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GOVERNOR OPENS SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) HE WAS ACUTELY AWARE OF THE MISERY WHICH UNTREATED MENTAL DEFECTS IN CHILDREN COULD CAUSE.

AT THE OPENING OF THE PINEHILL VILLAGE NO. 3 SCHOOL IN TAI PO, SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, SIR MURRAY SAID HE WAS EQUALLY AWARE OF THE PLEASURE AND RELIEF TO CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILY ALIKE WHICH RESULTED FROM THEIR REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

THIS, HE SAID, COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY PROPER CARE AT THE PROPER TIME.

+IT IS OUR DUTY, BETWEEN US ALL, TO PROVIDE SUCH CARE AS SOON AS WE REASONABLY CAN. BUT TO BE EFFECTIVE THE CARE MUST BE EXTREMELY GOOD,+ HE SAID.

IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE ASSOCIATION, SIR MURRAY SAID: +TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR OVER 1 000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN 11 SCHOOLS AND CENTRES IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR WHICH I OFFER THE GRATEFUL THANKS OF HONG KONG.+

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+I AM VERY HAPPY TO OPEN THIS FURTHER SCHOOL AT PINEHILL VILLAGE.

+BUT FIRST I SHOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS ON ITS EXCELLENT AND COMPREHENSIVE WORK IN CARING FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED. TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR OVER 1 000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN 11 SCHOOLS AND CENTRES IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR WHICH I OFFER THE GRATEFUL THANKS OF HONG KONG.

+MANY PEOPLE HAVE PLAYED A PART IN THIS ACHIEVEMENT, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, STAFF, DONORS, CIVIL SERVANTS- BUT I AM SURE THAT ALL WOULD AGREE IF I PARTICULARLY THANKED MRS BREMRIDGE WHO HAS CHAIRED THE ASSOCIATION WITH SUCH DEDICATION FOR SEVEN YEARS. DURING THIS TIME IT HAS MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE RIGHTING OF A SOCIAL DEFECT IN OUR SOCIETY.

+THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO. I AM SURE THAT THE PROGRESSIVE CONCENTRATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN A SINGLE DEPARTMENT - THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - WILL HELP ADMINISTRATIVELY.

+MOREOVER THE CHANGE EMPHASISES THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF EDUCATING THE HANDICAPPED IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS OF EDUCATING OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE, NAMELY PREPARATION FOR A NORMAL SELF-SUPPORTING LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY.

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+THE WHITE PAPER AND ITS ANNUAL REVIEWS PROVIDE FOR PROGRESS IN TERMS OF MONEY, BUILDINGS AND STAFF WHICH IS STEADY BUT SLOW.

+I AM ACUTELY AWARE OF THE MISERY WHICH UNTREATED MENTAL DEFECTS IN CHILDREN CAN CAUSE, AND EQUALLY AWARE OF THE PLEASURE AND RELIEF TO CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND FAMILY ALIKE, WHICH RESULT FROM THEIR REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY- AND THIS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY PROPER CARE AT THE PROPER TIME.

+IT IS OUR DUTY, BETWEEN US ALL, TO PROVIDE SUCH CARE AS SOON AS WE REASONABLY CAN. BUT TO BE EFFECTIVE THE CARE MUST BE EXTREMELY GOOD.

+THIS MEANS NOT ONLY MONEY AND THE PROPER BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT, BUT ABOVE ALL TRAINED AND DEDICATED STAFF, AS WELL AS THE CAREER STRUCTURE TO ATTRACT AND HOLD THEM. WE ARE FORTUNATE IN THE STAFF AND SPECIALISTS WE HAVE, BUT THERE ARE TOO FEW OF THEM.

+I AM HOPEFUL THAT AS THE WORK PROGRAMMED IN THE WHITE PAPER EXPANDS AND BECOMES BETTER KNOWN AND MORE WIDELY RECOGNISED, SO MORE CANDIDATES WILL COME FORWARD FOR THIS HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL, SPECIALISED AND RESPECTED FORM OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE.

+ON CURRENT PLANS AND FORECASTS WE HOPE THAT BY 1985/86 THERE WILL BE PLACES IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS AT LEAST FOR ALL THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND FOR TWO-THIRDS OF THOSE MODERATELY HANDICAPPED, AND THAT THEREAFTER THE REMAINING GAP WILL BE FAIRLY QUICKLY CLOSED.

+AND NO DOUBT THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES TO THE HANDICAPPED, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DR HARRY FANG, WILL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON DEVELOPMENTS.

+MEANWHILE EACH STEP FORWARD ON THIS ROAD IS A HAPPY ONE, AND NONE HAPPIER THAN THE ONE WE ARE CELEBRATING TODAY. HAPPY FOR THE ASSOCIATION, FOR THE DONORS, FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND ABOVE ALL HAPPY FOR THE 64 CHILDREN WHO WILL BE CARED FOR HERE AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

+MRS BREMRIDGE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THIS NEW SCHOOL AT PINEHILL VILLAGE AND WISH IT EVERY SUCCESS.+

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GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL NEEDS
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BESIDES PROVIDING BASIC FACILITIES SUCH AS HOUSING, MEDICAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT IT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL NEEDS, ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR CHUI WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL IN TUEN MUN.

HE SAID GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE'S SPIRITUAL NEEDS TO BUILD A BALANCED COMMUNITY, STRENGTHEN LINKS AMONG RESIDENTS AND PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING.

MR CHUI SAID TAI HING ESTATE WOULD HAVE A POPULATION OF 45 000 IN A FEW MONTHS.

HE SAID THAT DUE TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG PEOPLE'S LIVING STANDARDS HAD BEEN RAISED AND THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT GREATLY IMPROVED.

MR CHUI SAID HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT BEING GIVEN BY RESIDENTS TO COMMUNITY HALL ACTIVITIES, WHICH INDICATED A BIG STEP FORWARD IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT.

IT WAS THE AIM OF GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY PEOPLE IN IMPROVING FACILITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN LOCAL DISTRICTS.

THIS WAS ALSO THE OBJECT OF THE RECENT GREEN PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WHICH HOPED TO BRING ABOUT BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND SWIFTER RESPONSES BY GOVERNMENT TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, HE POINTED OUT.

MR CHUI SAID THE COMMUNITY HALL PROVIDED CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ESTATE RESIDENTS DURING THEIR LEISURE TIME.

+ I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF IT. THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED, YOU WILL FIND HOW DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING AND ORGANISING PROJECTS AFFECTS THEIR SUCCESS. ALSO, YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENT POLICY IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. +

THE TWO-STOREY COMMUNITY HALL, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF MORE THAN 3 700 SQUARE METRES, IS RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND IS USED BY ESTATE RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES.

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NEW BOOK WILL DEPICT HONG KONG'S ANIMAL LIFE

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ABOUT 600 ORIGINAL PAINTINGS WHICH CAPTURE IN FULL COLOUR HONG KONG'S MANY DIFFERENT FORMS OF ANIMAL LIFE WILL BE FEATURED IN A NEW BOOK THAT HAS TAKEN LONG HOURS OF RESEARCH TO COMPILE.

THE ILLUSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY KAREN PHILLIPPS, A LOCAL ARTIST WITH A SPECIAL INTEREST IN NATURAL HISTORY, AND THEY WILL ACCOMPANY A MANUSCRIPT PREPARED BY DR DENNIS S. HILL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY.

A CONTRACT TO PUBLISH THE BOOK WAS SIGNED THIS WEEK WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

+AS THIS WILL BE THE FIRST DETAILED SOURCE OF REFERENCE TO HONG KONG'S VARIED RANGE OF ANIMAL LIFE WE EXPECT IT TO AROUSE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR GIS SAID.

+IT SHOULD APPEAL NOT ONLY TO THE SERIOUS STUDENT OF NATURAL HISTORY BUT ALSO TO THE NON-EXPERT WHO WANTS TO INCREASE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE VARIOUS SPECIES WHICH INHABIT THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TO BE PUBLISHED UNDER THE TITLE +A COLOUR GUIDE TO HONG KONG ANIMALS+, THE BOOK WILL ENABLE EASY IDENTIFICATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF LOCAL ANIMALS, INCLUDING MAMMALS, REPTILES, INSECTS, FRESHWATER FISH AND OTHER MARINE LIFE, THAT CAN BE FOUND BY CAREFUL OBSERVERS.

IT WILL BE THE SECOND TITLE IN A NEW SERIES INTRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

AN EARLIER BOOK ON HONG KONG BIRDS FEATURING ORIGINAL PAINTINGS BY THE SAME ARTIST HAS PROVED SO POPULAR THAT A SECOND EDITION HAS HAD TO BE PRINTED.

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RATEPAYERS REMINDED ON PAYMENT OF RATES FOR THIRD QUARTER

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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER (JULY TO SEPTEMBER) THIS YEAR MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON JULY 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY TODAY (THURSDAY) WARNED THAT A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT WOULD BE IMPOSED ON LATE PAYMENTS.

A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO THE AMOUNT, INCLUDING THE INITIAL FIVE PER CENT, IF LATE PAYMENTS ARE STILL NOT PAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT RATEPAYERS SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER.

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ANY RATEPAYERS WHO HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A DEMAND NOTE SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE RATES SECTION OF THE TREASURY ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) IN ICE HOUSE STREET.

+NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES MUST BE PAID BY THE DUE DATE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE ADVISED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THERE WOULD BE NO REFUNDS IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED, OR INTENDED TO BE USED, WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT STEPS UP RECRUITMENT DRIVE
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IS STEPPING UP ITS RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR ASSISTANT OFFICER II BY STAGING ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY IN THE BUSY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT OF KWAI CHUNG TODAY (THURSDAY) WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN 5 000 SPECTATORS.

THE TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME INCLUDED A MOBILE STREET THEATRE SHOW WITH PERFORMANCES BY TELEVISION ARTISTES AND AN ENTERTAINMENT TROUPE.

THE DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS, SHOWING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PRISON WORK AND ITS EXCELLENT STAFF WELFARE FACILITIES, IS PART OF A SERIES BEING HELD IN BUSY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CENTRES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG TO ATTRACT MORE APPLICANTS OF THE RIGHT CALIBRE.

THE NEXT DISPLAY WILL BE HELD IN THE NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN ON TAK ROAD ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (JULY 7 AND 8) BETWEEN 3 PM AND 10 PM. A RECRUITMENT STAND WILL ALSO BE SET UP THERE.

THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR MATURE AND EDUCATED PEOPLE TO FILL ASSISTANT OFFICER II VACANCIES.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE A GOOD PHYSIQUE AND BE PREFERABLY UNDER 35 WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION STANDARD.

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THE STARTING SALARY VARIES FROM \$1 610 TO \$1 780 DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATION.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS HAVE TO UNDERGO A ONE-YEAR TRAINING PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES FIELD TRAINING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PENAL INSTITUTIONS.

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NEW TAI PO ROAD SECTION OPEN TO TRAFFIC TOMORROW
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A NEW SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR THE BEND AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THE 300-METRE ROAD FORMED THE LAST PART OF STAGE ONE OF THE TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME. IT WAS BUILT BY CUTTING THROUGH A HILL.

+THE NEW ROAD, MEASURING 7.3 METRES IN WIDTH, WILL REPLACE A SECTION OF THE OLD AND WINDING TAI PO ROAD,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS PROVIDED WITH STREET LIGHTING AND BUS BAYS AND THERE IS A TWO-METRE WIDE FOOTPATH ON ONE SIDE OF THE NEW CARRIAGEWAY.+

THE PROJECT WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY — THROUGH VARIETY SHOWS
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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MESSAGES WILL BE DRIVEN HOME THROUGH THREE VARIETY SHOWS TO BE STAGED THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE PROGRAMMES WERE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN A BID TO GET THE MESSAGES ACROSS TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

+THE SHOWS INCLUDING 'INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT-PRONE PUPPETS' ARE TO BE STAGED FROM THE GIS MOBILE STREET THEATRE. THE FIRST IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT SHAU KEI WAN, TUNG TAI STREET NEXT TUESDAY (JULY 8),+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THEY WILL BE REPEATED AT SO UK ESTATE ON JULY 15 AND WANG TAU HOM TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA ON JULY 26.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LEAFLETS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO SPECTATORS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE STREET THEATRE HAS BEEN VISITING VARIOUS DENSELY POPULATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO MAKE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY WORKERS, MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK THROUGH ENTERTAINMENT.

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WUHU INTERCHANGE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE WUHU SUBWAY IN HUNG HOM FROM 10 AM THIS SATURDAY.

ALL NORTHEAST-BOUND TRAFFIC IN CHATHAM ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO WUHU STREET. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED ONTO THE WUHU SUBWAY LEADING TO GILLIES AVENUE.

ALSO, THE SECTION OF STATION LANE BETWEEN WALKER ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE, AND WALKER ROAD ITSELF WILL BE TURNED INTO A TWO-WAY ROUTE. AT THE SAME TIME, STATION LANE AT THE JUNCTION OF GILLIES AVENUE WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A CUL-DE-SAC.

PING CHI STREET WILL BE RE-OPENED TO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FROM CHATHAM ROAD ONTO FAT KWONG STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, STATION LANE BETWEEN GILLIES AVENUE AND KUN YAM STREET AND GILLIES AVENUE FROM THE EXIT OF THE WUHU SUBWAY TO WUHU STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ZONE.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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