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89 PEOPLE TO RECEIVE INSIGNIA
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EIGHTY-NINE PEOPLE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY WILL RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MONDAY (APRIL 13) EVENING.

THE INSIGNIA TO BE PRESENTED INCLUDE ONE CBE, FIVE OBE'S, FOUR ISO'S, NINE MBE'S, 23 BEM'S, AND ONE QPM.

SPECIAL PARKING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR GUESTS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY.

ALL CARS CARRYING GUESTS MAY ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE. AFTER THEY HAVE ALIGHTED, VEHICLES BEARING G.H. LABELS MAY PARK IN THE FORECOURT AS DIRECTED, OR, IF CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN, RETURN AT 6.20 PM.

VEHICLES BEARING PINK LABELS MUST EXIT BY THE EAST GATE AND THEN PARK AT UPPER ALBERT ROAD, LOWER ALBERT ROAD NEAR CENTRAL HOSPITAL, THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD AND THE CAR PARK AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

ALL VEHICLES PARKED INSIDE GOVERNMENT HOUSE SHOULD LEAVE BY THE EAST GATE. OTHER GUESTS ARE REQUESTED TO WALK TO THEIR CARS AFTER THE CEREMONY.

PUBLIC PARKING FACILITIES IN METERED SPACES IN UPPER AND LOWER ALBERT ROADS AND THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 3 PM TO 7.30 PM ON THAT DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS NEWS ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 4 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 13).

ONLY PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WITH SPECIAL LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ADMITTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THEY SHOULD MEET GIS OFFICERS IN THE GUARD ROOM OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOT LATER THAN 5.30 PM.

NEWSPAPERS NOT RECEIVING SUCH BADGES WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PRINTS WITH MAINLAND STUDIO AT 44 CARNARVON ROAD, KOWLOON, TELEPHONE 3-670959.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW TRAINS FOR KCR ARRIVE

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THE FIRST OF 45 THREE-CAR SETS ORDERED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND ON BOARD THE KITANO MARU TODAY (SATURDAY).

THEY WILL BE UNLOADED ONTO A BARGE AND TAKEN TO THE KCR WHARF EARLY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LIFTING OF THE TRAINS ONTO THE RAIL TRACKS AT THE KCR WHARF.

THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE KCR CANTEEN ON THE OPEN DECK CARPARK OF THE KCR TERMINAL AT HUNG HOM AT 8.30 AM SHARP.

INFORMATION OFFICERS FROM THE PWD AND KCR WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

ENGINEERS FROM THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW ON SITE.

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GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS URGED

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EMPLOYERS HAVE BEEN URGED TO BE ALERT TO IMPORTANT NEW FACTORS WHICH ARE AFFECTING THE PATTERN OF LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG.

THE PLEA WAS MADE TODAY (SATURDAY) BY MR DONALD CHAN, CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST OF FOUR LABOUR RELATIONS WORKSHOPS AT HOTEL FURAMA.

THE WORKSHOPS ARE PART OF A YEAR-LONG LABOUR AND STAFF RELATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT IS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH TRAINING ON LABOUR RELATIONS AND RELATED SUBJECTS TO STRENGTHEN THE SYSTEM OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IN HONG KONG WITH THE HOPE OF ENSURING THE HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, MR CHAN OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENT IN LABOUR RELATIONS IN THE PAST 30 YEARS AND ANALYSED THE FACTORS AFFECTING LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG TO DATE.

IN THE PAST, HE POINTED OUT, HONG KONG HAD AN EASILY CONTENTED LABOUR FORCE, AN AUTOCRATIC BUT BY AND LARGE BENEVOLENT CLASS OF EMPLOYERS AND A WELL-MEANING AND NON-INTERFERING GOVERNMENT. THE RESULT WAS RELATIVELY PEACEFUL LABOUR RELATIONS, STABLE PRODUCTION, STEADY INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND CONTINUOUS RISING OF THE STANDARD OF LIVING.

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HOWEVER, THE CURRENT SITUATION IS DIFFERENT AND OTHER IMPORTANT NEW FACTORS ARE COMING INTO PLAY.

SOME NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF THESE FACTORS QUOTED BY MR CHAN ARE A MORE EDUCATED AND MORE ARTICULATE GENERATION OF WORKERS- RAPID CHANGES IN ECONOMY - UP-GRADING OF INDUSTRY, THE GROWTH IN THE FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE RE-EMERGENCE OF ENTREPRENEUR- THE GROWING OF +WHITE-COLLAR+ TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND THE CHANGES IN THE TRADITIONAL +BLUE-COLLAR+ UNIONS.

MR CHAN SAID THAT THESE NEW FACTORS WERE BOUND TO AFFECT THE PATTERN OF LABOUR RELATIONS AND THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO THE PERSONNEL MANAGERS AND THE UNION LEADERS TO PERCEIVE THESE CHANGES IN RELATION TO THEIR ORGANISATION AND BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH IN THEIR APPROACH.

+I MUST SAY THERE IS NO PANACEA APPROACH TO LABOUR RELATIONS. YOU MUST FIND THE RIGHT MIX OF ATTITUDES AND STRUCTURAL RESPONSES FOR YOUR ORGANISATION,+ MR CHAN NOTED.

ANOTHER SPEAKER, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND MEMBER OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD, OUTLINED THE ROLE OF TRADE UNIONS IN LABOUR RELATIONS BY TRACING THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENTS OF TRADE UNIONS IN BRITAIN AND HONG KONG.

NOTING THE DIFFERENT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN EACH TERRITORY WHICH AFFECTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE UNIONS, HE SAID TRADE UNIONS IN HONG KONG PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, INFLUENCED LABOUR LEGISLATION IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER AND PROVIDED RECREATION OR WELFARE TO MEMBERS.

HONG KONG, MR CHAN ADDED, HAD SHOWN THE WORLD THAT POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL STABILITY PRODUCED WEALTH AND FULL EMPLOYMENT WHICH GUARANTEED REAL GAIN IN PURCHASING POWER.

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SUMMARY RESULTS OF 1978 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

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THE JANUARY 1981 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS PUBLISHED RECENTLY CONTAINS A SPECIAL ARTICLE ENTITLED +HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES IN 1978+. THE ARTICLE PRESENTS THE SUMMARY RESULTS OF A SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR TO OBTAIN BENCHMARK INDUSTRY DATA FOR 1978. THE SALIENT FINDINGS ARE :-

/A. ANALYSIS

A. ANALYSIS BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUP

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF REPORTING MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS	LABOUR COST	CONSUMPTION	GROSS	CENSUS
			OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES		
		(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)
FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO	818	350	1 667	2 837	1 170
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITTING)	3 910	1 958	8 598	12 176	3 578
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT KNITWEAR AND FOOTWEAR	6 997	3 712	9 824	15 417	5 593
LEATHER, WOOD AND CORK PRODUCTS	2 610	404	998	1 643	644
PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	3 051	570	1 489	2 586	1 096
CHEMICALS, RUBBER AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	1 054	267	1 489	2 249	760
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3 517	1 165	2 688	4 587	1 899
BASIC METALS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	8 049	2 163	7 249	10 924	3 674
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	1 218	1 366	6 295	8 999	2 704
OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	2 265	487	1 493	2 312	819
ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	33 489	12 443	41 791	63 729	21 938

BASED ON DATA PROVIDED BY THE MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY, \$63 729 MILLION WORTH OF GROSS OUTPUT WERE PRODUCED BY THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN 1978.

OF THIS TOTAL, \$41 791 MILLION WERE SPENT ON MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES CONSUMED IN THE PROCESS OF PRODUCTION WHILE THE OTHER \$21 938 MILLION WERE ACCRUED AS CENSUS VALUE ADDED. THE LATTER AMOUNT WAS IN TURN DISTRIBUTED AS LABOUR COST (\$12 443 MILLION), MISCELLANEOUS OPERATING EXPENSES (\$4 625 MILLION), AND OPERATING SURPLUS (\$4 870 MILLION).

IN TERMS OF CENSUS VALUE ADDED CONTRIBUTION, THE MORE IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES WERE : WEARING APPAREL (\$5 593 MILLION OR 25 PER CENT OF TOTAL CENSUS VALUE ADDED IN MANUFACTURING), METAL PRODUCTS AND MACHINERY (\$3 674 MILLION OR 17 PER CENT), TEXTILES (\$3 578 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT), ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS (\$2 704 MILLION OR 12 PER CENT), AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (\$1 899 MILLION OR 9 PER CENT).

COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGE FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE, INDUSTRIES HAVING A HIGHER CONTENT OF CENSUS VALUE ADDED IN GROSS OUTPUT WERE : PAPER PRODUCTS AND PRINTING (42 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (41 PER CENT), FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO (41 PER CENT), LEATHER AND WOODEN PRODUCTS (39 PER CENT), AND WEARING APPAREL (36 PER CENT) - WHILE INDUSTRIES HAVING A HIGHER LABOUR COST CONTENT IN CENSUS VALUE ADDED WERE : WEARING APPAREL (66 PER CENT), LEATHER AND WOODEN PRODUCTS (63 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (61 PER CENT), AND METAL PRODUCTS AND MACHINERY (59 PER CENT).

B. ANALYSIS BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF REPORTING MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS</u>	<u>LABOUR COST</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES</u>	<u>GROSS OUTPUT</u>	<u>CENSUS VALUE ADDED</u>
		(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)
HONG KONG ISLAND	5 818	1 764	6 089	9 684	3 595
KOWLOON	7 256	1 856	4 948	7 926	2 978
NEW KOWLOON	12 975	5 517	17 634	26 770	9 136
TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI	4 746	2 588	10 306	15 144	4 837
REST OF N.T.	2 695	719	2 814	4 206	1 392
ALL DISTRICTS	33 489	12 443	41 791	63 729	21 938

NEW KOWLOON WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT MANUFACTURING ZONE, FOLLOWED BY THE TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT. THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR \$41 914 MILLION WORTH OR 66 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL GROSS OUTPUT, AND \$13 973 MILLION WORTH OR 64 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL CENSUS VALUE ADDED IN MANUFACTURING.

/C. ANALYSIS

C. ANALYSIS BY TYPE OF OWNERSHIP

<u>TYPE OF OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>NUMBER OF REPORTING MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS</u>	<u>LABOUR COST</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES</u>	<u>GROSS OUTPUT</u>	<u>CENSUS VALUE ADDED</u>
		(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)
LIMITED COMPANY	4 839	8 356	31 704	47 255	15 551
SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP	22 618	2 670	6 522	10 755	4 233
PARTNERSHIP	6 032	1 417	3 565	5 719	2 154
TOTAL	33 489	12 443	41 791	63 729	21 938

MOST OF THE MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES WERE UNDERTAKEN IN LIMITED COMPANIES. THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL GROSS OUTPUT AND CENSUS VALUE ADDED IN MANUFACTURING WERE \$47 255 MILLION OR 74 PER CENT, AND \$15 551 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENSUS VALUE ADDED BY SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP UNDERTAKINGS WERE 19 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

D. ANALYSIS BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE

<u>AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF REPORTING MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS</u>	<u>LABOUR COST</u>	<u>CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES</u>	<u>GROSS OUTPUT</u>	<u>CENSUS VALUE ADDED</u>
		(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)
1 - 9	20 626	976	2 373	4 213	1 840
10 - 19	5 671	1 147	2 821	4 613	1 792
20 - 49	4 076	2 002	5 580	8 686	3 106
50 - 99	1 742	1 976	6 555	9 773	3 218
100 - 199	823	1 907	6 778	9 971	3 193
200 - 499	392	1 911	7 935	11 691	3 755
500 - 999	116	1 335	6 157	9 159	3 002
1 000 AND OVER	43	1 188	3 592	5 624	2 032
TOTAL	33 489	12 443	41 791	63 729	21 938

ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 500 OR MORE PERSONS TOGETHER GENERATED 23 PER CENT OF TOTAL CENSUS VALUE ADDED IN MANUFACTURING. ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING FEWER THAN 20 PERSONS PUT OUT 17 PER CENT OF THE CORRESPONDING CENSUS VALUE ADDED. MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE SIZE GROUPS OF 20 TO 49 PERSONS, 50 TO 99 PERSONS, 100 TO 199 PERSONS, AND 200 TO 499 PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR 14 PER CENT, 15 PER CENT, 14 PER CENT AND 17 PER CENT OF TOTAL CENSUS VALUE ADDED, RESPECTIVELY.

E. ANALYSIS BY GROSS OUTPUT

VALUE OF GROSS OUTPUT (\$'000)	NUMBER OF REPORTING MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS	LABOUR COST	CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES	GROSS OUTPUT	CENSUS VALUE ADDED
		(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)
1 - 999	25 883	2 066	3 320	6 638	3 318
1 000 - 4 999	5 407	3 116	7 382	11 964	4 582
5 000 - 19 999	1 681	3 220	10 574	15 804	5 230
20 000 AND OVER	516	4 040	20 515	29 323	8 808
TOTAL	33 489	12 443	41 791	63 729	21 938

THE SHARES IN TOTAL CENSUS VALUE ADDED FOR ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED TO THE FOUR GROSS OUTPUT RANGES WERE 15 PER CENT, 21 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT AND 40 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN AN ASCENDING SEQUENCE. THE DISTRIBUTION OF ESTABLISHMENTS ACCORDING TO GROSS OUTPUT (AND LIKEWISE ACCORDING TO EMPLOYMENT AND CENSUS VALUE ADDED) REVEALS A CONCENTRATION OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES IN FACTORIES OF LARGER SIZES.

F. ANALYSIS BY CENSUS VALUE ADDED

CENSUS VALUE ADDED (\$'000)	NUMBER OF REPORTING MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS	LABOUR COST	CONSUMPTION OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES	GROSS OUTPUT	CENSUS VALUE ADDED
		(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)	(\$MN)
UNDER 499	26 973	2 295	5 064	8 683	3 619
500 - 2 499	5 006	3 612	10 267	15 637	5 369
2 500 - 9 999	1 227	3 272	11 769	17 311	5 541
10 000 AND OVER	283	3 263	14 691	22 099	7 409
TOTAL	33 489	12 443	41 791	63 729	21 938

THE SHARES IN TOTAL GROSS OUTPUT FOR ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED TO THE FOUR CENSUS VALUE ADDED RANGES WERE 14 PER CENT, 24 PER CENT, 27 PER CENT AND 35 PER CENT IN AN ASCENDING SEQUENCE.

A FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE 1978 SURVEY OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION WILL BE MADE IN A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. REQUESTS FOR DETAILED SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 5-274203).

SEABED TO BE RECLAIMED FOR INDUSTRY

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM ANOTHER 7.46 HECTARES OF SEABED IN QUARRY BAY AND SAI WAN HO AREAS FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY, OPEN SPACES, A BUS TERMINAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE WORK WILL FORM PART OF SAI WAN HO STAGE I RECLAMATION AND QUARRY BAY STAGE II RECLAMATION PROJECTS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IS SET OUT IN A NOTICE IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

A NOTICE, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN IS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING IN GARDEN ROAD, OR AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING.

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CALL FOR ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED FOR A MORE ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR CHILDREN.

MR HAYE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR ON ETV-FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION ENRICHMENT SERIES.

HE FELT IT IMPORTANT FOR A SCHOOL TO KEEP PARENTS FULLY INFORMED AND TO GIVE THEM AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS IF THEY SO WISHED.

+EVEN A RUDIMENTARY PARENT-TEACHER ORGANISATION COULD PERFORM AN IMPORTANT SERVICE TO BOTH THE PARENTS AND THE SCHOOL AND I SEE AN IMPORTANT NEED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE PARENT-TEACHER ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE,+ MR HAYE SAID.

TURNING TO FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD MADE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN RECENT YEARS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACCEPTABLE SYLLABUSES IN SCHOOLS.

HOWEVER, TEACHERS ARE NOT THE ONLY PEOPLE TO PLAY A VITAL PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILD'S PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL TRAINING. PARENTS TOO HAVE A KEY ROLE.

+FAMILY LIFE WILL DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH A CHILD FEELS SECURE AND THE QUALITY OF HOME LIFE IS ALL IMPORTANT TO THE PATTERN OF A CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR NOT SO MUCH IN MATERIAL COMFORTS BUT IN THE REALISATION OF LOVE, STABILITY AND TRUST,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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SPEAKING ON THE ROLE OF ETV IN HONG KONG'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, THE DIRECTOR SAID IT WAS WITHOUT DOUBT AN EDUCATION TOOL OF VERY CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

+IT IS WORTHY OF NOTE THAT ETV AS IT IS AT PRESENT IN HONG KONG CAN STAND UP TO COMPARISON WITH OTHER ETV SERVICES ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD,+ MR HAYE COMMENTED.

HE ADDED THAT ETV, WHICH WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER, WILL IN THE NEAR FUTURE EXPAND ITS SERVICE TO INCLUDE NEW SUBJECTS TO ASSIST TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS.

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TUEN MUN BONSAI SHOW OPENS

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AN EXHIBITION OF MORE THAN 400 BONSAI PLANTS WAS OPENED AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE 10-DAY SHOW, ORGANISED BY THE CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND SPONSORED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, IS THE SECOND TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT.

AMONG THE EXHIBITS IS A 200-YEAR-OLD BEECH TREE, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A FAVOURITE OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER OF THE CHING DYNASTY.

THE SHOW INCLUDES COMPETITIVE SECTIONS FOR 10 LOCAL SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH ENTERED 100 EXHIBITS. THE CHING CHUNG KOON PROVIDED THE REST OF THE EXHIBITS.

OPENING THE SHOW, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THAT BONSAI AND KEEPING OF HOUSE PLANTS WAS A FASCINATING PASTIME WHICH REQUIRED SKILL, PATIENCE, AND AWARENESS OF BEAUTY AND PROPORTION.

HE HOPED THIS ANNUAL EVENT WOULD NURTURE APPRECIATION AND CONCERN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF TUEN MUN TOWN AND THE PRESERVATION OF ITS BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS.

HE THANKED THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND ALL THOSE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING IT A SUCCESS.

ALSO AT THE OPENING WERE THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN- THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHOW COMMITTEE, REV HAU PO-WOON- THE CHAIRMAN OF CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR NG WAI-SHUM- AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER TUEN MUN, MR BILLY LAM.

THE SHOW OPENS DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM. THERE ARE DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS OF BONSAI PLANTING AND A BOOKLET INTRODUCING THE ART IS BEING DISTRIBUTED FREE TO VISITORS.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 15).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

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