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REVISION OF MEDICAL CHARGES
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO REVISE CERTAIN CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS.

THE REVISED CHARGES, TO TAKE EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1, WILL INVOLVE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD CLASS BEDS AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.

UNDER THE NEW SCALE, THE DAILY CHARGE FOR A FIRST CLASS BED WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$51 TO \$120, FOR A SECOND CLASS BED FROM \$34 TO \$80 AND FOR A THIRD CLASS BED FROM \$2 TO \$3. IN THE CASE OF THE THIRD CLASS BEDS, IT WILL BE FURTHER INCREASED TO \$5 AT A FUTURE DATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE M.D.A.C.

COMMENTING ON THE INCREASES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THEY WERE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIAL RISE IN THE COST OF MAINTAINING A HOSPITAL BED SINCE THE LAST REVISION OF CHARGES IN 1961.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COST OF MAINTAINING A HOSPITAL BED NOW AMOUNTED TO \$161 A DAY.

FOR THIRD CLASS PATIENTS MEALS ALONE COST \$4.63 PER DAY, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT FOR THOSE PATIENTS WHO COULD NOT AFFORD TO PAY THE THIRD CLASS CHARGES EITHER FULLY OR PARTIALLY, THERE WOULD STILL EXIST A ~~FEE~~-REMITTING SYSTEM UNDER WHICH THE CHARGES MAY BE WAIVED ON THE ADVICE OF THE MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS IN ALL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE \$1 CHARGE FOR OUTPATIENTS ATTENDING GOVERNMENT CLINICS WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED, BUT PATIENTS WHO ATTEND THE TREATMENT ROOM FOR INJECTIONS, DRESSINGS ETC. AFTER THE INITIAL CONSULTATION WILL BE CHARGED \$1 A TIME. HOWEVER, THESE CHARGES COULD ALSO BE WAIVED.

SERVICES FOR TUBERCULOSIS, SOCIAL HYGIENE AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH WILL CONTINUE TO BE FREE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE OPERATIVE DATE OF NOVEMBER 1 HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO COINCIDE WITH THE EXPECTED OPENING OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WHICH WILL ADD A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF HOSPITAL BEDS TO THE EXISTING MEDICAL SERVICES.

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CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE OPENED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY OFFICIALLY OPENED THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE MARY WONG MEMORIAL BUILDING, NAMED AFTER THE LATE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

THE CENTRE IS THE FIFTEENTH IN HONG KONG AND WAS BUILT WITH DONATIONS RAISED BY THE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

IN HIS SPEECH, THE GOVERNOR EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH CENTRES TO WHICH PEOPLE COULD TURN TO ESCAPE THE PRESSURES OF THE CROWDED CITY AND TO RELAX AND MEET FRIENDS TO DEVELOP A NEIGHBOURLY SPIRIT.

SIR MURRAY SAID IT WAS SAD THAT THE RECESSION AND THE REDUCED YIELD OF REVENUE HAD SLOWED DOWN THE ENVISAGED BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES BUT, HE STRESSED, +THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN, AND SOONER OR LATER THEY WILL BE THERE.+

THE GOVERNOR COMPLIMENTED THE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ON ITS FINE ACHIEVEMENT AND HE WAS SURE THAT THE CENTRE WOULD SERVE THE NEEDS OF CHAI WAN RESIDENTS AND ENRICH THEIR LIVES.

EARLIER, MR. HO SAI-CHU, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, PRESENTED THE KEY OF THE BUILDING TO MR. THOMAS LEE, DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL ADMINISTER THE CENTRE.

IN ACCEPTING THE KEY, MR. LEE SAID THE CEREMONY DEMONSTRATED PUBLICLY THE STRENGTH OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR. IT WAS, HE SAID, +A PARTNERSHIP DESIGNED TO SECURE THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.+

MR. LEE SAID HONG KONG HAD EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF THIS LINK BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTEERS. IT SERVED TO HARNESS THE ENERGIES OF BOTH TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL AND AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE TO PLAY A PART IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY, HE ADDED.

IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO BE IN FAVOUR OF HELPING OTHERS OR TO LOOK TO THE GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM. +THERE IS A VITAL NEED FOR THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE INDIVIDUAL TO ACT POSITIVELY, TO BE INVOLVED PERSONALLY AND TO BE PREPARED TO PLACE HIMSELF WHERE HE CAN BE OF THE MOST VALUE,+ MR. LEE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION TOGETHER WITH MR. LEE'S SPEECH, FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT KWUN TONG TOMORROW

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT KWUN TONG TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND GENERAL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM.

SIR MURRAY WILL ARRIVE AT 77 HUNG TO ROAD AT 2.45 P.M. HE WILL BE MET BY THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PATRICK K.C. YIU AND MAC REPRESENTATIVES.

THE GOVERNOR WILL TOUR THE BUILDING, HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH MAC REPRESENTATIVES AND INSPECT A SMALL FACTORY MANUFACTURING ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS.

HE WILL THEN PROCEED TO SUN ON LAU, WO LOK ESTATE, TO SEE THE GENERAL CONDITION OF THE BUILDING.

LATER, THE GOVERNOR WILL TOUR WO LOK ESTATE WHERE HE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE ESTATE AND THE NEIGHBOURING TSUI PING ROAD ESTATE.

THE VISIT WILL END AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE WITH A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF 19 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT TWO HOURS.

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23 COMPLETE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING COURSE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF A SIX-WEEK FULL-TIME INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING COURSE ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE (ISTC) FOR 23 CANDIDATES.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, MR. C.P. HUNG, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND PRESENT DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES TO THE CANDIDATES.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4 P.M. TOMORROW AT THE I.S.T.C. ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY.

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KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HANDED OVER TO E.D.

THE NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT KWAI CHUNG WAS HANDED OVER TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE PRINCIPAL OF THE INSTITUTE, MR. LINCOLN LIEU RECEIVED THE KEYS FROM MR. CHAN SHU-WING, ARCHITECT.

COURSES WILL COMMENCE NEXT MONTH WITH THE ENROLMENT OF FIRST YEAR CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN STUDENTS.

THE NEW INSTITUTE HAS FIVE TEACHING DEPARTMENTS -- CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

THE ANNUAL FEES FOR FULL-TIME COURSES ARE \$400 (TECHNICIAN LEVEL) AND \$120 (CRAFT LEVEL) WHILE THAT FOR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE IS \$80.

IN ADDITION TO CLASSROOMS AND LECTURE THEATRES, THE ACCOMMODATION IN THE \$14-MILLION BUILDING INCLUDES EXTENSIVE AND WELL-EQUIPPED WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES, DRAWING OFFICES, A LIBRARY, STUDENT COMMON ROOMS AND OFFICES, CANTEEN FACILITIES AND A LARGE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.

WHEN THE INSTITUTE IS IN FULL OPERATION, IT WILL CATER FOR SEVERAL THOUSAND STUDENTS.

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LIST OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN H.K.C.E. EXAMINATION
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THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD TODAY ISSUED A LIST OF SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ENTER FORM 5/MIDDLE 5 CANDIDATES FOR THE 1976 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

COPIES OF THIS LIST ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG AND AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ENTER +ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A LIST OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES.

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