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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO VISIT HONG KONG NEXT MONTH

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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND HER HUSBAND THE HON ANGUS OGILVY WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG NEXT MONTH FOR A NINE-DAY VISIT DURING WHICH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

DURING THE VISIT, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL ALSO OPEN THE NEW TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE ROYAL COUPLE WILL ARRIVE ON FEBRUARY 5 — THEIR SIXTH VISIT TO HONG KONG — AND RETURN TO LONDON ON FEBRUARY 13.

ALSO DURING HER STAY HERE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL TOUR THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME WHERE SHE WILL SEE THE WORLD'S LARGEST MAN-MADE DAM FACING THE SEA AND WHERE SHE WILL START A PUMP TO DRAW WATER FROM THE RESERVOIR FOR THE FIRST TIME.

UNLIKE HER LAST VISIT TO HONG KONG IN 1977 WHEN SHE CROSSED THE HARBOUR IN THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL THIS TIME TRAVEL IN A SPECIAL TRAIN FROM TSIM SHA TSUI STATION. ON HER ARRIVAL AT CHATER STATION ON THE ISLAND PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE MARKING THE COMPLETION OF HONG KONG'S LARGEST PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECT — THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM OF THE MTR.

AT TSUEN WAN SHE WILL OPEN THE TOWN'S LATEST CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY VENUE WHERE SHE WILL VIEW A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION SHOWING THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA, AS WELL AS SEE A COLOURFUL PERFORMANCE BY A GROUP OF YOUNG DANCERS.

AS WELL AS TSUEN WAN THE PRINCESS WILL VISIT TAI O AND CHEUNG CHAU WHERE SHE WILL MEET WITH VILLAGERS AND RURAL LEADERS.

SHE WILL ALSO SPEND A MORNING WITH SOME OF HONG KONG'S YOUTH — INCLUDING PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE.

HRH WILL ALSO PAY A CALL ON THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, TOUR THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE ON TSING YI ISLAND AND SEE A RED CROSS MOBILE BLOOD DONOR UNIT IN OPERATION.

AS HONORARY COMMANDANT-GENERAL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT A BEATING RETREAT AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN ABERDEEN, AND SHE WILL BE GIVEN A SPECIAL WELCOME BY MEMBERS OF THE FORCE AT AN INFORMAL GATHERING IN THE POLICE CLUB AT KAI TAK.

ALSO DURING HER STAY IN HONG KONG PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL MEET UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, KNOWN TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS AS NGAR LAI SAN KUN TZU -- PRINCESS ELEGANT AND BEAUTIFUL CORAL -- FIRST VISITED HONG KONG IN 1961. SINCE THEN SHE HAS RETURNED IN 1965, 1967, 1972 (WHEN SHE OPENED THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL) AND 1977.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ROYAL VISIT PRESS OFFICER, MR JOHNNIE JOHNSTON, WILL GIVE A PRESS BRIEFING AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21 ON FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE VISIT OF HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BRIEFING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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ACTING GOVERNOR EXPLAINS NEED FOR OVERALL REVIEW  
OF EDUCATION SYSTEM  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, SAID TODAY THAT THE REVIEW OF OUR WHOLE EDUCATION SYSTEM, INTENDED TO BE CONDUCTED IN 1981, WAS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE AND WOULD ENSURE THAT WE WERE, IN FACT, ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

SIR JACK WAS SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON.

HE EXPLAINED THAT FOR JUNIOR, SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, WE HAD REVIEWED, DEBATED AT GREAT LENGTH, AND ADOPTED DEVELOPMENT PLANS WHICH WERE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED, AND SOON WE SHOULD GO THROUGH THE SAME PROCESS FOR PRIMARY AND PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION.

+SO FAR WE HAVE, PERHAPS INEVITABLY, LOOKED AT THE SYSTEM PIECEMEAL: WE NOW FEEL IT IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE BEFORE OUR PLANS BECOME TOO ENTRENCHED,+ HE SAID.

HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE PLANS HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO SUIT OUR OWN LOCAL AND PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND HAD BEEN EVOLVED OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH ADVICE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS OTHER INTERESTED BODIES, IN THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS.

ALTHOUGH IN MANY WAYS WE WERE AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WITH AN INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK, IN SOME WAYS TOO WE WERE PAROCHIAL AND OFTEN INWARD-LOOKING.

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+IT IS INTENDED THEREFORE THAT THOSE INVITED TO CARRY OUT THIS MAJOR REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE PERSONS FROM ABROAD WITH EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATION IN ADDITION TO LOCAL PARTICIPATION; THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM IS UP-TO-DATE, THAT IT MAY TAKE ITS PROPER, AND IMPORTANT, PLACE IN THE WORLD OF EDUCATION.

+PERHAPS, THE IDEA OF BEING INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED AND ACCLAIMED UNDER THE LABEL 'EDUCATED IN HONG KONG' IS MORE REAL THAN SOME MAY THINK,+ SIR JACK SAID.

ADDRESSING THE GIRLS AT THE SCHOOL, SIR JACK SAID THERE WAS A TIME WHEN ONE COULD GENERALLY BE CATEGORISED AS EITHER A LEADER OR A FOLLOWER BUT NOW WE HAD TO BE PREPARED TO BE BOTH.

+WE NEED LEADERS WHO LISTEN AND FOLLOWERS WHO ARE ALERT AND CRITICAL BUT ALSO CONSTRUCTIVE IN THEIR CRITICISM AND SENSIBLY CO-OPERATIVE.

+INDEED, A PRINCIPAL TASK OF LEADERSHIP IS TO ENCOURAGE IDEAS, TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SPEAK OUT- TO WORK FOR, AND TO INDUCE, CO-OPERATION.

+WHEN YOU ARE IN A 'FOLLOWING' ROLE THERE IS ROOM FOR OBEDIENCE .... BUT IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO HAVE OTHER, MORE POSITIVE FORMS OF SUPPORT- IF YOU LIKE A NEED, NOT FOR MERE BLIND OBEDIENCE, BUT RATHER AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHY OBEDIENCE IS NECESSARY FOR A GENERAL GOOD,+ HE SAID.

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### SECOND EXPRESS TRAIN TO GUANGZHOU

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A SECOND THROUGH PASSENGER TRAIN BETWEEN KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON FEBRUARY 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOLWOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID FINAL DETAILS OF THIS AGREEMENT WAS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED WITH OFFICIALS OF THE GUANGZHOU RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION ON JANUARY 10.

THE TRAIN WITH NEW FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED COACHES AND A DINING CAR, WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GUANGZHOU RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION.

IT CAN ACCOMMODATE 680 PASSENGERS -- 40 MORE THAN THE FIRST TRAIN WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

DESCRIBING IT AS A VERY WELCOME ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TWO TRAINS WILL ENABLE 2 640 PASSENGERS TO TRAVEL DAILY DIRECT TO AND FROM GUANGZHOU FROM FEBRUARY 1.

ON THE TIMING OF THE NEW SERVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TRAIN WILL LEAVE GUANGZHOU AT 11.10 AM AND ARRIVE AT THE KOWLOON TERMINAL IN HUNG HOM AT 2.06 PM. IT WILL LEAVE HUNG HOM AT 4 PM AND ARRIVE IN GUANGZHOU AT 6.54 PM.

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ALTHOUGH THE NEW TRAIN OFFERS SOME IMPROVED FACILITIES OVER THE EXISTING THROUGH TRAIN, THE SINGLE JOURNEY FARE FROM KOWLOON TO GUANGZHOU WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT \$54.40 PLUS \$5 SERVICE CHARGE TO CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE WHO WILL CONTINUE TO ACT AS THE SOLE AGENT.

CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE AND TEN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, WILL ONLY HAVE TO PAY HALF FARE. ONE CHILD UNDER FIVE YEARS OLD ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT CAN TRAVEL FREE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A FREE BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE OF 20 KILOGRAMMES FOR EACH PASSENGER WHICH THEY CAN CARRY WITH THEM INTO THE COMPARTMENTS. EXCESSIVE BAGGAGE WILL HAVE TO BE CONVEYED IN THE LUGGAGE VAN WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGES ACCORDING TO WEIGHT.

TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED AT THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE OFFICES IN WAN CHAI AND TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT LIKE THE FIRST EXPRESS TRAIN, ONLY THREE CATEGORIES OF PASSENGERS WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE NEW SERVICE :

- \* HOLDERS OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA PASSPORTS WITH VISAS FOR HONG KONG-
- \* FOREIGNERS (I.E. HOLDERS OF OTHER PASSPORTS) WHO EITHER HAVE VISAS FOR HONG KONG OR WHO ARE NATIONALS OF COUNTRIES NOT REQUIRING VISAS FOR HONG KONG- AND
- \* HOLDERS OF HONG KONG RE-ENTRY PERMITS.

AS A RESULT OF THE ADDITIONAL THROUGH TRAIN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE TIMINGS OF SOME LOCAL TRAINS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND LO WU WILL BE marginally ADJUSTED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADDED THAT AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, A RECORD 5 032 897 PEOPLE TRAVELLED TO AND FROM CHINA LAST YEAR -- A 95 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1978.

#### APPLICATIONS INVITED TO OPERATE NEW MAXICAB ROUTES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM REGISTERED OWNERS OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FOR THE RIGHT TO OPERATE 10 MAXICAB ROUTES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR.

THESE ROUTES WILL BE GROUPED INTO SIX SEPARATE PACKAGES WITH FARES RANGING FROM \$1.50 TO 40 CENTS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FORM ENTITLED +APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS MAXICAB ROUTES+.

THESE FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), FROM EITHER THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, SIXTH FLOOR, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, HONG KONG OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET.

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COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO REACH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY 5 PM ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

THE MAXICAB ROUTES WILL SERVE MOUNT BUTLER, ADMIRALTY MTR STATION, UPPER BRAEMAR HILL, POK FU LAM GARDENS, STAR FERRY PIER AT EDINBURGH PLACE, KENNEDY TOWN, BAGUIO VILLAS, CAUSEWAY BAY, AP LEI CHAU, WONG CHUK HANG, WATFORD ROAD, JORDAN ROAD FERRY PIER, KING'S PARK RISE, HO MAN TIN HILL, KADOORIE AVENUE, KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION, BEACON HILL ROAD, NAM SHAN ESTATE AND SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER.

FULL DETAILS OF THE MAXICAB ROUTES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR, WHICH WILL TAKE IN 50 PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT EDUCATION DIRECTOR DUE IN TODAY  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT, MR ARTHUR BECKENHAM, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A TWO-WEEK VISIT.

THIS WILL BE HIS SECOND VISIT TO HONG KONG SINCE 1976.

THE VISIT SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE INSTITUTE PLACES ON EXTENDING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN TRANSPORT TO HONG KONG.

THE PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ARRANGED BY THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTE AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WHO HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING COURSES IN TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING FOR LOCAL STUDENTS.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR BECKENHAM WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE TRANSPORT, CIVIL AVIATION AND MARINE DEPARTMENTS AND ALSO THE ENVIRONMENT BRANCH, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, THE ARMY TRANSPORT HEADQUARTERS AND THE GOVERNMENT TRAINING DIVISION.

HE WILL ALSO VISIT SENIOR MANAGEMENT STAFF OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, AND HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY. DURING THE VISITS HE WILL DISCUSS WITH THEM THEIR TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND THE INSTITUTE'S QUALIFICATIONS AS A CRITERION OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE.

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A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF MR BECKENHAM'S PROGRAMME WILL INVOLVE REVIEWING WITH THE DIRECTOR AND SENIOR STAFF OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC THE FULL AND PART-TIME TRANSPORT COURSES NOW TAUGHT IN THE POLYTECHNIC AND EXEMPTIONS FOR STUDENTS ON THESE COURSES FROM THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE'S INTERMEDIATE AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS WITH A CHANGE IN THE INSTITUTE'S EXAMINATION STRUCTURE.

BESIDES REVIEWING TRANSPORT COURSES, THE VISIT WILL ALSO SEEK TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS OF MAKING THE INSTITUTE MORE EFFECTIVE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFICIENCY OF TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY BY EXPANDING A SOUND EDUCATIONAL BASE AND A HIGH DEGREE OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE INSTITUTE'S LOCAL BRANCH COMMITTEE SERVES AS THE POLYTECHNIC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPORT STUDIES AND THUS PROVIDES A HIGH DEGREE OF LIAISON BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION.

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SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN TO GET WALL-SHEET ON HONG KONG  
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A NEW WALL-SHEET ON HONG KONG HAS BEEN SPECIALLY PRODUCED TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE TERRITORY AMONG SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN.

OBSERVING THAT HONG KONG HAS SOMETIMES BEEN CALLED +A CITY OF CHILDREN+ - SINCE ONE IN FOUR OF ITS POPULATION OF 4.9 MILLION IS AT SCHOOL - THE WALL-SHEET PRESENTS A CONCISELY-WORDED INTRODUCTION TO THE TERRITORY.

IT HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES WHICH HAS CREATED AN ATTRACTIVE FORMAT FEATURING FULL-COLOUR ILLUSTRATIONS DEPICTING NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOCAL SCENE.

A PANORAMIC VIEW OF HONG KONG ISLAND, WITH THE HARBOUR IN THE FOREGROUND, AND SHOWING THE SKY-SCRAPERS OF CENTRAL DISTRICT AGAINST THE GREEN-CLAD SLOPES OF THE PEAK, IS THE DOMINANT FEATURE OF THE DESIGN.

TO ILLUSTRATE THE SMALL LAND AREA OF HONG KONG, AND THE HIGH DENSITY OF ITS POPULATION, THE TERRITORY IS COMPARED DIAGRAMMATICALLY WITH THE ISLE OF WIGHT, SITUATED OFF BRITAIN'S SOUTH COAST. HONG KONG ISLAND, IT IS NOTED, IS ONLY ONE-FIFTH THE SIZE OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT BUT ITS POPULATION IS 10 TIMES GREATER WITH DENSITIES UP TO 98 595 PER SQUARE KILOMETRE.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE WALL-SHEET TO SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON WHICH RECEIVES NUMEROUS REQUESTS FROM TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT HONG KONG.

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+IT IS FITTING THAT PRODUCTION OF A NEW SOURCE OF REFERENCE WAS UNDERTAKEN DURING THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD AS IT WILL SERVE TO FOSTER CLOSER INTEREST IN HONG KONG AMONG BRITAIN'S SCHOOL-CHILDREN,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES COMMENTED.

HE ALSO ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE WALL-SHEET HAVE BEEN PRINTED FOR SALE IN HONG KONG AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$3 EACH.

IT IS ANTICIPATED, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, THAT THE WALL-SHEET WILL BE OF INTEREST TO VISITORS AS A SOUVENIR ITEM, AND THAT LOCAL SCHOOLS MAY ALSO WISH TO OBTAIN COPIES.

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FACTORY INSPECTORS IN UK ON CONSTRUCTION SAFETY COURSE  
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TWO FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR LEE SZE-CHOI AND MR YUNG WING-CHEE, HAVE LEFT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ATTEND A CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TRAINING COURSE.

THE COURSE DEALS WITH TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW IN ACHIEVING SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OFFICERS WILL ATTEND THE EIGHT-WEEK COURSE AT THE BROOKLANDS SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS STUDIES IN WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.

AFTERWARDS THEY WILL SPEND FIVE WEEKS ON ATTACHMENT TO HM CONSTRUCTION INSPECTORATE BRANCH OFFICE IN THE ENGLISH MIDLANDS AND THE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY GROUP IN LONDON.

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VEGETABLE GARDENING COMPETITION

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JUDGING OF THIS YEAR'S VEGETABLE GARDENING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND PARTICIPATED BY 16 GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 23).

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE GROWING TOMATO, SWEET PEA AND BROCCOLI, ALL OF WHICH ARE SUITABLE FOR GROWING IN WINTER IN HONG KONG. THE SEEDS WERE PROVIDED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

+THE VEGETABLE PLANTING COMPETITION IS A MEANINGFUL EXERCISE THROUGH WHICH PUPILS HAVE THE CHANCE TO PRACTISE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED FROM TEXTBOOKS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS ALSO FIND THIS EVENT FEASIBLE BECAUSE THE VEGETABLES ARE GROWN IN POTS THUS SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF INSUFFICIENT GARDENING PLOTS.+

THE COMPETITION WAS HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST YEAR AS PART OF THE JOINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS EXHIBITION.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION BEGAN PLANTING THE THREE VEGETABLES LAST SEPTEMBER. ALL THE WORK, FROM SEED PLANTING TO HARVEST, WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE PUPILS THEMSELVES UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF TEACHERS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, OFFICERS FROM THE PRIMARY SCIENCE SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE VISITED THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND HELPED TEACHERS IN CHARGE WITH ANY PROBLEMS THEY MIGHT ENCOUNTER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, NORTH POINT, ON WEDNESDAY.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISE MR C.S. PAO, HORTICULTURIST OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, AND OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

MRS RUBY LAU, PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (PRIMARY) WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

AN EXHIBITION OF ALL THE ENTRIES TO THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE TEACHING CENTRE ON JANUARY 23 AND 24, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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LANTAU DEVELOPMENTS TO GET WATER SUPPLY

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WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON LANTAU ISLAND TO PROVIDE WATER SUPPLY FROM SHEK PIK RESERVOIR TO DEVELOPMENTS IN CHEUNG SHA.

A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WAS SIGNED THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING BETWEEN MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION), OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF HUNG YUE AND CO.

WORK ON THE \$1.5 MILLION PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GLASS-REINFORCED PLASTIC WATER STORAGE TANK AND THE LAYING OF A TOTAL OF 2 190 METRES OF MAINS.

THE PROJECT WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FIRE PREVENTION CHECK IN KWAI CHUNG

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OFFICERS WILL CARRY OUT A FULL SCALE FIRE PREVENTION CHECK IN KWAI CHUNG INDUSTRIAL AREA TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INSPECTION. THEY SHOULD REPORT TO A MOBILE COMMAND UNIT WHICH WILL BE SET UP AT THE JUNCTION OF TA CHUEN PING STREET AND CHUN PIN STREET AT 10 AM.

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SEMINAR FOR MAC OFFICIALS IN TSUEN WAN  
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A SEMINAR FOR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE (MAC) OFFICIALS IN TSUEN WAN, WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE IS AIMED AT IMPROVING MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION OF MACS IN THE NEW TOWN.

MORE THAN 400 MAC MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEVEN-DAY SEMINAR ENDING ON FEBRUARY 1. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE FIRST MAC SEMINAR IN THE DISTRICT TOOK PLACE LAST MARCH AND WAS ATTENDED BY 300 PEOPLE.

A TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE MAC ORGANISATION WAS GROWING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN TSUEN WAN, WITH MORE THAN 120 NEW COMMITTEES FORMED LAST YEAR.

THE GROWTH, HE SAID, HAD INCREASED THE NUMBER OF MACS IN THE TOWN TO 470, SERVING MORE THAN 432 000 PEOPLE.

+WE ARE SURE THAT THIS SECOND SEMINAR WILL BENEFIT LOCAL MACS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.+

THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE TALKS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE ACCOUNTING, SECURITY, ENVIRONMENT HYGIENE, ACTIVITY ORGANISATION AND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE VISITS TO LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES AT THE END OF THE SEMINAR.

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PWD STAFF GIVE BLOOD  
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STAFF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT YESTERDAY DONATED A TOTAL OF 103 UNITS OF BLOOD TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS.

THIS WAS THE FIRST DONATION BY THE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR.

PWD LAST YEAR DONATED A TOTAL OF 458 UNITS OF BLOOD ON FOUR OCCASIONS.

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## SUPPLEMENT

Thursday, January 17, 1980

### ACTING GOVERNOR ADDRESSES DGS SPEECH DAY

The following is the address by the Acting Governor, Sir Jack Cater, at the Diocesan Girls' School Speech Day today (Thursday) :

Bishop Baker, Mrs Symons, Ladies and Gentlemen, Girls of DGS, Friends:

My wife and I are grateful for the invitation to be here today. Speech Days are important occasions which we are delighted to attend - and particularly when the school is DGS.

First a few words about your school: as you know, DGS is one of Hong Kong's best known and well-respected, as well as venerable, institutions. It is over one hundred years old - and this is very special because we are a comparatively young community and one hundred years covers the best part of our history. It has been a century of great change and growth.

This school is an integral part of Hong Kong; it has grown with Hong Kong and proved that it can adapt to advances and to change. That says a great deal for an organisation which started with only about 50 girls (and a government grant of \$15 per month - and that fact should make the Financial Secretary look back with nostalgia to the mid-nineteenth century!). Today the school has an enrolment of 900 with a grant of nearly \$3 million per year.

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I know how proud you must be to belong to DGS: and you have much to be proud of.

My theme today is nothing new but is, I think, of importance: it is "Leadership in the contemporary world": or perhaps more accurately "Leaders and Followers".

None of us can be winners all the time. In the same way, we cannot be leaders all the time. In the world that was one could be generally categorised as either a leader or a follower. But now I believe we must be prepared to be both leaders and followers. None of us can be big shots every moment of every day; neither, importantly, should we be small potatoes all the time.

We need leaders who listen and followers who are alert and critical but also constructive in their criticism and sensibly co-operative. Indeed, a principal task of leadership is to encourage ideas, to encourage others to speak out; to work for, and to induce, co-operation. When you are in a "following" role there is room for obedience, of course; and sometimes indeed, necessity - real necessity for obedience. But it is also necessary to have other, more positive, forms of support; if you like a need, not for mere blind obedience, but rather an understanding of why obedience is necessary for a general good. It is in your family and social group activities, your various clubs and organisations, such as the Guides, that you can learn these "inter-personal" skills and understandings. A sense of knowing when to take the lead: how to do it without annoying everyone, when to be firm, when to be tactful; when to give backing and support to someone else's ideas: when and how to make suggestions; and when just simply to carry out orders intelligently. These skills need to be learnt and will form a first class basis for all your working and social activities in adult life. These are skills that DGS, and all good schools should help to train you for.

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I believe that your Headmistress and your staff will have taught you much about leaders and leadership in the contemporary world. Their team work, their inspiring example should guide you. The world outside is a great deal less well-organised than the smaller world in here, I am sorry to tell you, but the disciplines you have learnt here will help you make your mark out there. You have learned to work hard and to play hard. Your books are full of knowledge; and I know that your teachers have taught you that what is important is not so much what you know but how you know it. The many extra-curricular activities which are open to you will also have taught you that knowledge is something rather more than book learning, important though this is. Getting on with people is at least as important as getting on with History or Geography or English or Mathematics. Serving your school and your school mates is as important as serving your community.

Now I speak to the prize-winners and equally to those who did not win prizes. I have just pointed to the fact that not everybody can be first, second or third. Nor can anyone be first, second or third all their lives all the time. The important thing is to work hard, to do your best: I am sure all of you have done that. Of course, the prize-winners deserve special congratulations but I am sure they will be the first to admit that what they have got most from the school is not only a prize or a certificate. They have had the opportunity to learn that hard work is its own reward. Every one of you is well aware, I know, that you are privileged to be a part of DGS.

Today, Mrs Symons has mentioned especially the Government's intention that our whole education system should be reviewed in 1981: I regard this as being of particular importance and would like to comment briefly on it. Of course, we are all familiar - are we not? - with the many and various Green and White Papers which have been produced over the past few years: we have reviewed, debated at great length, and adopted

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development plans for junior, senior secondary and tertiary education, and these plans are now being implemented. Soon we shall go through the same process in respect of primary and pre-primary education. So why, you may well ask, yet another review? Are we not in danger of too much planning, too many reviews? The plans I have referred to, have been designed to suit our own local and particular circumstances, they have been evolved over a number of years by Government with advice from the Board of Education, UPGC, as well as other interested bodies, in the light of public comments: they include much-needed, far reaching changes and improvements, and undoubtedly by the mid-eighties we shall have an improved educational system. So - again - why the big review in 1981? It is to ensure that we are, in fact, on the right track. So far we have, perhaps inevitably, looked at the system piece-meal: we now feel it important to look at the system as a whole before our plans become too entrenched: to study what Mrs Symons has called the interfaces between the various levels of education: to study too the part which non-academic subjects have to play in the education system in the context of modern Hong Kong. Hong Kong is changing at a rapid pace; it is inevitable that, as a community, our hopes and aspirations will be changing too. In many ways we are an international community with an international outlook - as one would expect of one of the World's greatest ports, as one would expect of a leading manufacturing and trading territory: but in some ways too we are parochial and often inward-looking. It is intended therefore that those invited to carry out this major review should include persons from abroad with expertise and experience in education in addition to local participation: this to ensure that our education system is up-to-date, that it may take its proper, and important, place in the World of Education. Perhaps, Mrs Symons, the idea of being internationally accepted and acclaimed under the label "Educated in Hong Kong" is more real than some may think.

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Clearly the Hong Kong Government pays a very great deal of time and attention to Education: and rightly so. Paradoxically, although "people" may well be one of our greatest problems at the moment (and here I refer especially to the vast influx of immigrants from China this past year): although "people" are a worry in that sense - it is also undoubtedly true that "people" are our most valuable asset, and - in Hong Kong - will always be so. It would be a criminal waste of this priceless asset if we did not encourage its development in every way practicable: not just academically, important though that is, but even more importantly in terms of our people as citizens, and all that that implies. Education is the Key: and the teaching profession, surely, must be one of the most important, most satisfying and valuable of all professions.

Which brings me to a happy task. I must take this opportunity to pay an especial tribute to your Headmistress, Mrs Joyce Symons. She is a modest woman but I will not spare her blushes and will say how very much I admire her example not only in DGS but in the community of Hong Kong. I venture to say that as you all grow older you will come to appreciate your Headmistress and admire her bravery, her compassion and her reliability much more even than you do today. Mrs Symons and I have known each other for a good many years and I have had the privilege of serving with her in both the Legislative and Executive Councils of Government. How she manages to do everything she does has always amazed me, still amazes me. She is of course an old girl of the school who has become the embodiment of DGS. Mark well her example and follow it. Mrs Symons is my idea of a community leader, ready to listen and ready to act, modest in acknowledging others' ideas but unafraid to supply her own while always conceding that they may not be exclusive wisdom. That is an aim of perfection.

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Girls of DGS, I wish you all those qualities of resilience and dependability, the commonsense and charity which will make your lives full and beautiful in your successful futures.

Thank you.

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