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GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR YAN OI TONG
SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

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THE RAPID PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN IS IMMENSELY SATISFACTORY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY.

SIR MURRAY WAS OFFICIATING AT THE LAYING OF THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE FOUNDATION STONE.

SIR MURRAY SAID WHERE THERE WAS ONCE ONLY THE DUST AND DIRT OF RECLAMATION NEW FACTORIES AND NEW HOUSING ESTATES WERE GROWING UP.

+ONE CAN BEGIN TO DISCERN THE PROMISE OF THE MAGNIFICENT NEW TOWN WHICH WILL EMERGE,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

+OF COURSE, THIS ARDUOUS TRANSFORMATION FROM RURAL ENVIRONMENT TO BUSTLING CITY CANNOT BE WITHOUT ITS DIFFICULTIES.

+BUT I AM ENCOURAGED BY MY MEETING TODAY WITH LOCAL LEADERS, MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND DIRECTORS OF THE YAN OI TONG TO FIND THE EXTENT OF THEIR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AND COMMITMENT IN THE PROCESS OF OVERCOMING THESE DIFFICULTIES,+ HE SAID.

+WE SPOKE OF THE NEED TO ENSURE ENOUGH JOBS FOR THE INCOMING POPULATION, AND ALSO OF THE NEED TO PROVIDE BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WHICH WILL MAKE LIFE PLEASANTER AND TO FORM A HAPPY AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY FROM BOTH OLD AND NEW RESIDENTS,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THESE INCLUDED THE SPORTS GROUND OPENING IN THE AUTUMN OF NEXT YEAR FOR WHICH SIR SHIU KIN TANG HAD PLEDGED A VERY GENEROUS \$2 MILLION, A CIVIC CENTRE TO OPEN IN 1984 AND A TOWN PARK WHICH WOULD BE READY THE YEAR AFTER THAT.

NOR HAD THE HEALTH OF RESIDENTS BEEN OVERLOOKED. NEXT YEAR WOULD SEE BOTH THE OPENING OF A POLYCLINIC AND THE START OF WORK ON A MAJOR HOSPITAL DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1985/86. THESE PLANS ARE VERY BIG, SIR MURRAY SAID.

+THE AIM IN TUEN MUN IS FOR A BALANCE OF WORKS AND BUILDINGS PROVIDING FOR HOMES, WORK, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LEISURE,+ HE SAID.

+THIS YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE TO ACHIEVE.

+BUT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS INEVITABLY PREOCCUPIED WITH THE LARGE ITEMS OF DEVELOPMENT.

+AND I LOOK TO THE COMMUNITY OF TUEN MUN IN GENERAL AND THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IN PARTICULAR TO ENSURE THAT SMALLER ITEMS WHICH MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE TO THE AMENITIES OF LIFE ARE NOT OVERLOOKED.+

IN MAKING GOOD DEFICIENCIES THERE IS GREAT SCOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH PRIVATE PRESSURE AND PRIVATE CONTRIBUTION.

IT IS THIS COMBINATION OF PRIVATE ENERGY AND RESOURCE COUPLED WITH GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT AND EFFORT WHICH WILL CREATE THE FUTURE COMMUNITY OF TUEN MUN, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

/SIR MURRAY

SIR MURRAY SAID WHEN THE CENTRE WAS COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS' TIME, IT WOULD BE A FOCAL POINT FOR RESIDENTS, BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, TO RELAX AND ENJOY THEMSELVES AND TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER.

IT WOULD BE ANOTHER STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMMUNITY IN TUEN MUN.

THE BUILDING WOULD NOW COST \$35 MILLION, HALF OF WHICH WAS BEING MET BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE LOTTERIES FUND AND THE OTHER HALF, \$17.5 MILLION, WAS BEING RAISED BY THE BOARD OF THE YAN OI TONG.

+THIS IS A MAGNIFICENT EFFORT WHICH I AM SURE WILL RECEIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

+THE YAN OI TONG HAS SET AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE. IT IS A PART OF OLD TUEN MUN. BUT ITS MEMBERS HAVE UNDERTAKEN THIS MOST ENTERPRISING PROJECT BECAUSE THEY RIGHTLY BELIEVE IT NECESSARY IF THE NEW TUEN MUN IS TO BE THE PLACE THEY WANT.

+THEY HAVE MY ADMIRATION AND MY THANKS AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE THEY HAVE SET.

+I WISH TUEN MUN EVERY SUCCESS,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YAN OI TONG, MR LAU WONG-FAT, SAID SINCE THE TONG WAS FOUNDED 50 YEARS AGO IT HAD ADHERED TO ITS OBJECTIVE OF KINDNESS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

THE TONG HAD BEEN RE-ORGANISED TWO YEARS AGO TO COPE WITH GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEEDS OF THE FUTURE POPULATION OF TUEN MUN WHICH WAS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE REGION OF 500 000.

+AS A RESULT, THE ORGANISATION OF THE TONG HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED AND IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,+ MR LAU SAID.

THE TONG HAD FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS BEEN ACTIVELY PLANNING CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE TO PROVIDE HEALTHY CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN, AS WELL AS WELFARE FOR CHILDREN, THE YOUNG, THE AGED AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

+THANKS TO THE ALLOCATION OF LAND BY THE GOVERNMENT AND SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THE PROJECT HAS PROGRESSED SMOOTHLY,+ MR LAU SAID.

HE SAID AFTER THE CENTRE WAS COMPLETED IN MID-1982 IT WOULD BE MANAGED BY A COMMITTEE FORMED BY THE YAN OI TONG AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. ALL PROCEEDS WOULD BE USED FOR FUTURE SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT.

AT THE CEREMONY TODAY THE GOVERNOR ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF THE TONG FOUR CHEQUES EACH OF \$1 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF BUILDING THE CENTRE. THEY WERE PRESENTED BY LOCAL LEADERS, MR TIEN KA-PING, MR WU CHUNG, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND MR CHAN CHUNG-HANG. A CAMPAIGN IS BEING HELD TO RAISE THE BALANCE OF THE MONEY REQUIRED.

BEFORE LUNCH IN TUEN MUN WITH PROMINENT LOCAL RESIDENTS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, THE GOVERNOR WAS GIVEN A BRIEFING ON THE LATEST NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR STAN BARDEN.

THE EIGHT-STOREY CENTRE IS BEING BUILT ON A 4 359 SQUARE METRE SITE, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT GRANTED BY PRIVATE TREATY.

IT WILL HAVE A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 14 120 SQUARE METRES.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A ROLLER SKATING RINK, AN INDOOR SWIMMING POOL, A MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES HALL, GYMNASIUM, BOWLING CENTRE, GAMES AREA, BILLIARD AND TABLE TENNIS ROOMS, SQUASH COURTS, A RESTAURANT FOR 80 PERSONS AND FIVE SHOPS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A LIBRARY, SAUNA, MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, GALLERY, MEETING AND STUDY ROOMS, A CONFERENCE ROOM, CRECHE AND PLAY AREA, ACTIVITY ROOMS, AN ART AND CRAFT ROOM AND OFFICE SPACE.

A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM USE OF THE CENTRE'S SPORTS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ITS EFFICIENT RUNNING WILL COMPRISE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE YAN OI TONG, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.

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TIGHT CONTROL SYSTEM IS VITAL TO HONG KONG'S TRADE
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS MR BILL DORWARD TODAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF OPERATING A TIGHT CONTROL SYSTEM TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG AGAINST PROTECTIONISTS.

SPEAKING AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH LUNCHEON MEETING, MR DORWARD SAID THAT LAST YEAR THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT INSPECTIONS RELATED TO OVER 13 000 TEXTILE AND GARMENT EXPORT LICENCES, RESULTING IN ABOUT 230 FULL-SCALE INVESTIGATIONS, 75 OF WHICH WENT TO COURT OR RESULTED IN THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES.

COMMENTING ON AN ARGUMENT THAT THE COST TO THE COMMUNITY OF POLICING THE CONTROL SYSTEM IS HIGH COMPARED TO OFFENCES WHICH COME TO LIGHT, MR DORWARD SAID: +THE SIMPLISTIC EQUATING OF STAFF OR INSPECTIONS AGAINST PROSECUTIONS AND FINES IS NOT VALID.

+THINK INSTEAD OF THE COST TO HONG KONG OF A DISCREDITED SYSTEM OF EXPORT CONTROLS OR ORIGIN CERTIFICATION. THINK OF THE LOSS TO OUR TEXTILE AND GARMENT INDUSTRY IF INABILITY TO GIVE UP TO OUR RELUCTANTLY NEGOTIATED RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS WERE TO RESULT IN A SWITCH TO IMPORT CONTROLS IN OUR MAIN MARKETS.+

THE VALUE OF TRADE IN RESTRICTED EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND GARMENTS IN 1979, MR DORWARD SAID, WAS WORTH ABOUT \$15 000 MILLION. +IF YOU RECKON THAT THE VALUE OF HAVING EXPORT CONTROL WAS WORTH, SAY FOR EXAMPLE FIVE PER CENT OF THAT SUM, THEN \$750 MILLION CAME TO HONG KONG WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE STAYED IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA AS AN UNCONVENANTED BONUS TO COMMUNITIES RESTRICTING OUR RIGHT TO FREE TRADE.+

ILLUSTRATING THE CONTROL SYSTEM, MR DORWARD SAID: +ONE MUST ASSUME THAT GENERALLY THE FACT OF RESTRAINTS ON TRADE MEANS THAT DEMAND WILL EXCEED THE LIMITED SUPPLY. THE CONSEQUENCE IS THAT THE PRICE WILL RISE AND THE CONSUMER WILL PAY. BUT WHO WILL BENEFIT?+ HE ASKED.

+WITH EXPORT CONTROL THE SELLER WILL, WITH IMPORT CONTROL THE BENEFIT IS TO THE BUYER. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT CONTENTIOUS CONCEPT, THE 'QUOTA PREMIUM', A TERM WHICH GENERATES MORE HEAT THAN LIGHT, EVEN AMONG PEOPLE WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER.

+SURELY IT IS OBVIOUS, AND SURELY THE MOST STRIDENT CRITIC OF OUR SYSTEM WOULD NOT DENY THE FACT, THAT IT IS VERY MUCH TO THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG THAT THE QUOTA PREMIUM, THE MARGIN BY WHICH THE ARTIFICIAL RESTRAINTS ON TRADE PUSH UP THE PRICE, SHOULD STAY HERE. AND ONE WAY TO ENSURE THAT IS TO RUN A TIGHT SYSTEM OF CONTROL,+ MR DORWARD STRESSED.

SPEAKING ON THE COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE HONG KONG RECEIVED UNDER VARIOUS GENERALISED SCHEMES OF PREFERENCES OPERATED BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, MR DORWARD CAUTIONED: +AS IN THE CASE OF TEXTILE QUOTAS, THE REAL INCENTIVE TO OPERATING A TIGHT AND EFFECTIVE SCHEME IS THE VERY REAL THREAT TO CONTINUED ENJOYMENT OF THESE BENEFITS IF THE CONTROL IS SEEN TO BE INEFFICIENT.

+RECENTLY, WE HAVE SEEN A NEW DIMENSION COME INTO THIS SITUATION. THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS MANUFACTURING ARRANGEMENTS WITH CHINA, A WHOLLY WELCOME, LEGITIMATE AND DESIRABLE DEVELOPMENT, HAS MADE IT NECESSARY TO KEEP UNDER ACTIVE REVIEW THE MEANS BY WHICH ORIGIN CAN BE ACCURATELY IDENTIFIED IN THESE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES,+ HE SAID.

+THERE IS NOT, AND HAS NOT BEEN, A SIGNIFICANT ABUSE OF ORIGIN MARKING IN THIS SITUATION. THE DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF HEAT GENERATED BY MINOR CASES, HOWEVER, UNDERLINES THE NEED TO SEEK TO BE SEEN TO BE ABOVE REPROACH.

+I KNOW THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY THOSE CHINESE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE MATTER,+ MR DORWARD STRESSED.

MR DORWARD DISCLOSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING, DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, TO ASSIST FURTHER THOSE INVOLVED IN THE BUSINESS OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATION.

+FIRST WE SHALL BRING IN A SYSTEM OF DOCUMENTATION TO COVER GOODS EXPORTED AND SUBSEQUENTLY RE-IMPORTED AFTER PROCESSING OR ASSEMBLING. THIS WILL BE BASED UPON THE SO-CALLED 'OUTWARD PROCESSING' ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE OPERATED BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

+THE SYSTEM WILL BE FULLY EXPLAINED IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND BILINGUAL GUIDE TO OUR ORIGIN RULES WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER PREPARATION. THIS BOOKLET WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BEFORE THE NEW SYSTEM IS PUT INTO EFFECT. THIS WE ANTICIPATE WILL BE SOME TIME IN FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR, WHEN THE NEW CUSTOMS EXAMINATION FACILITIES ARE COMPLETED AT THE MAN KAM TO BORDER CROSSING.

/+I WOULD

+I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND IS NOT BY ANY MEANS A SET OF NEW RESTRICTIONS OR ONEROUS REQUIREMENTS WHICH WILL HAMPER TRADE. ON THE CONTRARY, WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO IS TO REMOVE DOUBTS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO FACILITATE TRADE,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING ANOTHER PUBLICATION, A GUIDE TO THE RULES FOR OBTAINING CERTIFICATES WHICH ENTITLE HONG KONG PRODUCTS TO BENEFIT UNDER THE VARIOUS GENERALISED SCHEMES OF PREFERENCES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PUBLICATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

OUTLINING THE WORK OF THE TRADE CONTROLS DIVISION -- WHICH WILL BEAR THE MAIN BURDEN OF ENFORCING THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS BILL PASSED INTO LAW THIS WEEK -- MR DORWARD SAID THAT WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HOPES TO TAKE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UPDATED WEIGHT AND MEASURES LEGISLATION.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR COCKEREL GOLD COIN
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A LIMITED QUANTITY OF \$1 000 GOLD COINS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMEMORATE THE COMING LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE YEAR OF THE COCKEREL.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 8) FROM ALL OFFICES OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND FROM THE MERCANTILE BANK.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 3 PM, DECEMBER 16, TUESDAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: +THE PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR IN THAT ONLY CASHIER'S ORDERS AND NOT CHEQUES ON PERSONAL ACCOUNTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND, IN THE EVENT OF OVERSUBSCRIPTION, THE NUMBER OF COINS ISSUED TO AN APPLICANT WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED.

+IN THE EVENT OF OVERSUBSCRIPTION FOR EITHER THE PROOF OR THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED VERSION, OR BOTH, ONLY ONE APPLICATION FROM EACH IDENTITY CARD HOLDER FOR EACH VERSION OF THE COIN WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE BALLOT.

+APPLICATIONS IN EXCESS OF ONE PER IDENTITY CARD WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED BY COMPUTER PRIOR TO BALLOTING.+

THE YEAR OF THE COCKEREL GOLD COIN IS THE SIXTH IN A SERIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ISSUE TO MARK THE 12 LUNAR YEARS WHICH FALL WITHIN THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR YEARS OF 1976-87.

PREVIOUS ISSUES IN THE SERIES HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO NOT MORE THAN 40 000 COINS, BUT IN VIEW OF THE VERY HEAVY OVERSUBSCRIPTION FOR THE MONKEY YEAR COIN AND THE WORLD-WIDE DEMAND FOR MORE COINS THAT FOLLOWED, THE NUMBER OF COINS MINTED TO COMMEMORATE THE YEAR OF THE COCKEREL HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 55 000, COMPRISING 22 000 PROOF AND 33 000 UNCIRCULATED COINS. OF THE TOTAL, 32 000 HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD HOLDERS.

/THE PROOF

THE PROOF COINS, WHICH HAVE A FROSTED RELIEF ON A MIRROR FINISH BACKGROUND, WILL BE SOLD AT \$3 300 AND THE BRILLIANT UNCIRCULATED VERSIONS AT \$2 200.

THE PREMIUM OVER THE FACE VALUE OF THE UNCIRCULATED VERSION AND THE HIGHER PRICE FOR THE PROOF COIN REFLECT THE MASSIVE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF GOLD IN RECENT YEARS.

IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED SUPPLY, INTERESTED RESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO OBTAIN CASHIER'S ORDERS IN GOOD TIME AS DEMAND FOR THE COINS MAY RESULT IN LONG QUEUES AT SALES OUTLETS FOR THESE ORDERS ON THE LAST DAY OR TWO BEFORE APPLICATIONS CLOSE.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY HAND, TOGETHER WITH CASHIER'S ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO THE +HONG KONG GOVERNMENT 1981 SPECIAL COIN ACCOUNT+ BEFORE 3 PM ON DECEMBER 16, AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICES OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION:

1 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
306 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT,
40-45 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST,
42 WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, ABERDEEN,
82 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI,
673 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK,
1 YUE MAN SQUARE, KWUN TONG,
455-457 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN,
150 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG,
OR AT THE MERCANTILE BANK LIMITED,
7 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE COINS, LIKE OTHERS IN THE SERIES, HAVE A MILLESIMAL FINENESS OF 916.6 (22 CARATS) AND WEIGH 15.976 GRAMMES WITH A DIAMETER OF 28.4 MM.

THE OBVERSE CARRIES A WELL-KNOWN PORTRAIT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN WHILE THE REVERSE DEPICTS THE COCKEREL. THE DESIGN FOR THE REVERSE WAS SPECIFICALLY COMMISSIONED FOR THIS ISSUE. EACH COIN WILL BE PACKAGED IN A PLASTIC SCREW-TOP CAPSULE AND SUPPLIED WITH A PRESENTATION CASE AND A DESCRIPTIVE BOOKLET.

GOLD COINS WITH A FACE VALUE OF \$1 000 WERE MADE LEGAL TENDER ON MAY 5, 1975.

THE YEAR OF THE COCKEREL BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 5, 1981 AND ENDS ON JANUARY 24, 1982. THE COCKEREL IS, THEREFORE, THE BIRTHDAY ANIMAL FOR ANY CHILD BORN BETWEEN THESE DATES AND FOR ANYONE BORN IN A PREVIOUS COCKEREL YEAR.

THIS CENTURY THE COCKEREL ALSO RULED DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:

JANUARY 22, 1909 TO FEBRUARY 9, 1910-
FEBRUARY 8, 1921 TO JANUARY 27, 1922-
JANUARY 26, 1933 TO FEBRUARY 13, 1934-
FEBRUARY 13, 1945 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1946-
JANUARY 31, 1957 TO FEBRUARY 17, 1958- AND
FEBRUARY 17, 1969 TO FEBRUARY 5, 1970.

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PRIVATE CAR REGISTRATIONS IN NOVEMBER
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS TOPPED 188 000 AT THE END OF LAST MONTH, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 27 400 CARS OR 17 PER CENT OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A RISE OF ABOUT 19 900 OVER THE 12 MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER, 1979.

THE NUMBER OF NEW CARS REGISTERED DURING NOVEMBER WAS 3 105 AND THE NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS WHICH LAPSED WAS 770.

THIS MEANT A NET INCREASE OF 2 335 REGISTRATIONS AND BROUGHT THE OVERALL TOTAL TO 188 252.

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ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER
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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER 1980 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY SHOW A SURPLUS FOR THE MONTH OF \$2 444 MILLION.

THIS WAS ENTIRELY DUE TO AN EXCEPTIONAL LEVEL OF RECEIPTS FROM LAND SALES OF \$2 729 MILLION.

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MAJOR SOCIAL WELFARE PLANS FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY MAJOR SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENTS FOR SHA TIN IN THE 1980'S WOULD BE FOCUSED ON CHILD CARE, SERVICES FOR OLD AND DISABLED PEOPLE, AND GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE \$1 MILLION WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL, HE SAID PLANS WERE IN HAND FOR AT LEAST 19 NURSERIES AND CRECHES, AS WELL AS SEVEN HOSTELS, ONE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE AND NINE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE NEW TOWN.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, PROVISION IS PLANNED FOR TWO COMMUNITY CENTRES, NINE COMMUNITY HALLS, 16 CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND 17 YOUTH CENTRES AS FOCAL POINTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.

MR ALLEYNE SAID THE GROWING POPULATION OF SHA TIN SUGGESTED THERE WOULD ALSO BE MORE DISABLED PERSONS REQUIRING REHABILITATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

TWO RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS, TWO SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND A SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRE ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED TO MEET THE NEED, HE SAID.

/+THESE PLANS

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+THESE PLANS WILL BE CONSTANTLY REVIEWED SO AS TO MAKE PRACTICAL ADJUSTMENTS AS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY ITSELF CHANGE,+ HE ADDED.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WITH SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPING SO RAPIDLY, SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES MUST KEEP PACE.

AT THE CEREMONY, MR ALLEYNE UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL, THE ELEVENTH TO BE RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID GROUP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES WERE MAINLY PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY CENTRES, ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRES AND COMMUNITY HALLS.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT, TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS IN PERSONAL AND SOCIAL GROWTH, AND TO DEVELOP LOCAL LEADERSHIP, HE SAID.

+WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE MORE LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING AND TO IDENTIFY LOCAL NEEDS MORE ACCURATELY, AND WE LOOK TO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES FOR CENTRES AND HALLS TO HELP US IN THIS AIM,+ HE SAID.

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MORE TECHNICAL EDUCATION MAY CUT JUVENILE CRIME
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THERE IS PRESSING NEED FOR A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN TECHNICAL/ VOCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, MR COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, SAID TODAY AT THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND SPEECH DAY OF KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

+IN EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL TERMS THIS BALANCE BETWEEN THE PRACTICAL AND THE THEORETICAL MAKES VERY GOOD SENSE,+ HE SAID.

UNDERLINING THE IMPORTANCE OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MR HAYE SAID THAT SINCE THE MID-70'S, HIS DEPARTMENT HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL TO MEET THE OBVIOUS DEMAND FROM PARENTS AND PUPILS FOR USEFUL AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION GEARED MORE CLOSELY TO PUPILS' APTITUDE AND ASPIRATIONS. +AND THIS WILL CONTINUE,+ MR HAYE SAID.

RETURNING TO THE THEME OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WHICH HE HAD ADDRESSED AT TWO SCHOOL SPEECH DAYS IN THE LAST FORTNIGHT, MR HAYE REMARKED THAT MORE VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MIGHT VERY WELL ENGAGE THE WANDERING ATTENTION OF THE LESS ACADEMICALLY ABLE TO THE POINT WHERE THEIR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL WOULD BECOME AN EXCITING ADVENTURE, AND DROPPING OUT TO FIND UNDESIRABLE COMPANY AND CONSEQUENT TROUBLE LESS ATTRACTIVE.

GREAT STRIDES HAD BEEN MADE IN THIS DIRECTION BY PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, BUT THERE APPEARED TO BE BOTH A SOCIAL AND AN EDUCATIONAL NEED FOR MORE.

+PLANNERS IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE DEVELOPING THIS THEME AND I MAY WELL HAVE FRESH AND EXCITING PROPOSALS TO MAKE IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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REFERRING TO THE WHITE PAPER ON SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION OF 1978, MR HAYE SAID THAT IT WAS STILL THE CONVICTION OF THE GOVERNMENT THAT NOT ALL CHILDREN WERE ACADEMICALLY ABLE TO PROCEED TO FORM V.

THOSE WITH A MORE PRACTICAL TURN OF MIND WOULD BE STEERED TOWARDS VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES THROUGH THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES.

+BUT WOULDN'T IT BE MARVELLOUS IF WE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR CHILDREN TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICE IN FORMS I - III THUS ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR A SELECTION AND ALLOCATION PROCESS AT FORM IV?+ MR HAYE ASKED.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO REVIEW COMMITTEE

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THE COMMITTEE SET UP TO REVIEW POST-SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION HAVE ASKED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS TO SEND IN THEIR SUBMISSIONS BY FEBRUARY 4, 1981.

THIS WAS DECIDED BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE AT ITS FIRST MEETING YESTERDAY, IN ORDER THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY COMPLETE ITS REPORT BY JUNE.

SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY, GPO BOX 7070, HONG KONG.

THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE REQUIRE IT TO LOOK AT THE FULL RANGE OF PROVISION FOR VOCATIONAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION IN THE UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNIC, POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE TAKING A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE TOTAL PROVISION OF PLACES, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXISTING INSTITUTIONS, THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF NEW INSTITUTIONS, AND THE USE IN EDUCATION OF DISTANCE LEARNING TECHNIQUES.

A FULL COPY OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE IS OBTAINABLE FROM THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

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EFFORTS TO MAKE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN AN IDEAL PLACE
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND BUILD A COMMUNITY SPIRIT TO MAKE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN AN IDEAL PLACE TO LIVE IN, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR H.T. LUI, SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING 250 GRADUATES AT THE ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL SPEECH DAY, MR LUI OUTLINED THE MAJOR PROJECTS FOR THE NEW TOWN - THE MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL AND SATELLITE TOWN IN HONG KONG.

ON TRANSPORT, MR LUI SAID TRAFFIC IN TSUEN WAN WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED IN 1982 WHEN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION WAS OPENED.

THE COASTAL ROAD, WHEN COMPLETE, WOULD RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG CASTLE PEAK AND KWAI CHUNG ROADS.

ON HOUSING, BESIDES MASSIVE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, THERE HAD BEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE NEW TOWN.

UNITS IN CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE WERE FULLY OCCUPIED AND RESIDENTS WERE BEGINNING TO MOVE INTO SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE.

SPEAKING OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MR LUI SAID THE ONLY SUBVENTED HOSPITAL IN TSUEN WAN - YAN CHAI HOSPITAL - WOULD UNDERGO EXPANSION, RELIEVING THE GREAT PRESSURE ON PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL.

A NUMBER OF SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS AS WELL AS KINDERGARTENS WERE BEING BUILT.

A SUB-OFFICE HAD BEEN SET UP BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN THE NEW TOWN TO CO-ORDINATE WELFARE SERVICES.

ON RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, MR LUI SAID THE CHAI WAN KOK RECREATION CENTRE RUN BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WOULD BE PULLED DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR TUEN MUN HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT. A NEW CENTRE WOULD BE BUILT NEAR GRANTHAM CLINIC AS A REPLACEMENT.

TURNING TO COMMUNITY BUILDING, MR LUI SAID APART FROM THE ANNUAL ARTS AND SPORTS FESTIVALS, CAMPAIGNS ON ROAD SAFETY, FIRE PREVENTION AND CLEAN HONG KONG WERE HELD TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AFFAIRS BY RESIDENTS.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL, BUILT IN 1963, HAS 24 CLASSES AND 1 000 STUDENTS.

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ROADWORK PROPOSALS

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IN TWO GAZETTE NOTICES TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED TO CLOSE CERTAIN FOOTPATHS OFF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND TO REALIGN AND ALTER THE LEVELS OF SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD, FANLING PLAYGROUND ROAD, PAK FUK TSUEN ROAD AND SHA TAU KOK ROAD.

THE FOOTPATHS ARE TO BE CLOSED FOR THE PROPOSED SALE OF A SITE BETWEEN NO. 332 AND NO. 348 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD. AN ALTERNATIVE PATH WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

THE ROADWORKS AT FANLING IS INTENDED TO INCREASE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA AND TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMME OF MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

UNDER THIS PLAN, SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD, SHA TAU KOK ROAD AND PAK FUK TSUEN ROAD WILL BE IMPROVED AND TWO BRIDGES WILL BE PROVIDED OVER THE KCR TO ELIMINATE THE EXISTING LEVEL CROSSINGS.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS PROPOSED SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REACH HIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 5, 1981.

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT HIS OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 5, 1981.

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37 PEOPLE COMMENDED BY DIRECTOR OF MARINE FOR BRAVERY

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THIRTY-SEVEN PEOPLE WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES TO RESCUE A TOTAL OF 29 PEOPLE FROM DROWNING IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS WERE COMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE TODAY.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE MARINERS' CLUB HALL, THE DIRECTOR, MR PERCY DAVY PRESENTED HIS CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION TO THE GROUP, COMPRISING FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, 11 POLICE OFFICERS, 20 CREW MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, AND ONE CREW MEMBER OF THE STAR FERRY COMPANY.

MR DAVY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE RESCUERS AND NOTED THAT ALL OF THEM ACTED SPONTANEOUSLY WHEN THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

HE SAID THEY HAD DISPLAYED GREAT COURAGE AND PUBLIC SPIRITEDNESS OF A VERY HIGH ORDER, +AND AS THEY PLUNGED INTO THE WATER, THERE CAN HAVE BEEN ONLY ONE THOUGHT UPPERMOST IN THEIR MINDS - TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THOSE IN DISTRESS.+

MR DAVY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO PAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MR MICHAEL YEELS, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, WHO ORGANISED A SEA RESCUE LAST CHRISTMAS DAY AND SAVED TWO DROWNING GIRLS WHOSE BOAT HAD CAPSIZED IN WINDY AND CHOPPY SEAS AT TAI TAM BAY.

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+IN EFFECTING THE RESCUE OF THE TWO GIRLS, MR YEELS RECEIVED INJURIES RESULTING IN HIS BEING INCAPACITATED FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS,+ MR DAVY ADDED.

MR DAVY ALSO TOLD SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF FERRY AND SHIPPING COMPANIES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY: +I HOPE THE COMMENDATIONS WILL SERVE TO REMIND THE RECIPIENTS OF THEIR GALLANTRY AND OUR ADMIRATION OF THEIR BRAVERY.+

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PREPARATION FOR CITIZENSHIP THROUGH SCHOOL WORK * * * * *

SCHOOLS CAN HELP TO PRODUCE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS BY DEVELOPING A SENSE OF CITIZENSHIP INCIDENTALLY THROUGH A WIDE RANGE OF SCHOOL SUBJECTS, MR KENNETH TOPLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW POST-SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SAID TODAY.

THIS FOLLOWS THAT THE SUBJECT TEACHER MUST MAKE THIS A CONSCIOUS AIM OF HIS TEACHING AND KEEP IT FIRMLY IN THE FRONT OF HIS MIND, HE ADDED.

MR TOPLEY WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF MUNSANG COLLEGE.

+THE ORDINARY SUBJECTS WHICH MAKE UP THE SCHOOL TIME-TABLE CAN PLAY THEIR PART IN EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP,+ HE SAID.

HE LISTED EXAMPLES TO SHOW HOW THE HISTORY SUBJECT CAN HELP STUDENTS TOWARDS BALANCED JUDGEMENT- HOW GEOGRAPHY LESSONS CAN LEAD STUDENTS TO SEE THE WORLD AS AN ECONOMICALLY INTERDEPENDENT WHOLE- AND HOW LEARNING OF LANGUAGE CAN HELP TO DEVELOP CLEAR AND LOGICAL THINKING, ALL OF WHICH ARE USEFUL PREPARATION AND TRAINING FOR CITIZENSHIP.

+IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT STUDENTS WHO SPECIALISES IN MATHEMATICS AND THE SCIENCES SHALL NOT LEAVE SCHOOL, LEARNED IN THEIR OWN LITTLE COMPARTMENT BUT IGNORANT AND UNEDUCATED IN ALL MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST AND CULTURE,+ MR TOPLEY SAID.

SCHOOLS MUST ALSO FIND TIME FOR STUDENTS TO CONDUCT INTELLIGENT DISCUSSIONS OF CURRENT AFFAIRS, HE SAID, SO THAT THEY WOULD REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL AND WORLD EVENTS.

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