IMPORTANT, BOTH FOR THE PHYSICAL BENEFIT WHICH EXERCISE BRINGS WITH IT, AND FOR THE SOCIAL CONTACT IT MAKES POSSIBLE, MR WIGGHAM SAID.

SINCE PLAY - RECREATION - IS VITAL TO OUR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, AS WELL AS OUR PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT, IT IS THE AIM OF THE RSS TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO DO SO, HE SAID.

THE RSS WAS SET UP IN LATE 1974. IN ITS FIRST FULL YEAR OF OPERATION, ABOUT 130 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN ITS ACTIVITIES. IN THE FOUR YEARS SINCE THEN, THE ANNUAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS INCREASED TO ALMOST HALF A MILLION, AND IN EVERY YEAR SINCE IT STARTED, ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN AGED UNDER 25.

+EVERY MONTH EACH OF THE 17 RSS DISTRICT OFFICES ORGANISES SEVERAL DOZEN DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES -- SPORTS TRAINING COURSES, RECREATIONAL EXCURSIONS, LOCAL COMPETITIONS, LARGE-SCALE DISTRICT FUN DAYS, OR ACTIVITIES PUBLICISING A GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN. LAST YEAR THE SERVICE AS A WHOLE RAN ALMOST 4 000 DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HOWEVER, HE EMPHASISED THAT THE RSS WAS NOT JUST A MASS PRODUCTION MACHINE CONCERNED WITH NUMBERS. EVERY ACTIVITY IT ORGANISED HAD A PURPOSE. IT MIGHT BE TO INTRODUCE A NEW SPORT TO THE PUBLIC, TO STIMULATE A CERTAIN GROUP TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE, TO DEVELOP A PARTICULAR SPORT BY ORGANISING A TRAINING COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS OR JUDGES OR OTHER SKILLED PERSONNEL, OR IT MIGHT BE TO PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUAL WITH ENOUGH BASIC TRAINING TO ENABLE HIM - OR HER - TO JOIN A CLUB AND DEVELOP THAT INTEREST AND SKILL STILL FURTHER.

+OR IT MIGHT BE JUST TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER WITHIN THEIR OWN NEIGHBOURHOOD, TO HELP THEM FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING, A SENSE OF COMMUNITY,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+AS OUR CITY BECOMES MORE CROWDED, WE NEED MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRYSIDE. I AM SURE YOU ALL KNOW ABOUT THE RSS'S SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WHICH HAS PROVED SO POPULAR.

+ANOTHER CENTRE IS BEING PLANNED NEAR TSUEN WAN, DUE TO OPEN IN 1983, AND OUR FIRST HOLIDAY VILLAGE WILL OPEN AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AT TSAK YUE WU IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK,+ HE DISCLOSED.

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HE ADDED THAT THE RSS WAS ALSO PLANNING WATER SPORTS CENTRES, TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN THE CHALLENGING SKILLS OF SAILING A BOAT OR PADDLING A CANOE, WHILE THE CHONG HING HIKING SCHEME, WHICH WAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED, WOULD ENCOURAGE THOUSANDS OF ENERGETIC YOUNGSTERS, AND PERHAPS THEIR PARENTS, TO DISCOVER SOME OF THE JOYS OF HILL-WALKING.

MR WIGGHAM DREW ATTENTION TO HIS USE OF THE WORD +OPPORTUNITY+. +WE CAN'T FORCE PEOPLE TO TAKE UP A PASTIME OR AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY. BUT WE PROVIDE THE 'OPPORTUNITY' FOR THEM TO DO SO,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT IN LIFE'S WAY, THERE WERE MANY OPPORTUNITIES, OTHER THAN JUST THOSE PROVIDED BY THE RSS, THAT PRESENTED THEMSELVES TO EVERYBODY, AND IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THESE OPPORTUNITIES -- OPPORTUNITIES NOT ONLY TO TAKE, BUT ALSO TO GIVE -- WERE NOT FORGOTTEN.

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#### ID CARD REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3) UNDER THE NEW IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

FOR EMPLOYERS, IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE AS FROM MONDAY TO HAVE IN THEIR EMPLOY ANYONE WHO DOES NOT HAVE AN IDENTITY CARD OR OTHER SPECIFIED PROOF OF IDENTITY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THOSE WHO TAKE ON PEOPLE WITHOUT ID CARDS, OR AN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENT, WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF UP TO \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR, HE WARNED.

EXISTING EMPLOYEES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO PRODUCE THEIR ID CARD, OR APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENT, FOR INSPECTION BY THEIR EMPLOYERS BY MONDAY.

+FAILURE TO DO SO RENDERS AN EMPLOYEE LIABLE TO DISMISSAL WITHOUT NOTICE AND WITHOUT PAYMENT IN LIEU,+ HE WARNED.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT EMPLOYERS WERE ALREADY REQUIRED SINCE OCTOBER 28 TO INSPECT THE ID CARD, OR AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENT, OF ANY NEW APPLICANT BEFORE OFFERING EMPLOYMENT.

FROM MONDAY, EMPLOYERS ARE ALSO REQUIRED BY LAW TO MAINTAIN UP-TO-DATE RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES SHOWING THEIR NAMES AND PARTICULARS OF THEIR IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.

UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE AN EMPLOYEE MUST HAVE AN ID CARD OR PROOF OF AN APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OR REPLACEMENT, OR IF HE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, HE SHOULD HAVE A VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT, OR A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CARD, OR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION ISSUED TO THE AGED, THE BLIND AND THE INFIRM.

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AMENDMENTS TO SHAU KEI WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY PUBLISHED A REVISED DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR SHAU KEI WAN, INCORPORATING THREE AMENDMENTS. NOTICE OF THE AMENDMENTS WAS GIVEN IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE PROPOSED CHANGES INCLUDED THE REZONING OF TWO SITES AT NAM HONG STREET FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, AMENDMENT TO ROAD LAYOUT AND OPEN SPACE AT NAM HONG STREET AND THE ADDITION OF A BOUNDARY TO TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK.

PROPOSALS WERE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES TO THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD- THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE, 243 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, GROUND FLOOR.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LAND AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$8.5 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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DR RICHARD BUTLER APPOINTED NTA SENIOR STAFF OFFICER  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY THE APPOINTMENT OF DR RICHARD BUTLER TO THE POST OF SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT).

THE DUTIES OF THE POST COVER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PROPOSALS, AND THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND EXISTING TRANSPORT SERVICES.

THE POST IS AT NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS.

THE NTA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE POST OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONER NORTHWESTERN NEW TERRITORIES HAS CEASED TO EXIST. IT WAS FILLED BY MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, WHO IS NOW DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES.

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TICD DIRECTOR LEAVES FOR BOGOTA CONFERENCE

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD, LEFT TODAY FOR BOGOTA TO ATTEND A FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE OF DEVELOPING TEXTILE EXPORTING COUNTRIES, WHO ARE TO DISCUSS THEIR ATTITUDES TO THE RENEWAL OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT, DUE AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

HONG KONG WAS INVITED TO ATTEND BY THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS HOSTING THE MEETING.

MR DORWARD, WHO IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE COUNSELLOR (HONG KONG AFFAIRS) IN GENEVA, MR BRIAN CHAU, WILL RETURN ON NOVEMBER 11.

DURING HIS ABSENCE MR PETER TSAO WILL BE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

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NORWAY BREAKS OFF TEXTILE TALKS WITH HONG KONG

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MR PETER TSAO, ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HONG KONG HAD BEEN INFORMED BY NORWAY THAT THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, ADJOURNED SINCE OCTOBER 10, 1980 WOULD NOT BE RESUMED.

+WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED BY NORWAY THAT IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THERE IS 'NOT SUFFICIENT BASIS' FOR NORWAY TO CONCLUDE A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NORWAY WERE RESUMED EARLIER THIS YEAR FOLLOWING A DECISION BY THE GATT COUNCIL IN JUNE THAT NORWAY'S IMPORT ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XIX WAS INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GATT. THE LAST ROUND WAS SUSPENDED AT THE REQUEST OF THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO ENABLE IT TO RETURN TO NORWAY FOR CONSULTATIONS.

+OBVIOUSLY NORWAY MUST HAVE ITS REASONS FOR THIS ABRUPT CHANGE OF DIRECTION. HOWEVER, WE ARE SORRY TO SEE THAT DESPITE THE EFFORTS MADE BY BOTH SIDES, NORWAY HAS NOW RULED OUT BILATERAL SETTLEMENT AS A SOLUTION. WE EXPECT TO BE INFORMED BY NORWAY BY NOVEMBER 17 AS TO WHAT IMPORT REGIME NORWAY WILL APPLY IN 1981. WHEN THAT IS KNOWN, HONG KONG WILL THEN CONSIDER ITS POSITION AND DECIDE ON ITS NEXT STEP. IN THE MEANTIME, HONG KONG WILL BE REPORTING THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GATT,+ SAID MR TSAO.

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WELFARE CLASS REVIEW OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

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THE STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONDUCT A WELFARE CLASS REVIEW OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR MET YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) TO CONSIDER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY ITS WORKING GROUP.

THE COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE ADVICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

AT THE MEETING, COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPRESENTING BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES REACHED CONSENSUS ON THE NEXT AND FINAL STAGE OF WORK.

BEFORE PUTTING THIS IN HAND, IT WAS AGREED TO SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AFFECTED BY THE REVIEW.

TO ALLOW TIME FOR THIS CONSULTATION, THE STEERING COMMITTEE DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN IN NOVEMBER TO CONSIDER FUTURE ACTION IN THE LIGHT OF THE VIEWS TO BE EXPRESSED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS DETERMINED TO BRING THIS EXERCISE TO A QUICK AND SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION SO THAT EARLY RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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NEW EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION RATES EFFECTIVE TOMORROW

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THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WHICH PROVIDES IMPROVED STATUTORY BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES INJURED AND THE DEPENDANTS OF THOSE KILLED AT WORK COMES INTO OPERATION TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE IS RENAMED EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AS THE BENEFITS ARE EXTENDED TO ALL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS.

IN VIEW OF THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS TO INSURE AGAINST THEIR LIABILITIES UNDER THE ORDINANCE.

THE NEW COMPENSATION LEVELS ARE - UNDER 40 YEARS OLD: 84 MONTHS EARNINGS FOR DEATH AND 96 MONTHS EARNINGS FOR PERMANENT TOTAL INCAPACITY- 40 TO UNDER 56 YEARS OLD: 60 MONTHS AND 72 MONTHS- AND 56 YEARS OLD AND OVER: 36 MONTHS AND 48 MONTHS.

THE COMPENSATION PAYABLE IN ALL CASES, HOWEVER, IS SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$168 000 FOR DEATH AND \$192 000 FOR PERMANENT TOTAL INCAPACITY, AND A MINIMUM OF \$49 000 AND \$56 000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT LAW REQUIRES THE EMPLOYER TO PAY THE COST OF THE INITIAL SUPPLY AND FITTING OF A PROSTHESIS OR SURGICAL APPLIANCE, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$10 000.

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THE AMENDED LAW REQUIRES THE EMPLOYER TO PAY, IN ADDITION TO THE INITIAL COST, THE ESTIMATED COST OF REPAIRING AND RENEWAL OF THE APPLIANCE FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$30 000. AFTER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD, ANY FURTHER COST OF REPAIR AND RENEWAL WILL BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ARE AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FOR CONSTANT ATTENTION ARISING FROM PERMANENT TOTAL INCAPACITY FROM \$32 000 TO \$77 000, AND A RISE IN PAYMENT FOR BURIAL EXPENSES IN FATAL CASES FROM \$800 TO \$3 000.

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SPEEDPOST EXTENDED TO CANADA  
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS SPEEDPOST NETWORK WOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE CANADA FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3).

THIS REPRESENTS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD FOR THE SERVICE WHICH IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO TRANSMIT BUSINESS DOCUMENTS QUICKLY AND RELIABLY.

PRE-DETERMINED FLIGHTS OUT OF HONG KONG ARE USED AND PACKAGES ARE SPECIALLY DELIVERED TO THE OVERSEAS ADDRESSEES.

THE SERVICE TO CANADA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON BOTH +CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ BASIS. HOWEVER IT MAY ONLY BE USED FOR SENDING NON-DUTIABLE BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL PAPERS.

FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE SERVICE AND THE CHARGES, CUSTOMERS SHOULD CONTACT THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-2671222 OR THE POSTAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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PILING NOISE TAKEN OUTSIDE OFFICE HOURS  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN GAMMON (HK) LTD PERMISSION TO CARRY OUT PILING WORK OUTSIDE PERMITTED HOURS ON ITS ICE HOUSE STREET SITE IN CENTRAL SO AS TO REDUCE DISTURBANCE TO THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY.

AN EXEMPTION ORDER TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. IT WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER.

UNDER THE ORDER, THE COMPANY CAN CARRY OUT PILING WORK BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM ON ONE SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 2).

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IN RETURN, THE COMPANY IS REQUIRED TO STOP PILING WORK BETWEEN 10 AM AND 1 PM ON WEEKDAYS, INCLUDING SATURDAYS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NOISE FROM PILING ON THIS SITE HAD BEEN THE SOURCE OF MANY PUBLIC COMPLAINTS.

+DESPITE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE COMPANY, WHICH HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING THE DISTURBANCE TO SOME DEGREE, THE NOISE LEVEL REMAINS HIGH BECAUSE OF THE TYPE OF PILING EQUIPMENT USED,+ HE SAID.

+IN AN ATTEMPT TO FURTHER REDUCE THE DISTURBANCE, THE COMPANY HAS REQUESTED AN EXEMPTION TO ALLOW THE DRIVING OF SHEET PILES OUTSIDE THE PERMITTED HOURS SO AS TO OFFSET A SIMILAR NUMBER OF HOURS ON WEEKDAYS DURING WHICH NO PILING WILL TAKE PLACE.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE HOURS PROPOSED WERE REASONABLE HAVING REGARD TO THE NON-RESIDENTIAL NATURE OF CENTRAL DISTRICT AND THE FACT THAT THE GREATEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE IN THAT AREA DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS.

HE STRESSED THAT THE EXEMPTION WAS GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS MIGHT ORDER PILING WORKS TO BE STOPPED OR ORDER SUCH REASONABLE MEASURES TAKEN AS HE CONSIDERED NECESSARY IF IN HIS OPINION THE NOISE CREATED DURING THE HOURS OF EXEMPTION WAS CAUSING UNNECESSARY DISTURBANCE AND ANNOYANCE TO THE PUBLIC.

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#### COURSES ON TEACHING FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS

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COURSES WILL BE RUN FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS TO IMPROVE THEIR TEACHING SKILLS.

THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS TO FOUR SUCH FULL-TIME BLOCK RELEASE COURSES TO BE HELD IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF NEXT YEAR.

+THE COURSES OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE INSTRUCTORS AND SUPERVISORS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY DUTIES,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

COURSE CONTENTS INCLUDE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION BASED ON THE STUDY OF EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY, HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY NOVEMBER 22.

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FEES PAYMENT CENTRE OPENED FOR NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS

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A SPOKESMAN FOR NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PAY WATER CHARGES FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD PROMPTLY AT THE RECENTLY OPENED FANLING SUB-OFFICE.

THE SUB-OFFICE IS IN JOCKEY ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT.

THE OPENING HOURS AT ITS ACCOUNTS OFFICE ARE 9 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 4 PM DURING WEEKDAYS. IT OPERATES FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

TEMPORARY CENTRES SET UP PREVIOUSLY AT FANLING RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AND SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE FOR COLLECTING WATER CHARGES HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

OTHER PAYMENTS, INCLUDING RATES, PROPERTY TAX, FIXED PENALTIES, CROWN RENT, STAMP DUTY, LAND REGISTRATION FEES, SHORT TERM TENANCY AND SHORT TERM WAIVER FEES, PERMIT FEES AND SCHOOL FEES CAN ALSO BE MADE AT FANLING SUB-OFFICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MAXICAB ROUTE CHANGE

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MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 21 OPERATING BETWEEN TAI HANG DRIVE AND LEIGHTON HILL WILL TERMINATE AT HAPPY VIEW TERRACE INSTEAD OF LEIGHTON HILL FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3).

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