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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS MAY HAVE CUSTOMER RELATIONS OFFICERS
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THERE ARE PLANS TO PUT CUSTOMER RELATIONS OFFICERS INTO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FURTHER TO IMPROVE THE SERVICES THE DEPARTMENTS PROVIDE DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR. JOHN SLIMMING, SAID TODAY AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SPECIFIC ORGANISATION UP TO THE PRESENT TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT DISPENSES ITS VARIOUS SERVICES IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY FROM A CUSTOMER RELATIONS' POINT OF VIEW.

+THE CONTACTS CAN BE SO MANY AND VARIED IN SOME DEPARTMENTS THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE AN OFFICER FULLY EXPERIENCED IN PR MATTERS WHO COULD WATCH OVER THE DEPARTMENT'S METHODS AND ADVISE THE HEAD AS TO HOW THE BEST RESULTS CAN BE OBTAINED,+ HE SAID.

HE ENVISAGED THE WORK OF THE CUSTOMER RELATIONS OFFICER AS PRIMARILY GIVING ADVICE TO THE TOP LEVELS OF MANAGEMENT CONCERNING DEPARTMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS, FACILITIES AND PROCEDURES.

+HE WILL HAVE TO REVIEW PROCEDURES REGULARLY AND ENSURE THAT THE SERVICES PROVIDED ARE AS CONVENIENT AND SWIFT AS POSSIBLE.

+CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE CUSTOMERS MUST BE DEVELOPED SO THAT PEOPLE WILL FULLY UNDERSTAND THE SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED.

+RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS, METHODS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND THE MACHINERY FOR DEALING WITH COMPLAINTS, ALL OF THIS WOULD BE THE CUSTOMER RELATIONS OFFICER'S RESPONSIBILITY,+ MR. SLIMMING SAID.

HE SUPPOSED IT WAS IN A WAY A GOOD THING FOR PEOPLE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT RUDE OR UNHELPFUL PEOPLE THEY HAVE MET OR SPOKEN TO ON THE TELEPHONE.

+THINK, IF IT WERE THE OTHER WAY ROUND. IF IT WERE SO COMMONPLACE FOR PEOPLE TO BE TREATED RUDELY OR UNHELPFULLY, THAT IT WERE NO LONGER A MATTER FOR COMMENT= AND IF TO BE MET WITH POLITENESS AND FRIENDLINESS WAS SUCH A RARE OCCURRENCE AS TO BE REMARKABLE, THEN WE WOULD BE IN A WORRYING SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

ON THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, MR. SLIMMING SAID ALL WOULD AGREE THAT DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TOWARDS THE IDEA OF DISCUSSING THEIR WORK AND TALKING ABOUT THEIR LONG-TERM PLANS AND ENDEAVOURS.

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HE SAID 25 YEARS AGO THERE WAS ONE PRESS OFFICER TO HANDLE THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS= TODAY THE GIS HAS A STAFF OF WELL OVER 200 AND THE STORY OF ITS EXPANSION AND THE ACCOUNT OF THE WORKLOAD THAT THE DEPARTMENT UNDERTAKES COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL TALKS.

+WE RUN A 24-HOUR NEWS SERVICE= WE ANSWER OVER 300 PRESS QUERIES EVERYDAY. WE HAVE A TELEPRINTER SERVICE TO 67 SUBSCRIBERS AND A FACSIMILE SERVICE TO 36 RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS AND CHINESE NEWSPAPERS. WE PRODUCE BOOKS, BOOKLETS, LEAFLETS, THOUSANDS OF PHOTOGRAPHS EVERY YEAR.

+WE PRODUCE TWO FORTNIGHTLY NEWSPAPERS - ONE WITH A CIRCULATION OF 18,000 FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND ANOTHER OF 33,000 FOR HONG KONG CHINESE LIVING ABROAD. WE PRODUCE A DAILY TABLOID, CALLED THE GIST - WHICH, AS THE NAME IMPLIES, IS THE GIST IN ENGLISH OF WHAT 15 CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS ARE SAYING EVERYDAY.

+WE PLAN AND RUN PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS, LIKE THE CLEAN HONG KONG BEACHES AND THE FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME CAMPAIGNS, ROAD SAFETY, SAFETY IN THE HOME= PUBLICITY CONCERNING ASPECTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

+I COULD TELL YOU ABOUT ALL THIS IN GREAT DETAIL, AND I HOPE YOU WOULD FIND IT INTERESTING, BUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS NOT WHAT WE DO BUT WHY WE DO IT.

+ALL THIS ENDEAVOUR ADDS UP TO PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POPULATION BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT, LIKE ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE= MORE PARTICULARLY SO HERE BECAUSE, IF WE DO NOT LIKE IT, WE CANNOT VOTE IT OUT AND CHOOSE ANOTHER ONE,+ MR. SLIMMING SAID.

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PENALTIES FOR WASTAGE AND ILLEGAL USE OF WATER
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WITH ONLY A WEEK TO GO BEFORE A FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO IMPOSE FURTHER WATER RESTRICTIONS, THE P.W.D.'S WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED A STRONG WARNING ON PENALTIES FOR WASTAGE AND ILLEGAL USE OF WATER.

IN A RENEWED APPEAL TO CONSUMERS THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER, MR. TOM TOMLINSON, SAID TODAY THAT FOR MOST PEOPLE THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE OR NO NEED TO STORE WATER DURING THE SHORT PERIOD OF NIGHT-TIME RESTRICTIONS.

+WHAT ESPECIALLY CONCERNS THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS THE FACT THAT IN MANY CASES THE WATER THAT'S STORED OVERNIGHT IN BATHS AND BUCKETS IS EMPTIED THE NEXT MORNING WHEN THE TAPS COME ON AGAIN, RESULTING IN CONSIDERABLE WASTAGE,+ SAID MR. TOMLINSON.

+IF SOME CONSUMERS FIND IT NECESSARY TO STORE WATER THEY SHOULD RETAIN ONLY ENOUGH FOR OVERNIGHT OR EARLY MORNING NEEDS. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO NEED FOR MOST CONSUMERS TO STORE WATER OVERNIGHT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY KNOW VERY WELL THAT SUPPLIES WILL BE TURNED ON AGAIN EARLY IN THE MORNING.+

MR. TOMLINSON ALSO ISSUED A REMINDER ON PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL USE OR WASTAGE OF WATER DURING THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTIONS.

HE SAID, THE USE OF HOSES FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING THE WATERING OF PLANTS AND GARDENS AND WASHING CARS, IS STRICTLY ILLEGAL.

THE SAME BAN APPLIES TO THE HOSING DOWN OF VERANDAHS, COURTYARD AREAS AND ANY OTHER PARTS OF PRECINCTS AND BUILDINGS.

+EVEN IN NORMAL TIMES THE USE OF HOSES IS ALLOWED ONLY WITH THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE WATER AUTHORITY,+ HE SAID.

+WASTE WATER FROM SINKS, BATHS AND BASINS CAN BE USED TO WASH FLOORS AND CARS, AND EVEN TO WATER PLANTS - NORMAL DOMESTIC WATER WON'T HURT PLANTS AND FLOWERS.+

MR. TOMLINSON APPEALED TO CONSUMERS TO REPORT TO THE WATER AUTHORITY ANY CASE OF WATER WASTAGE OR ILLEGAL USE WHICH THEY MIGHT OBSERVE.

+WE REALISE THE RELUCTANCE OF SOME PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED IN COURT PROCEEDINGS MIGHT BE AN INHIBITING FACTOR, BUT THERE NEED BE NO WORRY IN THIS RESPECT,+ HE SAID.

+THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT OPERATES A PROSECUTION UNIT TO INVESTIGATE AND BRING TO COURT ILLICIT WATER CONSUMERS AND WASTERS, AND THIS UNIT HANDLES THE ENTIRE CASE FROM THE PROVISION OF EVIDENCE ONWARDS.+

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+THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR INITIAL WITNESSES TO BE INVOLVED IN THE LITIGATION,+ HE ADDED.

MR. TOMLINSON SAID THERE HAD BEEN A NUMBER OF RECENT COURT CASES INVOLVING WASTING WATER, STEALING WATER OR USING IT FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION.

+UNDER THE WATERWORKS ORDINANCE IT IS AN OFFENCE TO WASTE OR MISUSE WATER,+ HE SAID. +IN ADDITION, ANY PERSON WHO, WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE WATER AUTHORITY, ALTERS, INTERFERES WITH, DAMAGES OR DESTROYS ANY PART OF THE WATERWORKS SHALL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE WHICH, OF COURSE, INCLUDES TAMPERING WITH A SUPPLY TO BY-PASS GOVERNMENT METERS.

+IT IS ALSO AN OFFENCE TO INSTALL DRAW-OFF POINTS IN, OR DRAW WATER FROM ANY PART OF THE INSIDE SERVICE TO USE IN PLACES SUCH AS GARDENS, LAWNS, PLAYGROUNDS, GARAGES OR CAR PARKS, WITHOUT THE PERMISSION IN WRITING OF THE WATER AUTHORITY.

+ANY PERSON WHO IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE UNDER THESE REGULATIONS WILL BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$2,000.+

MEANWHILE, THE RAIN WHICH FELL YESTERDAY DID LITTLE TO HELP AS WATER STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS CONTINUES TO FALL.

AT 9 A.M. TODAY, THE RESERVOIRS HAD ONLY 29,498 MILLION GALLONS OR 43.8 PER CENT OF THEIR TOTAL CAPACITY. AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR THE STORAGE WAS 53,262 MILLION GALLONS OR 79.1 PER CENT OF TOTAL CAPACITY.

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TIPS ON PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE -
CHOLERA WATCH STEPPED UP
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADVISED TODAY THAT WITH THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CHOLERA SEASON, PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS WERE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID PRIMARY PROTECTION DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS MEANT CLEAN FOOD, CLEAN WATER, THE WASHING OF HANDS BEFORE MEALS AND AFTER VISITS TO THE TOILET IN ADDITION TO OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MEASURES.

WITH CHOLERA ALREADY IN EVIDENCE IN MANY TERRITORIES IN THE ASIAN REGION, THE DEPARTMENT IS INTENSIFYING ALL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS OTHERS WHICH ARE BEING INSTITUTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AIRCRAFTS AND VESSELS COMING FROM INFECTED AREAS ARE INSPECTED AND PASSENGERS WILL BE PUT UNDER SURVEILLANCE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PORT HEALTH OFFICERS.

ALL EATABLE ARRIVING FROM INFECTED TERRITORIES, SUCH AS FRUIT, ARE ALREADY BEING CAREFULLY SCRUTINISED BY HEALTH INSPECTORS, AND REGULAR INSPECTION OF FOOD STALLS AND RESTAURANTS WILL BE STEPPED UP TO ENSURE A HIGH STANDARD OF FOOD HYGIENE.

IN ADDITION, THE TESTING OF NIGHT SOIL AND STOOL CULTURES, AND SAMPLES OF ALL CASES OF DIARRHOEA WILL CONTINUE SO THAT ANY SUSPECTED CASE OF CHOLERA WHICH COMES TO LIGHT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ISOLATED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS SUFFICIENT STOCK OF ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT IT, AND ISOLATION FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

HE SAID THE PUBLIC MUST REALISE THAT ANTI-CHOLERA VACCINE BY ITSELF WOULD ONLY GIVE PARTIAL PROTECTION INDIVIDUALLY AND INOCULATION AGAINST CHOLERA IS AN ADJUVANT MEASURE TO THE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL AND PERSONAL HEALTH MEASURES WHICH ARE EFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, CHOLERA CERTIFICATES HAVE NOT BEEN REQUIRED TO BE PRODUCED BY TRAVELLERS ENTERING MANY COUNTRIES SINCE 1974 AND HONG KONG IS NO EXCEPTION.

THE REASON IS THAT FROM EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCES IN ALL COUNTRIES INFECTED BY CHOLERA AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT INOCULATION AGAINST CHOLERA AND VALID CERTIFICATIONS TO THIS EFFECT HAS NOT OVER THE YEARS PREVENTED THE INTER-COUNTRY SPREAD OF THE DISEASE NOR THE ENTRY OF IT INTO ANY COUNTRY.

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WHILE THE INOCULATION IS USEFUL AS AN ADJUVANT MEASURE IN CONFERRING SOME DEGREE OF PERSONAL PROTECTION TO INDIVIDUALS, THE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE AND ESSENTIAL MEASURES ARE THOSE IN REGARD TO PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, WHICH, IF PROPERLY CARRIED OUT, CAN PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE WITHIN THE COUNTRY EVEN IF THE DISEASE HAS ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED FROM OUTSIDE.

THEREFORE, PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IF THE DISEASE IS TO BE CONTROLLED WITHIN HONG KONG AND THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY BE PROTECTED FROM CONTRACTING THE DISEASE.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS IN THEIR CHOICE OF FOOD AND DRINK AS CHOLERA IS SPREAD THROUGH CONTAMINATION OF FOOD AND WATER.

+ IMPROPERLY COOKED FOOD CAN CAUSE INFECTION, WHILE PROPERLY COOKED FOOD CANNOT. THEREFORE, ALL TYPES OF FOOD MUST BE THOROUGHLY COOKED AND IF IT IS NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY IT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE OPEN AND EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATION,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO BOIL WATER BEFORE DRINKING, PARTICULARLY DURING THE WATER RESTRICTION PERIOD WHEN WATER HAS TO BE STORED IN CONTAINERS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CONTAMINATION.

THE SPOKESMAN REPEATED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO LOCAL CASE OF CHOLERA SINCE 1969 THE PUBLIC MUST NOT BE TEMPTED TO RELAX THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THESE PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE EFFECTIVE NOT ONLY AGAINST CHOLERA BUT OTHER INTESTINAL DISEASES SUCH AS TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY.

+ PEOPLE GET CHOLERA BY TAKING IN THE VIBRO CARRIED FROM THE WASTE OF INFECTIOUS PERSONS TO EXPOSED FOOD AND WATER, AND FLIES AID IN THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.+

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MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE AGED

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HONG KONG'S GROWING SOCIAL NEED TO PROVIDE FOR THE OLD CAN ONLY BE MET BY THE COMBINED EFFORT OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY AT AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE CHUNG SHAK HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED HELD AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WITH IMPROVED MEDICAL FACILITIES AND SOCIAL STABILITY, THERE WAS A GENERAL TREND FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE LONGER.

THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN HONG KONG, HE ADDED.

+IN THE 1971 CENSUS, THERE WERE 103,912 PEOPLE WHO WERE MORE THAN 70 YEARS OLD. THIS REPRESENTED 2.6 PER CENT OF THE THEN TOTAL POPULATION.

+THE 1976 BY-CENSUS REVEALED THAT THERE WERE 142,500 PEOPLE WHO WERE MORE THAN 70 YEARS OLD, WHICH IS 3.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION,+ HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WORK OF THE CHUNG SHAK HEI HOME FOR THE AGED - ONE OF THE WELFARE INSTITUTIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN WHICH LOCAL PEOPLE JOIN HAND-IN-HAND WITH PEOPLE FROM URBAN HONG KONG.

+I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME NEW MEASURES LIKE ORGANISED VISITS FROM YOUTH SERVICES GROUPS AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE RESIDENTS IN THIS HOME.

+I APPRECIATE THESE NEW EFFORTS WHICH HELP, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, TO BRING VARIETY AND HAPPINESS INTO THE LIVES OF THOSE IN THE HOME,+ HE SAID.

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VEGETABLE FARMERS TO VISIT BRITISH AGRICULTURE
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FIVE SENIOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HEADED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR. KO HOK, WILL VISIT THE UNITED KINGDOM AT THE END OF THIS MONTH FOR TWO WEEKS.

THEY LEAVE HONG KONG ON JUNE 30 AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. CHAU TUNG-CHUEN, SENIOR AGRICULTURAL OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE VISIT IS SPONSORED BY THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION TO GIVE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BRITISH AGRICULTURE AND THE MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE AT FIRST HAND, AND TO MAKE CONTACT WITH COMPANIES IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES.

THE GROUP WILL VISIT THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW NEAR KENILWORTH= THE ESTATES OF THE LAND SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION AT FULNEY IN LINCOLNSHIRE= THE MARKET GARDENING INDUSTRIES AT THE FENS= THE NEW CONVENT GARDEN MARKET IN LONDON AND THE LANDMASTER MANUFACTURER AT POOLE.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

MR. E.H. NICHOLS, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, WILL PRESENT A GOODWILL BANNER TO THE GROUP OF VEGETABLE FARMERS WHO WILL VISIT UK AGRICULTURE FOR TWO WEEKS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 12.45 P.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE GOOD DATES RESTAURANT, WATERLOO ROAD.

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GOVERNOR VISITS TEXTILE MILL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE MAKING ANOTHER OF HIS PERIODIC VISITS TO HONG KONG FACTORIES TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO SEE FOR HIMSELF PROGRESS MADE BY LOCAL INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS TO LEARN AT FIRST HAND SOME OF THE PROBLEMS INDUSTRIALISTS MAY BE FACING CURRENTLY.

TOMORROW'S VISIT IS TO THE CENTRAL TEXTILES (HK) LTD. AT NOS. 8 - 14 SHA TSUI ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

SIR MURRAY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ALEC PURVES, AND PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER, MR. NICHOLAS YEK.

THEY WILL BE MET AT THE FACTORY BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR. VINCENT WOO VEN-CHENG= THE DIRECTOR, MR. HERBERT WOO= THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR. WANG CHIH-HWA AND OTHER COMPANY OFFICIALS.

SIR MURRAY WILL ARRIVE AT 10 A.M. AND WILL SPEND ABOUT AN HOUR THERE.

CENTRAL TEXTILES (HK) LTD. IS A PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY FORMED IN 1950 AND IS PRIMARILY A SPINNING AND WEAVING MILL.

ITS PRODUCTION CAPACITY IS 2,770,000 LBS OF YARN AND 1,090,000 SQUARE YARDS OF FABRICS PER MONTH. IT EMPLOYS OVER 1,440 WORKERS. ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF ITS PRODUCTS ARE SOLD LOCALLY AND 20 PER CENT IS EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIA AND BRITAIN.

AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, THE HONG KONG SPINNING AND WEAVING INDUSTRY EMPLOYED MORE THAN 57,000 WORKERS REPRESENTING ABOUT 7 PER CENT OF THE LABOUR FORCE, AND TOTAL EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO OVER \$3,000 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT. A 14-SEATER VAN (AM 2192) WILL TAKE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS TO THE FACTORY. IT LEAVES THE KOWLOON SUB-POOL AT 9 A.M. A GIS OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST YOUR REPRESENTATIVE. THE VAN LEAVES AT 9 A.M. SHARP AND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IS URGED TO ARRIVE AT THE SUB-POOL A FEW MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE TIME.

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LABOUR COMMISSIONER VISITS HIGH ISLAND
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, SPENT THE WHOLE DAY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITING THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR PROJECT IN HIS ROLE AS COMMISSIONER OF MINES.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF EXPLOSIVE OFFICER, MR. GEORGE RANSON.

DURING HIS VISIT, THE COMMISSIONER INSPECTED THE HUGE FLOATING MAGAZINE MOORED AT SAI WAN TSUI WHICH SERVED AS A STORE FOR MUCH OF THE EXPLOSIVE USED IN THE RESERVOIR PROJECT.

HE ALSO VISITED THE PLANT AREA OF AN OVERSEAS BASED EXPLOSIVE SUPPLY COMPANY.

THIS COMPANY MANUFACTURES A NEW SLURRY EXPLOSIVE WHICH HAVE BEEN EXTENSIVELY USED IN THE HIGH ISLAND PROJECT QUARRY.

THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS IS A UNIQUE ONE WHEREBY ALL THE NON-EXPLOSIVE INGREDIENTS ARE LOADED ONTO SPECIALLY DESIGNED TRUCKS WHICH DELIVER THEM TO THE BLAST SITE, THEN MIX THEM INSIDE THE VEHICLE BEFORE PUMPING THE MIXTURE INTO THE PRE-DRILLED BLAST HOLES.

OVER 3,000 TONS OF THESE EXPLOSIVES WILL HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED AND USED BEFORE THE HIGH ISLAND PROJECT IS COMPLETED SOMETIME NEXT YEAR.

MR. WILLIAMS ALSO MET THE SENIOR RESIDENT ENGINEER, MR. A. PRYOR AND WAS LATER CONDUCTED ON A TOUR OF THE PROJECT BY MR. R. JONES, THE QUARRY ENGINEER.

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GOVERNOR TO ATTEND CAS ANNIVERSARY DINNER
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER PARTY TO BE GIVEN BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT ON FRIDAY (JUNE 24).

ABOUT 680 OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF C.A.S. WILL ATTEND.

AMONG OTHER GUESTS WILL BE MR. LEWIS DAVIS, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY= DR. K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES= MR. BRIAN SLEVIN, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND MR. A.D.A. HONLEY, GROUP CAPTAIN OF R.A.F.

SIR MURRAY WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL AT 7.30 P.M. BY THE C.A.S. COMMISSIONER, MR. P.C. WOO, AND THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR. J.A. FORTUNE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDIA ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT FROM 7 P.M. TO 8 P.M. THOSE COVERING THE EVENT ARE ASKED TO DO SO ON THE GROUND FLOOR OR THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CITY HALL. NO PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ALLOWED DURING DINNER IN THE DINING HALL AFTER 8 P.M.

COPIES OF THE C.A.S. COMMISSIONER'S SPEECH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AT 7 P.M. ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CITY HALL.

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