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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO SPEND A DAY  
WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND POLICE FAMILIES  
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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL SPEND A MORNING WITH PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN POK FU LAM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PRINCESS, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE CENTRE BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED (PHAB) ASSOCIATION, MR LI KWAN-HUNG, AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ASSOCIATION, MRS DEBORA CHAN.

SHE WILL TOUR THE CENTRE AND INSPECT VARIOUS FACILITIES DESIGNED TO INTEGRATE THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE PRINCESS, AS HONORARY COMMANDANT-GENERAL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, WILL ATTEND A POLICE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AT THE POLICE CLUB IN KAI TAK.

DURING AN HOUR-LONG VISIT TO THE FAIR, THE PRINCESS WILL MEET POLICE FAMILIES AND ALSO SEE SOME OF THE FORCE'S FINEST SPORTING TALENTS IN SPECIAL DISPLAYS OF JUDO AND TABLE TENNIS.

SAID MR YUEN KWOK-LEUNG, ACTING SENIOR FORCE WELFARE OFFICER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FAIR ORGANISING COMMITTEE : +THIS YEAR'S FAMILIES DAY FAIR WILL BE BIGGER THAN EVER BEFORE, WITH MORE STALLS, MORE ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE FUN FOR ALL POLICE FAMILIES. WE WANT AS MANY OF THEM AS POSSIBLE TO COME AND ENJOY THEMSELVES AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY ALSO TO SEE AND POSSIBLY MEET HER ROYAL HIGHNESS.+

THE PRINCESS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO THE FAIR BY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY. MR YUEN AND MR DAVID LOW, FORCE WELFARE OFFICER FOR HONG KONG ISLAND AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, WILL BE PRESENTED TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS. SHE WILL THEN INSPECT A GUARD OF HONOUR OF CADETS FROM THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS AND HER HUSBAND, THE HON ANGUS OGILVY, WILL SEE DISPLAYS BY POLICE TABLE TENNIS AND JUDO TEAMS BEFORE DOTTING THE EYES OF A DRAGON AND A LION.

SHE WILL THEN VISIT SOME OF THE STALLS SET UP BY VARIOUS POLICE FORMATIONS AND SEE PART OF A MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BEING PRESENTED BY WELL KNOWN TELEVISION PERSONALITIES.

IN ONE OF FIVE MARQUEES BEING SET UP AT THE GROUND, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL MEET AND TALK INFORMALLY WITH POLICE FAMILIES. LATER, SHE WILL MEET OVER REFRESHMENTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, THE JUNIOR CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL AND CHAIRMEN OF FAIR ORGANISING SUB-COMMITTEES.

SAID MR YUEN: +WE EXPECT OVER 20 000 POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ATTEND THE FAIR. WE HAVE A FAMILIES DAY EVERY YEAR, BUT THIS YEAR WE HAVE EXPANDED THE USUAL THEME TO GIVE MORE OF EVERYTHING TO OUR FAMILIES. WE HAVE SPENT \$100 000 ON PREPARING WHAT IS SURE TO BE A MEMORABLE AFTERNOON FOR EVERYONE.+

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HRH'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE DAY WILL END WITH A DINNER WITH UMELCO MEMBERS IN THE FURAMA HOTEL IN THE EVENING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITIES

LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE:

THERE WILL BE FOUR POSITIONS FOR ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES. POSITION 1 AT THE ENTRANCE IS TO COVER HRH'S ARRIVAL AND POSITIONS 2, 3, 4 INSIDE THE HALL, AT THE ARCHERY RANGE AND THE RIDING SCHOOL ARE TO COVER THE PRINCESS'S TOUR OF THE CENTRE.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CGO CAR PARK AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

POLICE CLUB:

ACCREDITED MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE ARRIVAL OF THE ROYAL COUPLE WILL BE ESCORTED BY GIS OFFICERS INTO THE AREA OF THE NEW YEAR FAIR. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CGO CAR PARK AT 2.15 PM (REPEAT 2.15 PM) TOMORROW (MONDAY), INSTEAD OF THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TIME OF 2.40 PM.

DINNER WITH UMELCO MEMBERS:

ACCREDITED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES CAN COVER THE ARRIVAL OF HRH OUTSIDE THE FURAMA HOTEL'S CHATER ROAD ENTRANCE. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO MEET GIS LIAISON OFFICERS OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE AT 7.45 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY). NO PRESS TRANSPORT IS PROVIDED.

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RESULTS OF BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS SURVEY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS COMPILED A REPORT ON A QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY HELD IN JANUARY 1980.

ABOUT 900 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1979, AND THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1980.

THE SURVEY SHOWS THAT AFTER EXPERIENCING MODERATE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1979, FIRMS AS A WHOLE ARE CAUTIOUS ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1980. SEASONALITY PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR PART OF THIS OUTLOOK BUT REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS SURVEY DATA REVEALS THAT BUSINESS CONFIDENCE AS REGARDS FIRST QUARTER PROSPECTS IS WEAKER THAN AT THIS TIME OF LAST YEAR.

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WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING DIVISION, THE 'ELECTRONICS' AND 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES' SECTORS ARE THE ONLY ONES EXPECTING BUSINESS TO IMPROVE IN THE COMING QUARTER. FOR THE SECTOR 'ELECTRONICS', THIS REPRESENTS A FURTHER ADVANCE AS IT ALREADY REPORTED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LAST QUARTER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IN THE SECTOR 'ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES', PERFORMANCE WAS NOT UNIFORM IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS', 'WEARING APPAREL' AND 'MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES' SECTORS WHICH DID WELL IN THE FOURTH QUARTER PREDICT MILD DETERIORATIONS.

THE SECTOR 'TEXTILES' REPORTED THAT ITS BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WAS LARGELY THE SAME AS IN THE THIRD QUARTER AND IT PREDICTS A SLOW-DOWN IN THE COMING QUARTER.

MOST OTHER MANUFACTURING SECTORS REPORTED SOME DETERIORATIONS IN THE LAST QUARTER AND PREDICT FURTHER DETERIORATIONS IN THE COMING QUARTER.

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY REPORTED MODERATE ADVANCES IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1979 WHICH IT EXPECTS WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD INTO THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1980.

FOR THE SERVICES SECTORS, THE 'HOTELS' AND 'RESTAURANTS' SECTORS EXPECT A LOW FIRST QUARTER AFTER PASSING THROUGH A FOURTH QUARTER IN WHICH BUSINESS IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER THE THIRD QUARTER LEVELS.

THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE' SECTOR ALSO HAD A HIGH FOURTH QUARTER, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO A SIMILAR LEVEL OF BUSINESS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1980.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE 'TRANSPORTATION' SECTOR WHICH HAD A STEADY FOURTH QUARTER EXPECTS SOME DETERIORATION.

THE 'BANKS' AND 'MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS SERVICES' SECTORS REPORTED APPRECIABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1979 AND ARE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS IN THE COMING QUARTER.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DATA, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WERE BASICALLY INTENDED TO FACILITATE A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REQUIRING ANSWERS IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS, FIRMS WERE ASKED TO COMPARE THE QUARTER JUST PAST WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND SIMILARLY FOR THE FORTHCOMING ONE, AND ONLY HAD TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, A CERTAIN VARIABLE WAS 'UP', 'SAME' OR 'DOWN'.

HE SAID THAT IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS, AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS, AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE PROBABLY AFFECTED CONSIDERABLY BY SEASONALITY.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ON THE SURVEY, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS OF AND STATISTICAL TABLES ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

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EXTRA TRAINS DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS  
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ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL BE OPERATING THROUGHOUT THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

DURING THE SIX DAYS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 13 AND 18, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL BE VIRTUALLY OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK.

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) DURING THIS PERIOD THERE WOULD BE 32 TRAINS OPERATING DAILY EACH WAY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND LOWU -- THE LARGEST NUMBER OF TRAINS EVER RUN BY KCR.

A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OVERNIGHT AND EARLY MORNING TRAINS FOR WHICH TICKETS SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE, WILL BE RUNNING NON-STOP BETWEEN THESE TWO TERMINALS.

DURING KCR'S NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION, EXTRA TRAINS WILL ALSO BE PUT INTO SERVICE FOR PEOPLE TRAVELLING BETWEEN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE EXTRA TRAIN SERVICES WOULD FULLY STRETCH ALL THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES OF KCR.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT TRAINS DURING THIS PERIOD WILL BE FULL AND PASSENGERS ARE ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTEREST TO EXERCISE SPECIAL CARE IN BOARDING AND ALIGHTING FROM TRAINS PARTICULARLY THOSE TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN.

PASSENGERS ARE ALSO ASKED TO MAKE USE OF THE BAGGAGE HANDLING FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT KOWLOON AND LOWU STATIONS SO AS TO MINIMISE CARRYING HEAVY AND BULKY LUGGAGES INTO PASSENGER COACHES.

ADDITIONAL KCR STAFF AND POLICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST PASSENGERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF TRAIN INFORMATION WILL BE BROADCAST AT STATIONS AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED TRAIN COMMUTERS THAT AS A RESULT OF INTRODUCTION OF THE SECOND THROUGH TRAIN BETWEEN KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 11) THE TIMETABLE OF REGULAR LOCAL TRAINS WILL BE SLIGHTLY ADJUSTED FROM THE SAME DAY.

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WHERE TO SEE THE PRINCESS  
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HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TOMORROW (MONDAY) WILL VISIT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE AT POK FU LAM.

THE FOLLOWING IS A GUIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SEE THE PRINCESS:

LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE, POK FU LAM

AT 11 AM THE ROYAL MOTORCADE WILL LEAVE GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND TRAVEL VIA UPPER ALBERT ROAD, CAINE ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, POKFULAM ROAD AND POKFULAM RESERVOIR ROAD BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE CENTRE AT 11.15 AM.

THE ROYAL MOTORCADE WILL LEAVE THE CENTRE AT 11.45 AM AND TRAVEL VIA POKFULAM RESERVOIR ROAD, POKFULAM ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, CAINE ROAD AND UPPER ALBERT ROAD TO RETURN TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

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REMINDER ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS  
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FALL ON FEBRUARY 16, 17 AND 18 THIS YEAR ARE THREE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THE SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FALLS ON A SUNDAY IS LIKELY TO BE THE REST DAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE.

+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +AN EMPLOYER MUST GRANT HIS EMPLOYEES ANOTHER REST DAY BECAUSE THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT A REST DAY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY STATUTORY HOLIDAY.+

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$3 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE THREE DAYS OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE HOLIDAYS.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

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IF BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638- KOWLOON WEST 3-201652- KWUN TONG 3-898520- TSUEN WAN 12-422096- TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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### ROADS FOR KOWLOON BAY DEVELOPMENT

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS IN THE EASTERN PART OF KOWLOON BAY DEVELOPMENT AREA.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE WORK WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 250 METRES LONG AND 10 METRES WIDE THREE-LANE NEW CARRIAGEWAY WITH FOOTPATHS OF 2.75 METRES WIDE ON BOTH SIDES.

A 9.2-METRE WIDE SERVICE ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

ON COMPLETION, THE ROADS WILL LINK WITH WAI YIP STREET VIA TWO ACCESS ROADS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CONTRACT WAS PART OF A PLAN TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ROAD AND DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THIS PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION OF THE PWD'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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REPORT ON COMPANY RELEASED

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THE REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE AFFAIRS OF SIU KING CHEUNG HING YIP COMPANY LTD. AND ITS SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES HAS NOW BEEN RELEASED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$18 EACH.

THE REPORT, BY SAMUEL GITTINS, QC AND JOHN MARSHALL, CA, FOLLOWED THEIR INVESTIGATION CARRIED OUT UNDER SECTION 127 (1) OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO MOST PREMISES IN SHOUSON HILL, REPULSE BAY AND DEEP WATER BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 12) FOR WORK ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE IN SHOUSON HILL, EXCEPT NOS. 1-12 SHOUSON HILL ROAD, ON REPULSE BAY ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH BEACH ROAD, ISLAND ROAD, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, AND BELLEVIEW DRIVE.

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