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**DOLLAR WILL REGAIN STRENGTH — GOVERNOR**

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) HE MAINTAINED THE VIEW THAT THERE WAS UNDERLYING STRENGTH IN THE HONG KONG ECONOMY AND THAT THE DOLLAR WOULD REGAIN ITS STRENGTH.

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN SAI KUNG, SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT HE NEVER COMMENTED ON THE RATE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR — +BUT WHAT I DO DO IS SAY THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE HONG KONG ECONOMY, THE UNDERLYING STRENGTH, IS STILL THERE.+

+I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE SAME VIEW,+ HE SAID.

REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER +POSITIVE INTERVENTION+, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT NEVER SAID WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS INTERVENING.

BEFORE ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE GOVERNOR TOURED SAI KUNG TOWN TO GET FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS BEING PLANNED TO MEET THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF THE RISING POPULATION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO GO UP TO 45 000 BY 1996 FROM THE PRESENT 15 000.

THE DEVELOPMENTS WILL INCLUDE A MARKET AND HAWKER BAZAAR, A GOVERNMENT OFFICE, A TOWN HALL, A GOVERNMENT CLINIC, TWO 12-STORY RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BLOCKS AND A FOUR-STORY CAR PARK.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE TODAY (FRIDAY) INSPECTED THE PROGRESS OF WORK DURING A BRIEF TOUR OF THE SAI KUNG TOWN BEFORE OPENING THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR HAIDER BARMA, SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE FIRST WENT TO THE ROOF OF A BUILDING FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE TOWN.

RECLAMATION WORK, WHICH WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR THE TOWN'S EXTENSION, IS PROGRESSING BY THE WATERFRONT. ON THE RECLAIMED SITE WILL BE A TRANSPORT COMPLEX COMPRISING A BUS TERMINUS, MAXICAB AND TAXI STANDS AND A FERRY PIER.

ACCORDING TO THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR NORMAN TUCKER, A SWIMMING POOL AND SPORTS COMPLEX TO BE BUILT NEARBY, TOGETHER WITH THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, WOULD HELP PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IS ALSO BEING PROPOSED TO THE NORTH OF THE SPORTS GROUND AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A NEW BEACH IS BEING INVESTIGATED.

THE PARTY LATER WALKED THROUGH THE SAI KUNG OLD TOWN — THE MARKET TOWN — PASSING THE WATERFRONT PROMENADE WHICH WILL BE PAVED AND LANDSCAPED FOR PEDESTRIAN USE, AND BUILT WITH SPECTATOR STANDS FOR DRAGON BOAT RACES.

/THE DISTRICT .....

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, INFORMED THE GOVERNOR THAT THE OLD TOWN WOULD BE RETAINED IN ITS PRESENT FORM. BUT SOME STREETS WILL BE PEDESTRIANISED, DRAINAGE INSTALLED AND URBAN IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED.

THE ENTIRE MARKET, INCLUDING THE WHOLESALE FISH MARKET, WILL BE MOVED TO A NEARBY SITE IN MID 1985 TO MAKE WAY FOR AN URBAN PARK.

THE PARTY ALSO STOPPED AT A JETTY WHERE PROPOSED RECLAMATION WILL LINK TUI MIN HOI WITH THE SAI KUNG TOWN WATERFRONT.

WORK ON 300 HOUSING SOCIETY FLATS WILL START LATER THIS YEAR ON TUI MIN HOI, AND UPON COMPLETION IN 1987 THEY WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 1 500 PEOPLE.

THE PARTY LATER STOPPED BRIEFLY AT A TWO-CENTURY-OLD TIN HAU TEMPLE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE SPORTS GROUND FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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**SECOND PHASE OF ID CARD SCHEME STARTS JUNE 6**  
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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE SCHEME WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 6, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

FROM THEN UNTIL JULY 9, MEN BORN IN 1963 WILL BE REQUIRED TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXISTING IDENTITY CARDS FOR NEW ONES.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 61 000 MEN IN THIS AGE GROUP WILL TURN UP DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON TO ANY OF THE EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE BUSY IN THE DAYTIME DURING WEEKDAYS CAN GO THERE IN THE EVENING OR AT WEEKENDS.+

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED APPLICANTS TO TAKE ALONG THEIR OLD ID CARDS WHEN THEY GO TO THESE OFFICES.

HE SAID: +THE PROCESSING WILL TAKE ONLY HALF AN HOUR AND THE APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE DATE TO PICK UP THEIR NEW CARDS.+

+THE APPLICANT WILL HAVE TO SURRENDER HIS OLD CARD ON RECEIVING THE NEW ONE,+ HE ADDED.

BY YESTERDAY 46 000 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SCHEME COVERING MEN BORN IN 1964.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED ALL OTHER 19-YEAR-OLD YOUTHS WHO HAD NOT YET APPLIED TO DO SO BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON JUNE 4.

+FAILURE TO OBTAIN A NEW ID CARD WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD MAY LEAD TO PROSECUTION,+ HE WARNED.

PEOPLE SHOULD, IN FACT, APPLY NOW IF THEY WANT TO AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THOSE WHO ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG AND WILL NOT BE BACK BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE MUST MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE NEW ID CARD SCHEME COULD BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 5-7956066 (CHINESE LANGUAGE) OR 5-7909393 (ENGLISH LANGUAGE).

PETROL LEAD CONTENT TO BE FURTHER REDUCED  
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FOLLOWING A RECOMMENDATION BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM), THE GOVERNMENT HAS SECURED THE AGREEMENT OF THE OIL COMPANIES IN HONG KONG TO REDUCE FURTHER THE LEAD CONTENT OF PETROL SOLD HERE, AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1985.

THE LEAD CONTENT WILL BE REDUCED FROM ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF 0.4 GRAMMES PER LITRE TO 0.25 GRAMMES.

THIS WILL BE A FURTHER STEP IN THE PHASED REDUCTIONS STARTED IN 1981 WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE OIL COMPANIES, A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID THAT IN JULY 1981, THE LEAD CONTENT OF PETROL WAS REDUCED FROM 0.8 GRAMMES TO 0.6 GRAMMES PER LITRE, AND IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, IT WAS FURTHER REDUCED TO THE EXISTING 0.4 GRAMMES PER LITRE, BRINGING HONG KONG IN LINE WITH MOST COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUCH CONTROLS, INCLUDING THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE PLANNED REDUCTION TO 0.25 GRAMMES PER LITRE TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE NEED TO SAFEGUARD HONG KONG'S PETROL SUPPLIES, AS HONG KONG, HAVING NO REFINING CAPACITY OF ITS OWN, IS DEPENDENT ON EXTERNAL SOURCES FOR ITS FUEL, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID IT WAS NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THOSE SUPPLIERS, PRINCIPALLY SINGAPORE AND CHINA, TO ENSURE THAT THE LEAD-LEVEL SET FOR FUEL IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG IS ONE WHICH THEY CAN MEET.

+THIS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THE NEW TARGET IS THEREFORE A PRACTICAL ONE.

+IN ADDITION, THE EXTRA REFINING COST OF SUCH A MOVE WILL BE MARGINAL,+ HE SAID.

MONITORING UNDERTAKEN BY THE EPA SHOWED THAT ATMOSPHERIC LEAD LEVELS WERE ALREADY WITHIN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS. NEVERTHELESS THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER IMPROVING THE SITUATION, SINCE IT WAS PRACTICAL AND ECONOMICAL TO DO SO. IT THEREFORE WELCOMED EPCOM'S RECOMMENDATION AND DECIDED TO ACT UPON IT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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### STRICTER CONTROL ON PESTICIDES

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STRICTER CONTROL IS TO BE IMPOSED OVER THE LABELLING AND PACKING OF AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES FOR RETAIL SALE IN ORDER TO MINIMISE THE DANGER OF ACCIDENTAL POISONING.

MEASURES TO THIS EFFECT ARE BEING INTRODUCED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES REGULATIONS.

THE AMENDMENTS, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), ALSO UPDATE THE FEES PAYABLE UNDER EXISTING REGULATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES SOLD IN HONG KONG AND REGULATE THEIR IMPORTATION AND SALE THROUGH A SYSTEM OF LICENCES AND PERMITS.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO MINIMISE THE DANGER OF ACCIDENTAL POISONING IN THE COURSE OF HANDLING TOXIC AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES, HE ADDED.

A PRINCIPAL AMENDMENT BEING INTRODUCED EXTENDS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPER LABELLING AND PACKING OF PESTICIDES TO THE REPACKER WHO OBTAINS BULK SUPPLIES AND IS ACTUALLY SUPPLYING SMALL PACKAGES OF PESTICIDES IN THE FORM SUITABLE FOR RETAIL TRADE.

ANOTHER AMENDMENT STIPULATES THAT ALL GLASS AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS FOR PESTICIDES WITH A CAPACITY OF UNDER TWO LITRES FOR RETAIL SALE MUST BE RIBBED SO AS TO BE RECOGNISED BY TOUCH. THIS WILL PREVENT ACCIDENTAL CONSUMPTION. OCCURRENCE OF ACCIDENTAL CONSUMPTION IS MUCH LESS LIKELY WITH LARGE CONTAINERS.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE REGULATIONS WILL ALSO BE REVISED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1977, WHEN THEY WERE ESTABLISHED.

THE FEES FOR ISSUE OF PERMITS AND REGISTRATION OF PESTICIDES WILL INCREASE FROM \$155 AND \$190, TO \$300 AND \$370 RESPECTIVELY.

FEES FOR RENEWAL OF LICENCE WILL GO UP FROM \$35 TO \$70.

THE AMENDED REGULATIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 27.

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### NT INSECT CONTROL SERVICE CHARGES REVISED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE REVISION OF FEES FOR INSECT CONTROL SERVICES TO PRIVATE PREMISES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON OUTLYING ISLANDS PROVIDED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE REVISED FEES COME INTO FORCE TODAY (FRIDAY) AND A PUBLIC NOTICE WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

/THE INCREASES .....

THE INCREASES ARE THE FIRST IN THE NEW TERRITORIES SINCE JANUARY 1981. THEY ARE AIMED AT RECOVERING A PART OF THE COST OF THE SERVICE AND TO BRING THE CHARGES IN LINE WITH THOSE IMPOSED IN THE URBAN AREA WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE IN APRIL 1982.

THE MINIMUM CHARGE FOR EACH INSECT CONTROL SERVICE WILL BE \$310 AND A SURCHARGE OF 50 PER CENT WILL BE ADDED FOR THE WORK CARRIED OUT ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE NEW FEES RELATE MAINLY TO DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES, SUCH AS THE ELIMINATION OF COCKROACHES AND FLEAS.

HOWEVER, SERVICES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF RATS, MOSQUITOS, WASPS, HORNETS OR BEES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

APPLICATION FOR ANY INSECT CONTROL SERVICE SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING AND ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, NTSD HEADQUARTERS, AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THIS SERVICE IS TO BE CARRIED OUT SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COST OF TRANSPORT MIGHT ALSO BE CHARGED.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REVISED AND EXISTING FEES OF VARIOUS INSECT CONTROL SERVICES FOR PRIVATE PREMISES PROVIDED BY THE NTSD:

	<u>REVISED FEES</u>	<u>EXISTING FEES</u>
(1) AQUEOUS OR OIL BASED PREPARATIONS, APPLIED WITH SPRAYING EQUIPMENT:-		
(A) NOT EXCEEDING 10 LITRES	\$310	\$150
(B) FOR EACH ADDITIONAL LITRE OR PART THEREOF	\$ 10	\$ 5
(2) INSECTICIDAL DUSTS APPLIED IN PREMISES:-		
(A) NOT EXCEEDING THREE KILOGRAMS	\$310	\$150
(B) FOR EACH ADDITIONAL UNIT OF 500 GRAMS OR PART THEREOF	\$ 20	\$ 10
(3) DUSTING POWDER FOR USE ON DOMESTIC PETS	\$ 10	\$ 5
(4) INSECTICIDAL SMOKE GENERATORS:-		
EACH PELLETT	\$ 10	\$ 5

**GOVERNOR OPENS SPORTS GROUND**

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUBE, TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO SIR SHIU-KIN TANG FOR HIS GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO A WIDE VARIETY OF COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL PROJECTS.

THESE CONTRIBUTIONS HAD GIVEN INVALUABLE SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE BETTER SPORTING FACILITIES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS, THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

SIR EDWARD WAS ADDRESSING A GATHERING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE SPORTS FACILITY.

+SAI KUNG DISTRICT IS RENOWNED FOR ITS PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE AND BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY PARKS WHICH HAVE NOW BECOME AN IMPORTANT RECREATIONAL ASSET FOR URBAN DWELLER, BUT THERE IS ALSO A NEED TO PROVIDE MORE ACTIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR SAI KUNG RESIDENTS THEMSELVES,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

+WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT, SAI KUNG WILL HAVE ITS OWN SPORTS CENTRE WHICH CAN BE USED FOR FOOTBALL, ATHLETIC EVENTS AND OTHER RECREATION ACTIVITIES.+

+IT WILL TAKE ITS PLACE IN THE PATTERN OF LEISURE FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

THE GOVERNOR RECALLED HE HAD GONE LAST MONTH TO OPEN THE NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN YUEN LONG.

OTHER PROJECTS WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR INCLUDE THE SHA TIN RECREATION GROUND, THE KWAI CHUNG SWIMMING POOL AND THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG INDOOR GAMES HALL, ANOTHER PROJECT TO WHICH SIR SHIU-KIN TANG HAD DONATED \$10 MILLION.

NOTING THE SPORTS GROUND WAS COMPLETED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, SIR EDWARD SAID THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, HAD ORGANISED A NUMBER OF EVENTS IN THIS SPORTS GROUND, INCLUDING THE INTER-DISTRICT SOCCER COMPETITION.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT WITH SUCH SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD AND LOCAL INITIATIVES HE WAS SURE THAT IT WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR AND PROVIDE GREAT ENJOYMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE.

EARLIER, IN HIS WELCOMING REMARKS AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, SAID THE FINE SPORTS GROUND WOULD PROVIDE MUCH RECREATIONAL PLEASURE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS PROUD TO ASSUME THE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A SPLENDID FACILITY AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL NURTURE MANY OUTSTANDING LOCAL SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN IN WHOM SAI KUNG CAN TAKE PRIDE,+ MR HEYWOOD SAID.

THE GOVERNOR LATER UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE SPORTS GROUND. SIR EDWARD WAS JOINED BY LADY YOUBE, SIR SHIU-KIN TANG AND LADY TANG AND MR HEYWOOD.

SIR EDWARD, SIR SHIU-KIN TANG AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR HAIDER BARMA, THEN PERFORMED EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY ON A DRAGON AND TWO LIONS BEFORE THEY BROUGHT TO LIVE AND DEMONSTRATED DANCES TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR BRIAN WILSON, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG POON, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR YAU KEI.

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HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES AMONG BEST  
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THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES HAS A VERY HIGH REPUTATION AMONG FIRE BRIGADES IN THE WORLD, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES SAID TODAY.

THIS WAS BORNE OUT BY REQUESTS FROM SUCH COUNTRIES AS THAILAND, BRUNEI, SINGAPORE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND MALAYSIA FOR THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES TO TRAIN THEIR OFFICERS, MR HOLMES SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR WONG TAI SIN DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION, MR HOLMES SAID MANY VISITING FIRE OFFICERS WERE QUITE ASTOUNDED AT THE DENSITY AND COMPLEXITY OF HONG KONG.

HE SAID SEVERAL NEW FIRE STATIONS INCLUDING SAI WAN HO IN SHAU KEI WAN, KOWLOON BAY, SAI KUNG, TAI O AND THE SECOND FIRE STATIONS FOR SHA TIN WERE BEING PLANNED FOR IN THE NEXT YEAR OR SO.

+VERY FEW PEOPLE FULLY REALISE THAT THE HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS MANAGED AND CONDUCTED IN A SIMILAR FASHION TO A SUCCESSFUL COMMERCIAL FIRM - WE HAVE OUR RECOGNISED GROUPS OF PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, LOGISTICS, WORKSHOPS, TRAINING, FIRE PREVENTION AND MOST IMPORTANT, THE JOB FOR WHICH WE ARE INITIALLY TRAINED - THE EXTINGUISHMENT OF FIRES - THAT IS THE OPERATIONAL OFFICERS AND MEN,+ HE SAID.

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR M. KINGDOM NOTED THAT DURING THE PAST 25 YEARS WONG TAI SIN HAD EMERGED FROM A RURAL ENVIRONMENT TO A LARGE RESIDENTIAL CITY SUBURB INCLUDING CONSIDERABLE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

+WONG TAI SIN AND THE IMMEDIATE ADJACENT AREAS HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN THE SCENE OF MANY SERIOUS FIRE SITUATIONS AND NATURAL DISASTERS,+ HE SAID.

+INVITING MR HOLMES TO OFFICIATE HERE TODAY IS IN A WAY APPROPRIATE, AS DURING HIS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE IN HONG KONG WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HE HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY ENGAGED AT, AND ON MANY OCCASIONS COMMANDED OPERATIONS, WITHIN THIS DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

MR KINGDOM DESCRIBED THE OPENING OF THE STATION AS A FURTHER ADDITION TO THE FIRE DEFENCE OF KOWLOON.

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**SUPREME COURT BUILDING DECLARED HISTORICAL**

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE DECLARATION OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING AS A HISTORICAL BUILDING.

APPROVAL HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN FOR THE BUILDING TO BE CONVERTED FOR USE AS THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND FOR ASSOCIATED PURPOSES.

THE DECLARATION OF THE SUPREME COURT AS A HISTORICAL BUILDING, ON A DATE TO BE NOTIFIED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD.

THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE BUILDING, WHICH REPLACED AN EARLIER SUPREME COURT LOCATED IN QUEEN'S ROAD, WAS LAID IN NOVEMBER 1903. THE BUILDING WAS OCCUPIED IN JANUARY 1912 AND SINCE THEN HAS HAD A SPECIAL POSITION AS THE CENTRE OF LEGAL AND JUDICIAL LIFE IN HONG KONG, IN ADDITION TO BEING A FAMILIAR LANDMARK.

THE PLANS FOR THE BUILDING WERE DRAWN UP BY THE LONDON FIRM OF WEBB AND BELL AND IT WAS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN ARCHITECT OF THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, H.A. FORESTER.

THE STYLE OF THE BUILDING BELONGS TO THE 'ENGLISH SCHOOL,' WITH SOME ELEMENTS OF GREEK ARCHITECTURE.

THE BUILDING IS SURROUNDED BY TALL GRANITE COLUMNS OF IONIC ORDER, 18 METRES HIGH, AND AN ORNAMENTAL BALUSTRADE. THE CENTRE PORTION IS SURMOUNTED BY A PEDIMENT CONTAINING A SEMI-CIRCULAR OPENING AROUND WHICH ARE GROUPED THE ROYAL ARMS AND THE FIGURES OF MERCY AND TRUTH. ABOVE THE PEDIMENT IS A STATUE OF JUSTICE WHICH STANDS THREE METRES HIGH. THE WHOLE BUILDING, WHICH IS FACED WITH STONE, IS CROWNED BY A GRACEFUL DOME WITH FOUR PINNACLES AT EACH ANGLE.

THE SUPREME COURT WAS VACATED IN JULY 1978 FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF THE BUILDING CAUSED BY MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WORKS IN THE VICINITY. THE BUILDING WAS RE-OCCUPIED BY THE JUDICIARY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF REINSTATEMENT WORKS IN OCTOBER 1982.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BUILDING HAD SUFFERED NO IRREPARABLE DAMAGE AND BOTH THE FOUNDATIONS AND SUPERSTRUCTURE WERE SOUND.

CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE PERMANENT, ALTERNATIVE USE OF THE BUILDING AS THE JUDICIARY IS DUE TO MOVE TO THE NEW SUPREME COURT IN QUEENSWAY WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MID-1984.

THE OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING HAS SEVERAL LARGE ROOMS AND IS IDEALLY SUITED FOR USE AS THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE BUILDING SHOULD ALSO HOUSE THE UMELCO OFFICE, COMMON ROOMS AND ACCOMMODATION FOR ITS SUPPORTING STAFF AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

/+THE MOVE .....

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+THE MOVE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL PHYSICALLY SEPARATE THE LEGISLATURE FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND ENHANCE THE STANDING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN THE COMMUNITY IN A MORE PUBLIC VENUE,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

+THE DECISION WILL ALSO ALLOW THE UMELCO OFFICE TO MOVE FROM THE LEASED PREMISES IT IS OCCUPYING AT PRESENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE CONVERSION OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING IS SUBJECT TO THE DRAWING UP OF DETAILED PLANS AND COSTS IN CONSULTATION WITH UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE CONVERSION WORK COULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1985.

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### GREAT POTENTIAL FOR ENGINEERING PLASTICS

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR PETER KIANG, TODAY (FRIDAY) DREW THE ATTENTION OF PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS TO THE MARKET POTENTIALS OF PRODUCTS MADE OF ENGINEERING PLASTICS.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON PLASTICS PRODUCTS MERCHANTS UNITED ASSOCIATION.

HE EXPLAINED THAT SPECIAL TYPES OF PLASTICS WERE BEING APPLIED TO THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING.

IN MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THE CONVENTIONAL ENGINEERING MATERIALS USED IN SOME PRODUCTS WERE BEING REPLACED BY ENGINEERING PLASTICS OF EQUIVALENT OR EVEN BETTER PERFORMANCE, HE SAID.

THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES HAD ENTERED THIS HIGH-TECHNOLOGY AREA IN RECENT YEARS AND HAD THUS OUTPACED THE GROWTH OF MANY OTHER INDUSTRIES, HE SAID.

+I BELIEVE HONG KONG'S PLASTICS INDUSTRY WILL INEVITABLY MOVE ALONG IN THAT SAME DIRECTION IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

+SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD ENABLE HONG KONG'S PLASTICS INDUSTRY TO MANUFACTURE HIGHER VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS MAKING A GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY.+ MR KIANG SAID.

NOTING THAT HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY WAS FACING TOUGH COMPETITION FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES WHERE LABOUR COSTS ARE LOWER, MR KIANG CALLED ON INDUSTRIALISTS TO INVEST IN UP-TO-DATE EQUIPMENT SO AS TO BE ABLE TO REACT SWIFTLY TO ANY CHANGES IN MARKET DEMAND.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE INDUSTRIALISTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY IN THE PAST.

+AVAILABLE STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR INDICATE THAT THE RECOVERY OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY WILL MOST LIKELY BE LED BY THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.+ HE SAID.

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**GOVERNOR ATTENDS VOLUNTEERS' FOUNDATION DAY DINNER**

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING ATTENDED A DINNER RECEPTION AT THE HILTON HOTEL IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEERS IN MAY 1854.

THIS WAS THE SECOND TIME SIR EDWARD ATTENDED A DINNER FUNCTION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AS THE GUEST OF HONOUR SINCE HE BECAME GOVERNOR.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOTEL, THE GOVERNOR WAS GREETED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE BY THE HONORARY AIR COMMODORE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, AIR COMMODORE ROSS PENLINGTON, AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT, LIEUTENANT COLONEL MIKE BARNABY.

SIR EDWARD MET THE SENIOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT AND THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE IN THE HOTEL'S BALL ROOM BEFORE JOINING THEM FOR DINNER.

AFTER A TOAST TO THE QUEEN, THE GOVERNOR JOINED THE VOLUNTEERS IN A TOAST TO +THE 99+ IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS.

ON MAY 30, 1854, 99 RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG FORMED A VOLUNTEERS CORP TO HELP BOLSTER THE DEFENCES AT A TIME WHEN MARAUDING PIRATES WERE STILL A HAZARD ALONG THE CHINA COAST.

SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE BEEN REMEMBERED AT THE FOUNDATION DAY DINNER HELD ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF MAY EVERY YEAR.

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**LABOUR COMMISSIONER VISITS PINEHILL VILLAGE**

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR NEIL HENDERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE WHO IS DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BUREAU, THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING VISITED THE PINEHILL VILLAGE IN TAI PO, WHERE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ARE BEING EDUCATED AND TAKEN CARE OF.

OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, PINEHILL VILLAGE IS MADE UP OF THREE SCHOOLS, A PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE AND AN ADVANCED TRAINING CENTRE. TOGETHER, THEY HAVE A MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR OVER 300 CHILDREN.

APART FROM PINEHILL VILLAGE SCHOOL WHICH IS A DAY SCHOOL, THE OTHER FOUR PROJECTS ALSO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THEIR STUDENTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PINEHILL VILLAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS SHIRLEY CHEUNG, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT, MISS NORA WONG, MR AND MRS HENDERSON FIRST VISITED THE PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE WHICH IS A RESIDENTIAL NURSERY FOR MILDLY AND MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN THREE AND SIX. THE CHILDREN GO HOME ON SATURDAYS AND RETURN TO THE CENTRE ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE PINEHILL VILLAGE SCHOOL WHICH OFFERS SCHOOLING TO MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGED FROM SIX TO 16. IT HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 100 CHILDREN DIVIDED INTO 10 CLASSES.

THEY THEN VISITED THE NO. 2 SCHOOL WHICH ALSO PROVIDES WEEKLY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR SEVERELY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. THE SCHOOL, WHICH PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL, HAS A CAPACITY FOR 56 CHILDREN.

AFTER VISITING THE NO. 3 SCHOOL, WHICH PROVIDES COMPLETE RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGED SIX TO 16, MR AND MRS HENDERSON TOURED THE ADVANCED TRAINING CENTRE, WHICH HAS FOUR WORKSHOPS PROVIDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR CHILDREN AGED 16 TO 20.

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#### FIRST SWIMMING POOL FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS

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INDOOR SWIMMING FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN AS FROM NEXT WEEK.

ON SUNDAY (MAY 29) THE FIRST PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN TUEN MUN WILL BE OPENED BY THE CHIEF COMMANDER OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, MRS JANE AKERS-JONES.

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE NEW TOWN, THE CHAN MAN TAT SWIMMING POOL IS NAMED AFTER THE FATHER OF MR CHAN YAT-SEN, A FORMER HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, WHO HAD DONATED \$1 MILLION TOWARDS THE BUILDING COST.

THE FIVE-LANE, 25-METRE HEATED POOL HAS ROOM FOR 125 SWIMMERS, AND IT WILL BE OPENED DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM. ADMISSION FEES WILL BE \$2 FOR CHILDREN TO \$5 FOR ADULTS.

THE POOL IS ONE OF MANY FACILITIES IN THE 4 300-SQUARE-METRE YAU OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE WHICH WILL BE READY IN NOVEMBER.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE CHILD CARE AND ELDERLY SERVICES CENTRES, READING ROOMS, A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS HALL, A ROLLER-SKATING RINK, SQUASH COURTS, A GYMNASIUM, A SAUNA ROOM, A BALLET STUDIO, SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, THERE WILL BE SWIMMING DEMONSTRATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB AND A SWIMMING RELAY RACE BETWEEN LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

PRIOR TO THE OPENING CEREMONY, A SERVICE VAN HANDING-OVER CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM AT THE YAU OI TOWN SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE CENTRE.

THE VAN, DONATED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE USED BY THE CENTRE TO TRANSPORT ELDERLY PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES TO THE CENTRE.

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**GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR TWO MORE CITIZENS  
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THE GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE WAS PRESENTED TODAY BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TO TWO MORE CITIZENS - MR CHEUNG SHEK-FU, ELECTED MEMBER OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AND MR GEORGE HSUEH PING-KWAN, PRINCIPAL OF NAM WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MR CHEUNG WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT IN GENERAL AND PARTICULARLY FOR HIS COURAGE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE AUTHORITIES IN THE HANG ON STREET CLEARANCE ON MARCH 29.

MR HSUEH WAS COMMENDED FOR THE LEADING ROLE HE PLAYED IN ORGANISING THE 1982 +TOWARDS A FULLER LIFE+ PROGRAMME FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG AND FOR HIS SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION IN ITS EFFORT TO EDUCATE AND ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.

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**MANNING OF SHIPS REGULATIONS  
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THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (CERTIFICATION OF OFFICERS)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY ENABLE DECK OR ENGINEERING OFFICERS IN POSSESSION OF CLASS IV CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY (FOREIGN GOING) TO SAIL IN A WATCHKEEPING CAPACITY IN RIVER TRADE VESSELS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT IN ADDITION, THE AMENDMENT WILL PERMIT THE HOLDER OF A MARINE ENGINEER OFFICER CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY CLASS II FOREIGN GOING WITH A SERVICE ENDORSEMENT, TO SAIL AS CHIEF ENGINEER ON ANY VESSEL WITH ENGINES OF UNDER 3 000 KW TOTAL REGISTERED POWER.

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SPORTS DAY ON CHEUNG CHAU  
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A DISTRICT-WIDE SPORTS PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT FROM SUNDAY (MAY 29).

ENTITLED '+VITALITY FOR ALL ISLANDERS+', THE PROGRAMME TAKES THE FORM OF A '+FUN SPORTS DAY+' WHICH WILL BE HELD ON EIGHT SUNDAYS ON CHEUNG CHAU, TAI O, PENG CHAU, SOUTH LANTAO, NORTH LAMMA, MUI WO, SOUTH LAMMA, AND TUNG CHUNG RESPECTIVELY.

SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS CULTIVATING A SENSE OF TOGETHERNESS AMONG RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FIRST '+FUN SPORTS DAY+' WILL BE STAGED THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE CHEUNG CHAU SPORTS GROUND.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A SPECTACULAR FITNESS EXERCISE DRILL. MORE THAN 1 000 SPECTATORS ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND FOLLOW THE DEMONSTRATIONS BY POPULAR TVB ARTISTS AND THE STATION'S MODELS OF FITNESS - MR VITALITY AND MISS VITALITY.

OTHER PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE TELEMATCHES AND ENTERTAINING GAMES FOR PLAYERS TO BE SELECTED ON THE SPOT FOR INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM MATCHES.

ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE DAY WILL BE A COMBINED TUG-OF-WAR AND BALL GAME, IN WHICH GUESTS, LOCAL LEADERS AND TVB ARTISTS WILL BE TESTED ON THEIR SKILLS WHILE COMPETING AGAINST SPECTATORS.

PRIOR TO THE TELEMATCHES, LEAGUE COMPETITIONS ON FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, AND TABLE TENNIS BETWEEN THE EIGHT RURAL AREAS INVOLVING ABOUT 230 PLAYERS WILL COMMENCE AT 10 AM. THE LEAGUE MATCHES WILL BE COMPLETED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AFTER BEING PLAYED AT EIGHT DIFFERENT VENUES.

WINNERS OF COMPETITIONS FOR THE DAY WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES OR SOUVENIRS.

THE THREE OVERALL CHAMPIONS OF THE LEAGUE MATCHES WILL BE DETERMINED NEXT MARCH.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP; SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES EAST), MR TAM PAK-HANG; URBAN SERVICES OFFICER (ISLANDS), MR IP KI-TIT; TOGETHER WITH OTHER LOCAL LEADERS, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES ON SUNDAY.

THE '+VITALITY FOR ALL ISLANDERS+' PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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### HONG KONG IN SEMI-FINAL OF SCHOOL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

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HONG KONG HAS REACHED THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE 12TH ASIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT BEING HELD IN SEOUL, KOREA AND... WILL PLAY THAILAND TODAY.

AFTER ARRIVING IN SEOUL ON MAY 20, HONG KONG BEAT MALAYSIA BY 2 - 0 AND BRUNEI BY 1 - 0 DURING THE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS. IT, HOWEVER, LOST 1 - 3 TO KOREA AND THEREFORE QUALIFIED FOR THE SEMI-FINAL AS THE NUMBER TWO TEAM IN THE GROUP.

SEVEN ASIAN COUNTRIES AND CITIES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT WHICH WILL END ON SUNDAY (MAY 29).

KOREA WILL MEET SINGAPORE IN THE OTHER SEMI-FINAL MATCH.

BEFORE GOING TO KOREA, THE HONG KONG TEAM UNDERWENT THREE-MONTHS' INTENSIVE TRAINING AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MR CHAN YONG-CHONG.

THE TEAM WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON MONDAY (MAY 30) EVENING.

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### AMS BAND TO INCLUDE BAGPIPES

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES BAND WILL SOON HAVE A NEW SOUND ADDED TO ITS ARRAY OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS -- SCOTTISH BAGPIPES.

IN FACT, THE AMS BAND SECTION WILL BE FORMING A NEW GROUP -- THE SCOTTISH PIPE BAND, FOLLOWING A DONATION OF A SET SCALE OF SCOTTISH PIPE INSTRUMENTS BY THE LIONS CLUB OF VICTORIA.

THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, VALUED AT ABOUT \$30 000, INCLUDE 12 PIECES OF SCOTTISH BAGPIPES, SIX PARADE DRUMS, TWO TENOR DRUMS AND ONE BASS DRUM.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE AMS, DR K.L. THONG, WILL RECEIVE THE DONATION AT A CEREMONY IN THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES HEADQUARTERS ON MONDAY (MAY 30).

AT PRESENT THE AMS BAND SECTION, WHICH WAS FORMED IN 1969 WITH A CORPS OF DRUMS AND BUGLES, HAS OVER 60 MUSICIANS WHO PERFORM IN PARADES, CONCERTS AND VARIOUS OTHER FUNCTIONS.

WITH THE DONATION OF SCOTTISH PIPE INSTRUMENTS, THE AMS WILL UNDERTAKE TO TRAIN MORE MUSICIANS TO EXPAND THE AMS BAND SECTION.

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**REHEARSAL WITH A DIFFERENCE**

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THIRTY MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL REHEARSE +ODE TO TUNG LUNG ISLAND+ ON SUNDAY (MAY 29) ON THE ISLAND ITSELF.

THE SINGING TRIP IS BEING ARRANGED FOR THE CHILDREN TO PRACTISE THE NUMBER WHICH THEY WILL PERFORM ON JUNE 19 AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL TO MARK THE CHOIR'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

THE SONG COMPOSER, MR YIP YEE-KWONG, ONCE VISITED THE ISLAND, SOUTH OF TIN HA PENINSULA IN CLEAR WATER BAY, AND WAS ATTRACTED BY THE ROCK CARVINGS AND THE RELICS AT THE TUNG LUNG FORT. HE LATER RECORDED THESE HISTORIC TREASURES IN A SONG.

THE TUNG LUNG CARVINGS ARE SAID TO BE MORE THAN 3 000 YEARS OLD, WHILE THE FORT WAS BUILT IN THE CHING DYNASTY AND MANNED BY A SMALL DETACHMENT FROM THE TAI PING GARRISON TO CONTROL TRADING SHIPS AND TO PROTECT THEM FROM PIRATES.

ORGANISER OF THE TRIP, MR WAN HON-CHEUNG, SAID THE OUTING WOULD ENABLE CHOIR MEMBERS, BETWEEN THE AGES OF SEVEN AND 14, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE HISTORIC TREASURES.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR, SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, WAS FORMED IN 1979 TO EDUCATE AND TRAIN LOCAL CHILDREN WITH MUSICAL TALENT.

THE ANNIVERSARY CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON JUNE 19 IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, KOWLOON TONG.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE AC HALL AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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**LECTURE ON PHYSICAL FITNESS**

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING A SEMINAR ON +THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICAL FITNESS AND HOW TO ATTAIN IT+ ON SUNDAY (MAY 29) IN THE ACADEMY ROOMS OF THE HARBOUR VIEW HOLIDAY INN IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE A WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN EXERCISE-PHYSIOLOGIST, PROFESSOR JAMES SKINNER.

PROFESSOR SKINNER'S TALK WILL BE PRECEDED BY AN OPENING ADDRESS BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

FOLLOWING THE 75-MINUTE LECTURE, A DISCUSSION SESSION WILL BE HELD.

REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICIALS OF SPORTS ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND.

PROFESSOR SKINNER HAS WRITTEN MORE THAN 50 ARTICLES, CONTRIBUTING CHAPTERS AND BOOKS ON PHYSIOLOGY -- PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO HEALTH AND FITNESS. HE HAS ALSO LECTURED IN FRENCH AND GERMAN.

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**HOUSES AND LAND LOTS FOR SALE**

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER SIX HOUSES IN NGAU CHI WAN AND THREE LOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SALE AT TWO SEPARATE AUCTIONS NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRST AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 22, AT 2.30 PM IN THE CHOI WAN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, KOWLOON.

OF THE HOUSES TO BE SOLD AT THE AUCTION, TWO OF THE HOUSES HAVE AN AREA OF ABOUT 74.9 SQUARE METRES, WHILE THE REMAINING FOUR ARE OF ABOUT 56 SQUARE METRES IN SIZE.

THE SECOND AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 24 AT 2.30 PM IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

TWO OF THE SITES ARE IN SHA TIN. ONE OF THEM MEASURING ABOUT 3 834 SQUARE METRES IS FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES WHILE THE OTHER SITE WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 955 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR A SINGLE DETACHED PRIVATE DWELLING HOUSE.

THE THIRD SITE, SITUATED IN THE TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA OF YUEN LONG, IS ALSO FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSE. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 777 SQUARE METRES.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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**WORK STARTING SOON ON TUEN MUN TOWN PARK**

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WORK WILL SOON START ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 11.5-HECTARE TUEN MUN TOWN PARK.

TENDERS FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE TOWN PARK IS CENTRALLY LOCATED BETWEEN THE TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE, CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX AND THE EXISTING PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OF YAU OI, ON TING AND SAN FAT.

IT WILL PROVIDE A MAJOR CENTRAL OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR TUEN MUN.

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WORK ON THE PRESENT CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE ORNAMENTAL LAKE FOR BOTH ROWING AND MODEL BOATING, WITH ISLAND CAFE, AMPHITHEATRE AND PAVILIONS, CHILDREN'S PLAY AND SITTING AREAS, AND EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPED SLOPES SURROUNDING THE PARK.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FOOTBRIDGES CONNECTING THE PARK TO THE NEW TOWN CENTRE IN THE EAST AND THE EXISTING COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND SAN FAT ESTATE IN THE NORTH.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN AUGUST AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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CAUSEWAY BAY WATER MAINS WORK  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MAY 30) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES BOUNDED BY GLOUCESTER ROAD, PATERSON STREET AND GREAT GEORGE STREET, INCLUDING WEST SIDE OF PATERSON STREET.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SAI KUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL ALSO BE CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORKS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY INCLUDING NAM WAI, PAK WAI, HO CHUNG, PAK KONG, PAK SHA WAN, TUI MIN HOI, PO LO CHE, SHA KOK MEI AND SAI KUNG MARKET.

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# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

## SUPPLEMENT

**SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
SIR EDWARD YOUDE, GCMG, MBE, AT THE OPENING  
CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN  
SPORTS GROUND ON 27 MAY 1983**

Mr Heywood, Sir Shiu-kin and Lady Tang, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are very glad to be here today to mark the completion of this sports ground which is to be named after its generous benefactor, Sir Shiu-kin Tang. Here and elsewhere in the New Territories, Sir Shiu-kin Tang's generous contributions to a wide variety of community and recreational projects have given invaluable support to Government's efforts to provide better sporting facilities for the New Territories residents.

Sai Kung District is renowned for its picturesque landscape and beautiful country parks which have now become an important recreational asset for urban dwellers. But there is also a need to provide more active recreational facilities for Sai Kung residents themselves. With the completion of this project, Sai Kung will have its own sports centre which can be used for football, athletic events and other recreation activities.

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It will take its place in the pattern of leisure facilities in the New Territories. Last month I went to Yuen Long to open the new swimming pool complex. Other projects which will be completed later this year include the Sha Tin Recreation Ground, the Kwai Chung Swimming Pool and the North Kwai Chung Indoor Games Hall, another project to which Sir Shiu-kin Tang has generously donated \$10 million.

The Sai Kung District Sports Association, with the sponsorship of the District Board, has organised a number of events at this sports ground since it was completed several months ago, including the Inter-District Soccer Competition. With such support from the Board and local initiatives, I am sure that it will become increasingly popular and provide great enjoyment for local residents and visitors alike.

Finally, may I once again thank Sir Shiu-kin Tang for his generous donation towards this project and may I also congratulate all those responsible for the planning, design and construction of this fine ground.

I take great pleasure in formally declaring open the Sai Kung Tang Shiu-kin Sports Ground.