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GOVERNOR LOOKS OVER CLEARANCE WORK IN KWUN TONG

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE THIS AFTERNOON (THURSDAY) VISITED KWUN TONG DISTRICT TO LOOK OVER CLEARANCE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT ON ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

HE SAID HE WAS +VERY IMPRESSED+ WITH THE WORK BEING DONE TO CLEAR THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

+THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAVE SET ABOUT IT IN A PRACTICAL WAY= THEY HAVE GOOD SUPPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND THE OPERATION IS HAVING RESULTS,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (CITY), MR GRAHAM BARNES= THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR KWUN TONG, MR DAVID TSUI= AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MR ERIC CHOI, SIR MURRAY PROCEEDED TO TSUN YIP LANE, HUNG TO ROAD AND HOI YUEN ROAD WHERE HE SAW THE BACKLANES BEING ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED BY COOKED FOOD STALLS.

BECAUSE OF THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION BY THE FOOD STALLS FACTORY OPERATORS HAVE TO USE THE MAIN THOROUGHFARES FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING THEIR GOODS, AND THIS HAS ADDED TO THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA. THE OPERATION OF THE COOKED FOOD STALLS ALSO POSES HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEF BY MR TSUI ON THE GENERAL SITUATION IN THE DISTRICT AND BY MR CHOI ON THE CLEARANCE OPERATION AS WELL AS 'OPERATION TORCH' - A CAMPAIGN TO BE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED SOON IN THE DISTRICT.

AIMED AT IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT, 'OPERATION TORCH' HAS BEEN DRAWN UP BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE THROUGH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF FOUR PILOT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE AREA.

THE FIRST PHASE OF 'OPERATION TORCH' WILL BE FORMALLY STARTED ON FEBRUARY 15, WITH THE WHOLE SCHEME BEING IMPLEMENTED OVER 13 MONTHLY CLEARANCE PROGRAMMES.

SIR MURRAY ALSO MET MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ABOUT DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

THE GOVERNOR EARLIER VISITED TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY TO SEE THE VARIOUS FACILITIES THERE IN THE COMPANY OF MR NORMAN THOMPSON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MTR CORPORATION AND MR BARRACLOUGH, MTR OPERATIONS DIRECTOR.

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CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE

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A SECOND WATER SPORTS CENTRE - TO BE MANAGED AND OPERATED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT - WILL BE READY FOR USE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE CENTRE, KNOWN AS THE CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE BECAUSE OF A DONATION OF ALMOST \$2 MILLION FOR THE PROJECT BY THE LIU CHONG HING BANK, IS WELL ADVANCED.

AND TO MARK THE BIRTH OF THE CENTRE, THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THIS AFTERNOON INSPECTED THE PROJECT AND OFFICIALLY LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE LIU CHONG HING BANK, MR LIU LIT-FOR, WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY.

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE ARTIFICIAL LAKE CREATED BY THE COFFER DAM AND THE MAIN WESTERN DAM OF THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, WAS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR TRAINING BEGINNERS IN ALL TYPES OF WATER SPORTS.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO BUILD THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR MORE THAN A DECADE AGO HAD OTHER ADVANTAGES, IN PARTICULAR THE OPENING UP OF LARGE AREAS OF COUNTRYSIDE TO PEOPLE FROM THE URBAN AREAS.

THIS, HE CONTINUED, LED TO THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

+BUT AS FAR AS MY OWN DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, WE HAD SPECIAL INTERESTS- AND JUST AS WE WERE ABLE TO CONVERT THE ENGINEERS' QUARTERS INTO THE VERY SUCCESSFUL AND POPULAR LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, SO ALSO ARE WE ABLE TO CONVERT THE AREA OF THIS COFFER DAM INTO A WATER SPORTS CENTRE,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAD BEEN A HUGE INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION, PARTICULARLY FROM YOUNG PEOPLE.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS CENTRE WILL BE EVERY BIT AS SUCCESSFUL AS ITS PLANNERS WOULD WISH,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM THEN THANKED THE LIU CHONG HING BANK AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR HELPING IN BRINGING THE CENTRE INTO REALITY.

THE CENTRE COVERS AN AREA OF 18.3 HECTARES AND CONSISTS OF TWO MAJOR SINGLE-STOREY BLOCKS HOUSING A DORMITORY, CHANGING FACILITIES, OFFICE SPACE AND A KITCHEN AND CANTEEN.

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OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A BOAT SHED, TWO PAGODAS, A SLIPWAY LEADING TO THE LAGOON AND A FENCE.

THE CENTRE WILL BE FULLY UTILISED BY WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS AND CAMPERS FROM SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 12 000 DAY AND ABOUT 3 000 RESIDENTIAL CAMPERS WILL ENJOY THE CENTRE'S FACILITIES EVERY YEAR.

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SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE

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DENTAL HEALTH IN HONG KONG HAS ENTERED A NEW ERA WITH THE PROVISION OF A SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE FOR THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, SAID TODAY.

ROUTINE PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE BY DENTAL THERAPISTS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN HAS PROVED TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN MANY COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG IS NO EXCEPTION, HE SAID.

DR THONG WAS SPEAKING AT THE FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY OF 31 DENTAL THERAPISTS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A THREE-YEAR COURSE AT THE TANG SHIU KIN DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON.

HE STRESSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE TO YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE RECEPTIVE TO DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION, RESULTING IN GOOD DENTAL HABITS FOR LIFE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1980 TO TAKE IN PRIMARY ONE CHILDREN AND IS BEING PROGRESSIVELY EXTENDED TO INCLUDE CHILDREN OF HIGHER GRADES EACH YEAR UNTIL THEY REACH PRIMARY SIX.

DR THONG POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHEME WAS EXTREMELY POPULAR AS EVIDENCED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME, WITH SOME 80 000 HAVING BEEN ENROLLED SO FAR.

THE SERVICE PROVIDES REGULAR DENTAL EXAMINATION AND SIMPLE CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT INCLUDING LIMITED ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT BY PROPERLY TRAINED DENTAL THERAPISTS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DENTAL OFFICERS, HE EXPLAINED.

A DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL WAS OPENED THREE YEARS AGO TO TRAIN STAFF TO MAN SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS WHICH ARE BEING SET UP AS THE SERVICE EXPANDS.

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AT PRESENT THERE ARE TWO SUCH CLINICS AND SIX MORE ARE NOW BEING PLANNED FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WITHIN THE NEXT SIX YEARS.

DR THONG POINTED OUT THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SERVICE IS PREVENTION AND PLANS ARE IN THE PIPELINE TO ESTABLISH A DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT TO PROMOTE DENTAL HEALTH AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THE PRINCIPAL OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL, DR P.Y. WONG, SAID DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY THAT THE TRAINING PROGRAMME IS GEARED TOWARDS PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

DURING THE THREE YEARS, STUDENTS HAVE TO UNDERGO TRAINING IN CLINICAL SUBJECTS INCLUDING BASIC DENTAL SCIENCES AND FIRST AID, AND OPERATIVE TECHNIQUES, AND ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT MUCH CLINICAL WORK.

+AS THE TRAINING PROGRAMME IS PREVENTION ORIENTATED, SPECIAL ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE LATEST PREVENTION TECHNIQUES, AND THE STUDENTS REGULARLY CONDUCT DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME SUCH AS PUPPET SHOWS AND HEALTH TALKS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AND OTHER INTERESTED GROUPS,+ DR WONG SAID.

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POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 5 207 000
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THE ESTIMATED POPULATION OF HONG KONG AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1981 WAS 5 207 000, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE ESTIMATE SHOWS AN INCREASE OF 87 200 PEOPLE OR 1.7 PER CENT OVER THE END-OF-1980 FIGURE.

THE SLOWER RATE OF INCREASE IN 1981 WAS DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA AS A RESULT OF THE ABOLITION OF THE REACH-BASE POLICY.

NET IMMIGRATION, THAT IS THE BALANCE OF TOTAL ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES, WHICH HAS BEEN THE MAJOR FACTOR IN THE POPULATION GROWTH IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 24 530 PEOPLE OR 28.1 PER CENT OF THE GROWTH.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS IN 1981 WAS 87 431. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS WAS 24 715.

NATURAL INCREASE, THAT IS THE BALANCE OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, AMOUNTED TO 62 716 PEOPLE OR 71.9 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION GROWTH IN 1981, AND THUS BECAME THE DOMINANT FACTOR IN TOTAL POPULATION GROWTH.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR RESIDENTIAL COACH SERVICE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR RUNNING A NEW TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL COACH SERVICE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO SERVE THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF OUTLYING RESIDENTIAL AREAS, ESPECIALLY PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS WITHOUT ADEQUATE BUS AND MAXICAB SERVICES.

+APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY PROSPECTIVE USERS WHO MAY BE REPRESENTED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL ESTATE, A COMMITTEE OF CO-OWNERS OR TENANTS, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

+OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE AREA AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE PICKING-UP AND SETTING-DOWN POINTS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED,+ HE SAID.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE GRANTED A TWO-YEAR NON-EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL COACH SERVICE LICENCE, ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONE OF THE CONDITIONS IS THAT EVERY PASSENGER MUST BE PICKED UP, OR SET DOWN AT THE TERMINUS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

+AND THE SERVICE MAY BE RESTRICTED TO PEAK HOURS DURING WHICH PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES ARE INADEQUATE,+ HE SAID.

FARES CHARGED FOR THIS SERVICE WILL NOT BE FIXED AND WILL BE NEGOTIATABLE BETWEEN THE OPERATOR AND THE USER.

FULL DETAILS OF THE CONDITIONS WILL BE SPECIFIED IN THE +NOTES FOR GUIDANCE+ ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE LICENCE.

THESE FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 32 OI KWAN ROAD= THE PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION OF THE LICENSING OFFICE, NO. 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL= THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICE AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, MONG KOK= AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY REGISTERED POST TO REACH THE PUBLIC VEHICLE SECTION OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MEZZANINE FLOOR, 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG, BY 5 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1982.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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BETTER CONDITIONS FOR WONG TAI SIN SQUATTERS
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ACTIVE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE ESTIMATED 60 000 SQUATTERS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, STATED TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY, LEGAL ELECTRICITY, BETTER SANITATION AND CLEANSING, SAFER FOOTPATHS, STREET-LIGHTING, AND IMPROVED POSTAL SERVICES.

+ALL THESE ARE BEING PREPARED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AT PRESENT,+ HE SAID.

MR SELBY, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH, SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE SQUATTER AREAS WHERE IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE HOUSING PROGRAMME COULD NOT PROVIDE HOMES FOR THEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

+THE GOVERNOR HAS CLEARLY STATED THAT THERE IS NO SOLUTION TO THE SQUATTER PROBLEM EXCEPT TO CLEAR SQUATTERS AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR THEM; HOWEVER, HE RECOGNISES THE REALITY OF LIFE IS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE CANNOT BE REHOUSED OVERNIGHT, AND SO SOME INTERIM MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN,+ HE SAID.

MR SELBY POINTED OUT THAT IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE SQUATTERS MUCH DEPENDED ON THE SETTING UP OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AMONG SQUATTERS, SUCH AS MAC'S (MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES) AND FIRE-WATCH TEAMS.

+APART FROM TAKING ACTIVE STEPS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR SQUATTERS, GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO PERSUADE THEM THAT THEY CAN DO AS MUCH AGAIN FOR THEMSELVES BY CO-OPERATING WITH EACH OTHER AND UNITING WITH GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE COMMON PROBLEMS,+ MR SELBY ADDED.

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TRAIN SERVICE REDUCED FOR ENGINEERING WORKS
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL REDUCE THREE NORTHBOUND AND THREE SOUTHBOUND TRAINS DAILY AS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, TO ALLOW ESSENTIAL ENGINEERING WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE TRACK.

ANNOUNCING THE NEW TIMETABLE TODAY (THURSDAY) A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LOOP-LINE AT BOTH UNIVERSITY AND FANLING STATIONS WOULD BE CLOSED FOR ENGINEERING WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODERNISATION OF THE RAILWAY.

HE SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT THE REDUCTION OF THREE TRAINS EACH WAY WOULD CAUSE INCONVENIENCE, BUT EXPLAINED THAT THE REDUCTION WAS UNAVOIDABLE.

+TRAINS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CROSS AT UNIVERSITY AND FANLING STATIONS WHILE THE WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+HOWEVER, WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST WHEN REVISING THE TIMETABLE AND EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO MINIMISE THE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PASSENGERS DURING THE MORNING AND PEAK PERIODS,+ HE SAID.

COMMUTERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THE NEW TIMETABLE DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS.

THE EXPRESS THROUGH TRAINS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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YUEN LONG SPRING PARTY
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MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE ATTENDED A SPRING PARTY TODAY (THURSDAY) AS GUESTS OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON- HIS DEPUTY, DR RICHARD BUTLER, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE CHAIRMAN OF RURAL COMMITTEES, BANKERS, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, THANKED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND PARTICIPATION DURING THE PAST YEAR, WITHOUT WHICH, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT THEY HAD GIVEN TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

MR FUNG ALSO USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND THOSE PRESENT TO SUPPORT NEXT MONTH'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE EIGHT DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ON MARCH 4.

THERE ARE SIX CONSTITUENCIES IN YUEN LONG DISTRICT AND ABOUT 30 000 ELECTORS. TO DATE 20 CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO CONTEST THE SIX SEATS.

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OVERSEAS TRIPS FOR OUTSTANDING CYC MEMBERS

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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) WILL THIS YEAR BE OFFERING OVERSEAS TRIPS TO AT LEAST HALF A DOZEN OF ITS MOST OUTSTANDING MEMBERS WHO GAINED MERIT AWARDS FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS OR SERVICES.

THE AWARDS HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LTD.

THE CLUB HAS ALSO PROVIDED THE FUNDS TO ENABLE CYC TO HOLD ITS FIRST MAJOR PARADE SINCE ITS FORMATION ON FEBRUARY 1, 1978 TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND TO ACCEPT ACTIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT.

SOME 9 000 CYC MEMBERS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE PARADE ON SUNDAY AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM IN KOWLOON WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TAKING THE SALUTE AT A MARCH PAST.

THE DIRECTOR WILL ALSO INSPECT THE PARADE AND PRESENT 17 MEMBERS WITH THE PURPLE BADGE, THE HIGHEST AWARD UNDER THE CYC MERIT AWARD SCHEME FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE CYC NOW HAS OVER 63 000 MEMBERS FROM ABOUT 540 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THEIR AGE RANGED FROM 10 TO 18, AND THEIR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VISITS, DEBATES, SEMINARS, COMPETITIONS AND EXHIBITIONS RELATING TO CONSERVATION, FIRE PREVENTION, CONSUMER EDUCATION, ANTI-CORRUPTION, ROAD SAFETY, KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN AND ANYTHING WHICH WILL MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

ASIDE FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LTD., THE CYC IS ALSO ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303 AND THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CYC PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1982 AT 3 PM AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TAKING THE SALUTE AT A MARCH PAST.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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LANTERN RIDDLE FAIR FOR THE PUBLIC

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FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF A SIMILAR EVENT IN OTHER YEARS, THE PUBLIC WILL AGAIN BE PRESENTED WITH A FUN-PACKED PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT IN THE FORM OF A LANTERN FAIR TO BE HELD IN EDINBURGH PLACE ON SUNDAY EVENING (FEBRUARY 7).

THE FAIR, ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AS PART OF THE OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME TO MAKE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL, WILL RE-CREATE A TRADITIONAL LANTERN RIDDLE FAIR OF CENTURIES AGO AND WILL BE ILLUMINATED BY HUNDREDS OF LANTERNS AND OTHER DECORATIVE LIGHTING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID, +WITH THE SUCCESSES OF PREVIOUS YEARS' LANTERN FAIRS IN MIND, WE DECIDED TO MAKE THIS ONE EVEN LARGER.+

THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE FAIR WILL INCLUDE A SELECTION OF STALLS WHERE FORTUNE TELLING, PALM READING, CALLIGRAPHY, TRADITIONAL SWEETS, FLOUR DOLLS AND OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS WILL BE PREPARED AND OFFERED AS PRIZES TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE.

HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO RECEIVE ANY OF THE ATTRACTIONS OFFERED WILL FIRST HAVE TO ANSWER CORRECTLY ONE OF THE MANY RIDDLES WHICH WILL BE DISPLAYED AROUND THE SPECIAL LANTERN RIDDLE STALL.

IN ORDER TO RECORD ALL THE FUN OF PARTICIPATING IN THE FAIR, ONE OF THE STALLS WILL OFFER TO THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN WITH YOUNG LADIES WEARING TRADITIONAL COSTUMES OR SITTING IN A GENUINE HONG KONG RICKSHAW.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WILL BE A TRADITIONAL STAGE VARIETY SHOW. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES CLASSICAL DANCES BY THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG RESIDENTS (HK) ASSOCIATION, THE CHIU CHOW ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE. A MAGIC SHOW, ACROBATS, THE WAH SING CHINESE ORCHESTRA, SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN LION DANCES WILL ALSO BE STAGED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR FOR THE EVENING. OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR B.R. JOHNSTON- COMMANDER M. BUSH RN, OF HMS TAMAR AND MISS FLORA CHEONG-LEEN. THE HOST WILL BE SIR RUN RUN SHAW, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY.

THE FAIR WILL COMMENCE WITH A SPECIAL PROCESSION, BRINGING MISS CHEONG-LEEN, FROM THE WESTERN END OF THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, AT 7 PM.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE FAIR ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS FROM THE ARTS FESTIVAL BOX OFFICE, CITY HALL LOW BLOCK, THE TOM LEE PIANO COMPANY LTD AND THE GIS PROMOTIONS SUB-DIVISION AT FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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THE LANTERN FAIR IS SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY, THE MANAGEMENTS OF THE SUNG DYNASTY VILLAGE, YEE TUNG AND HARBOUR VILLAGES, AND KODAK (FAR EAST) LTD.

THE EVENT IS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE UNTIL ABOUT 10 PM. ACCESS WILL BE FROM THE STAR FERRY END OF EDINBURGH PLACE ONLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL'S LANTERN RIDDLE FAIR IN EDINBURGH PLACE ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 7) FROM 6.45 PM TO 10 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE MAIN GATE OF HMS TAMAR BY 6.30 PM WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY GIS OFFICERS. THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FIXED PRESS POSITIONS.

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TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER TALKS ABOUT HONG KONG HISTORY
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THERE IS INCREASED PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG AND ITS SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

AND THE FUTURE WAS BRIGHT IN COLLECTING DETAILED AND ACCURATE MATERIAL ON THE SUBJECT, HE ADDED.

"WE ARE AT AN EXCITING AND PRODUCTIVE STAGE IN EXPLORING THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG," SAID DR HAYES, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE WOMEN'S CORONA SOCIETY (HK BRANCH)'S LUNCHEON MEETING.

THERE WAS NOW MORE RESEARCH AND COLLECTION WORK BEING DONE AT THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNIC. FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID, A PROJECT AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY HAD ALREADY RECORDED ALL HISTORICAL TABLETS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THERE WAS ALSO A CONTINUING SEARCH FOR ALL KINDS OF BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL WHICH WOULD GIVE MORE INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY AND SOCIAL ORGANISATION OF HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES BEFORE AND AFTER 1841.

INTERVIEWS WITH ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE ALSO BEING UNDERTAKEN, HE SAID.

DR HAYES WAS ONE OF THE ORGANISERS AND SPEAKERS AT A RECENT CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION ON HONG KONG HISTORY. THE EXHIBITION HAS BEEN ON DISPLAY AT VARIOUS PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND WILL BE SHOWN AT THE CITY HALL AND A KOWLOON LIBRARY SOON.

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BIG RURAL AREA AND COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN-UP

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MASSIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS WILL BE MOUNTED IN THE VILLAGES AND COUNTRYSIDE THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES AS PART OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE BLITZ WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8), AND CLEANSING STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL STEP UP WORK AT VARIOUS VILLAGES, A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPECIAL EFFORT WILL BE MADE IN CLEARING RUBBISH FROM STREAMS, RIVERS, NULLAHS AND POPULAR PICNIC SPOTS, HE SAID.

ATTENTION WILL ALSO BE FOCUSED ON THE DUMPING OF BUILDING RUBBLE AND THE LITTERING OF HIGHWAYS AND OPEN SPACES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

IN EARLIER PHASES OF THE CLEAN-UP EFFORT, CLEANSING STAFF COLLECTED MORE THAN 10 000 TONNES OF JUNK, BULKY DISCARDED ITEMS, GARBAGE AND BUILDING RUBBLE ON TOP OF THE NORMAL COLLECTION OF ABOUT 1 000 TONNES OF REFUSE A MONTH.

THE CLEAN-UP WORK HAS RESULTED IN A MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE OF THE AREAS.

A NUMBER OF SMALL MOTOR-ASSISTED REFUSE CARRIERS HAVE BEEN USED IN VILLAGES WHICH COULD NOT BE REACHED BY CONVENTIONAL REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES, GREATLY FACILITATING THE CLEANING WORK. AN ADDITIONAL 28 PATHS ARE BEING BUILT IN OTHER VILLAGES TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR THE SMALL REFUSE CARRIERS.

CLEARANCE WORK HAS ALSO BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN THE KAM TIN RIVER. SURFACE SCUM, SLUDGE AND REFUSE HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND VEGETATION CUT OVER MORE THAN 13 KILOMETRES OF THE RIVER NEAR THE PAT HEUNG AREA.

WORKERS ALSO CLEARED IRRIGATION WEIRS AND IMMEDIATE UPSTREAM STRETCHES.

THE RESULTS WERE VERY ENCOURAGING AND MORE CLEARANCE WORK WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT OTHER RIVERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1982

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO VISIT TAI PO

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT TAI PO ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

DURING THE VISIT, HE WILL OPEN THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE AND START A ROWING RACE THERE, LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, ATTEND A GALA FUN DAY AT TAI PO SPORTSGROUND AND SEE THE +TAI PO OLD AND NEW+ EXHIBITION AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT. GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1 PM AND STAFF OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION UNIT WILL ASSIST THE PRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

BEATING THE RETREAT

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A CEREMONY OF BEATING THE RETREAT BY THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS WILL BE HELD AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6), AT 7.30 PM.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN WILL BE TAKING THE SALUTE. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

TWO COACHES WILL BE WAITING AT THE TOURIST-COACH CARPARK OPPOSITE OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD BETWEEN 6.15 AND 6.30 PM TO TAKE GUESTS AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG AND BACK TO KOWLOON.

SPECTATORS SHOULD BE SEATED BY 7.20 PM.

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