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FOUR RE-APPOINTMENTS AND TWO NEW APPOINTMENTS
TO URBAN COUNCIL
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FOUR MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL HAVE BEEN RE-APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR FOUR YEARS AND TWO NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED FOR THE SAME TERM.

RE-APPOINTED ARE MR. A. DE O. SALES, MR. H.M.G. FORSGATE, MR. KENNETH T.C. LO AND MR. SHUM CHOI-SANG.

THE APPOINTMENTS, WHICH ARE ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), DATE FROM APRIL 1.

MR. SALES HAS SERVED WITH THE COUNCIL SINCE 1957 AND WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN IN 1973 WHEN THE URBAN COUNCIL WAS RE-CONSTITUTED. MR. FORSGATE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SELECT COMMITTEE, MR. LO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SELECT COMMITTEE AND MR. SHUM IS AT PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWKERS SELECT COMMITTEE.

THE TWO NEW MEMBERS ARE MR. STEPHEN LAU MAN-LUNG AND MR. HOWARD YOUNG. THEY WILL TAKE THE PLACES OF MR. R.H. LOBO AND MR. S.C. WONG, WHO WILL BOTH BE RETIRING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

MR. LAU, AGED 32, IS A DIRECTOR OF THE KONG SUN WEAVING COMPANY. HE WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE PO LEUNG KUK IN 1974/75 AND PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG LIONS CLUB IN 1976/77. HE IS AT PRESENT A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARDS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION COMMITTEE, THE FILM CENSORSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

MR. YOUNG IS AGED 29. HE JOINED THE SWIRE GROUP SHIPPING DEPARTMENT IN 1968 AND, SINCE AUGUST, 1976, HAS BEEN LINE MANAGER IN CHARGE OF SWIRE SHIPPING (AGENCIES) LIMITED'S AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND SERVICE. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, THE SOUTH ASIA/PACIFIC AREA COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE YOUNGER MANAGERS' CLUB AND WAS FOUNDING CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG OUTWARD BOUND (ALUMNI) ASSOCIATION.

MR. LOBO HAS SERVED WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR 13 YEARS AND MR. WONG FOR FIVE YEARS.

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GOVERNMENT TO START TB CASE FINDING CAMPAIGN
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CHEST SERVICE IS TO START A LONG-TERM +TUBERCULOSIS CASE FINDING CAMPAIGN+ NEXT WEEK IN AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO FURTHER REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF THE DISEASE.

THE OBJECT OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO GET PEOPLE WITH SYMPTOMS OF PERSISTENT COUGH FOR MORE THAN ONE MONTH TO ATTEND THE GOVERNMENT'S CHEST CLINICS FOR A CHECK-UP SO THAT APPROPRIATE TREATMENT CAN BE GIVEN AT THE EARLY STAGE OF INFECTION. TB, UNTIL RECENT YEARS, HAD BEEN ONE OF THE TOP KILLER DISEASES IN HONG KONG.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A COMBINED EFFORT INVOLVING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS AND THORACIC DISEASES ASSOCIATION AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES. IT AIMS TO EDUCATE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA, WHAT THE DISEASE IS ALL ABOUT AND, ABOVE ALL, HOW AND WHERE PATIENTS CAN BE TREATED. TO ACHIEVE THIS, THERE WILL BE DISPLAY OF POSTERS AT PUBLIC PLACES, DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION LEAFLETS, RADIO SLOGANS, TV FILMS AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT INCREASING THE AWARENESS OF THE COMMUNITY OF THIS PROBLEM WOULD ENABLE THE HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO MAKE RAPID PROGRESS IN THE ELIMINATION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WITH ADVANCES MADE IN THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS MOST PATIENTS TODAY NEED NOT GO INTO HOSPITAL AND IN FACT ARE GIVEN VERY EFFECTIVE AND FREE TREATMENT WITHOUT DISRUPTION TO THEIR NORMAL WORK.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS HAS SUBSTANTIALLY DECLINED OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES THE PROBLEM IS STILL A LARGE ONE.

IN 1952, THERE WERE 14,821 NOTIFICATIONS OF TB CASES, OR 697.2 PER 100,000 POPULATION, WITH 3,573 DEATHS, OR 168.4 PER 100,000 POPULATION. THE NOTIFICATION RATE HAS DROPPED TO 159.3 PER 100,000 IN 1977 WITH THE DEATH RATE DOWN TO AN ALL-TIME LOW OF 11.8 PER 100,000 POPULATION.

DURING THIS PERIOD TB DEATHS IN THE POPULATION FELL FROM 18.4 PER CENT TO 2.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DEATHS AND IN THE TEN TOP CAUSES OF DEATH IT FELL FROM SECOND TO EIGHTH PLACE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE WIDER APPLICATION OF BCG VACCINES TO NEWBORN BABIES HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DECLINE OF TUBERCULOSIS INCIDENCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE VERY YOUNG AGE GROUPS.

STARTED IN 1952 WHEN FOUR PER CENT OF THE NEWBORNS WERE VACCINATED, COVERAGE NOW IS 98 PER CENT, THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD, HE SAID.

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PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF BCG VACCINATION, THERE WERE BETWEEN 1,000 AND 2,000 DEATHS IN YOUNG CHILDREN EVERY YEAR, BUT THIS FELL TO ONLY FOUR IN THE UNDER FIVE AGE GROUP IN 1976, HE ADDED.

+NEVERTHELESS, THERE WERE STILL OVER 7,000 NEW CASES WITH 500 DEATHS REPORTED IN 1977, WHICH INDICATE THAT WHEREAS PROGRESS IS BEING MADE THERE MUST BE NO SLACKENING IN THE DRIVE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FIGURES FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION SHOW THAT TUBERCULOSIS REMAINS A MAJOR MENACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT EIGHT MILLION CASES IN ALL WITH ABOUT ONE MILLION NEW CASES NOTIFIED EVERY YEAR.

TUBERCULOSIS STILL KILLS SOME 400,000 PEOPLE A YEAR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF DEATHS OCCURRING IN SOUTH EAST ASIA.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT TREATMENT FOR TUBERCULOSIS HAS PROVED TO BE VERY EFFECTIVE AND IS IMPROVING ALL THE TIME, AND IS COMPLETELY FREE. THE LIKELIHOOD OF COMPLETE CURE WITHIN A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD IS VERY HIGH INDEED.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT THREE FULL-TIME CHEST CLINICS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND FIVE IN KOWLOON IN ADDITION TO PART-TIME CLINICS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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DEVELOPMENTS ON LANTAU ISLAND

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENTS ON LANTAU ISLAND AND SAID THE NEXT FEW YEARS WOULD SEE A TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN THE USE OF SOUTH LANTAU FOR RECREATION, HOLIDAY LIVING AND ENJOYMENT.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID NORTH LANTAU, HOWEVER, REMAINED HONG KONG'S LARGEST UNDEVELOPED LAND RESOURCE.

HE SAID THE AREA WAS NOT EASILY DEVELOPED= AND BECAUSE IT WAS SUCH A LARGE LAND RESOURCE, AN INVESTIGATION HAD STARTED TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE NORTH LANTAU COAST.

+AT THE SAME TIME, CONSULTANTS ARE TO BE APPOINTED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING EITHER A LONG-SPAN BRIDGE, WITH A HIGH CLEARANCE FROM TSING YI AND MA WAN TO LANTAU, OR AN IMMERSSED TUBE TUNNEL,+ HE SAID.

AS THE GOVERNOR SAID IN LONDON LAST AUTUMN, HE POINTED OUT, A DECISION ON WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH A FIXED CROSSING IS LIKELY TO BE MADE IN EARLY 1979.

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REFERRING TO SOUTH LANTAU, MR. AKERS-JONES DESCRIBED IT AS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AREAS IN HONG KONG AND SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ENDEAVOURING TO ENSURE THAT IT REMAINED SO.

+BEHIND THE COAST, A COUNTRY PARK IS TO BE CREATED, WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALL THE MOUNTAIN AREAS. AT CHEUNG SHA, WITH ITS LONG AND SANDY BEACH, FACILITIES FOR BATHERS AND CAMPERS ARE BEING PROVIDED.+

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID LANTAU HAD CHANGED VERY LITTLE FOR PERHAPS HUNDREDS OF YEARS AND IT WAS ONLY IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS THAT A MOMENTUM HAD DEVELOPED.

NOW THE ROAD ALONG THE SOUTH LANTAU COAST WAS BEING STEADILY IMPROVED, AT A COST OF \$35 MILLION, TO PROVIDE A TWO-LANE, SAFE HIGHWAY BETWEEN ONE END OF THE ISLAND AND THE OTHER, HE SAID.

+A REGULAR BUS SERVICE NOW RUNS ON THE ISLAND FROM THE FERRY AT MUI WO TO THE MONASTERY AT NGONG PING AND TO THE SMALL TOWN OF TAI O.+

ON PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID PRELIMINARY WORK HAD BEGUN ON BUILDING THE LANDING PIERS AT DISCOVERY BAY AS A PRECEDENT TO FULL SCALE DEVELOPMENT.

HE DESCRIBED DISCOVERY BAY AS ONE OF THE BIGGEST PRIVATE PROJECTS EVER UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG AND SAID THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING THE SURROUNDING HILLS COVERED AN AREA OF ABOUT 900 ACRES.

+PLANS INCLUDE A GOLF COURSE, A HOTEL, RECREATIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 20,000 PEOPLE, AND A FULL RANGE OF RESORT AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

TO THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND, FACING CHEUNG CHAU, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE RESORT AREA KNOWN AS THE SEA RANCH WAS ALREADY WELL ABOVE THE GROUND. IT WOULD CONSIST OF 152 APARTMENTS, OF WHICH HALF HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD.

HE SAID PRISONERS OF THE VARIOUS PRISONS DEPARTMENT INSTITUTIONS ON LANTAU HAD ALSO DONE MUCH OVER THE YEARS TO PLANT TREES AND TO COMPLETE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ISLAND.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNT FOR DECEMBER

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 1977 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) SHOW A SURPLUS OF \$23 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$152.2 MILLION IN DECEMBER, 1976.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS OF \$213 MILLION FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$61 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF THE LAST FISCAL YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE, AT \$745.1 MILLION, WAS \$182.2 MILLION MORE THAN IN DECEMBER, 1976.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, AT \$768.1 MILLION, WERE \$53 MILLION MORE THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH IN 1976.

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VALUATION LISTS FOR 1978-79
AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION
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THE 1978-79 VALUATION LISTS FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON AND THE ASSESSED PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM THURSDAY (MARCH 9), IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE LISTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS FOR 21 DAYS TILL MARCH 29 AT THE OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF RATES IN HANG CHONG BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, ROOM 202, 5 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DURING THIS PERIOD ANY PERSON WHO DISAGREES WITH THE ENTRY OR OMISSION OF A TENEMENT IN OR FROM A LIST, OR THE RATEABLE VALUE ASSESSED, MAY LODGE A PROPOSAL TO THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION TO AMEND THE LIST.

FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES AT 1 GARDEN ROAD (TEL: 5-249021) AND NEW MERCURY HOUSE, 17TH FLOOR, 22, FENWICK STREET, WAN CHAI (TEL: 5-281424).

+THERE IS A FURTHER RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL SHOULD THE COMMISSIONER NOT AGREE TO A PROPOSAL SERVED ON HIM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT PERSONS DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR ASSESSMENTS AND INTENDING TO LODGE A PROPOSAL ARE INVITED TO FIRST GET IN TOUCH WITH THE VALUER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AREA IN WHICH THE PREMISES ARE SITUATED, WHEN ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE WILL GLADLY BE GIVEN.

+GENERALLY, ENQUIRIES IN THIS RESPECT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO NEW MERCURY HOUSE BUT THOSE IN RESPECT OF PREMISES SITUATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD BE MADE AT 1, GARDEN ROAD,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE EMPHASISED THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LODGING OF A PROPOSAL OR AN APPEAL, RATES MUST BE PAID BY THE DUE DATE.

+IN THE CASE OF RATE DEMANDS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1978 THIS MEANS THAT PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY THE END OF APRIL. ANY SUCH PAYMENTS MADE AFTER THE END OF APRIL WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MARCH LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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THE FIFTH OF THE SERIES OF THE SIX-MONTHLY LABOUR FORCE SURVEYS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH.

THE SURVEY, AIMED AT COLLECTING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION, WILL BE TAKEN ON A SAMPLE BASIS COVERING ABOUT 16,000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT ALL DISTRICTS.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID BEFORE THE FIELD ENUMERATION, AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WOULD BE SENT TO HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED IN THE SAMPLE EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION IN PARTICIPATING.

A NUMBER OF ENUMERATORS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS ON A DAY BETWEEN MARCH 8 AND 22. EACH OF THEM WOULD CARRY AN OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARD WITH HIS PHOTOGRAPH ON IT FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED WILL CONCERN PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD DATA SUCH AS AGE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, EMPLOYMENT STATUS, OCCUPATION, EARNINGS, HOURS OF WORK AND TENURE AND RENT. INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON EXPENDITURE ON DURABLE GOODS AND WHETHER ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBER HAD CONSULTED A DOCTOR IN THE REFERENCE WEEK,+ HE SAID.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

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AMS HOLDS FAMILY DAY

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL FAMILY DAY AT THE INDIAN RECREATION CLUB, SO KON PO, HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (MARCH 5).

MORE THAN 3,000 SERVING AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE AMS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 1 P.M.

THERE WILL BE POPULAR MUSIC PERFORMED BY AMS POP BAND, MARCHING MUSIC BY AMS BRASS BAND, AS WELL AS LION DANCE, A VARIETY SHOW, A BEER DRINKING CONTEST AND A RAFFLE DRAW.

GAMES STALLS FOR CHILDREN, ORGANISED BY AMS MEMBERS, ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME ALONG WITH AN EXHIBITION PUT UP BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND A RIFLE SHOOTING RANGE ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

DR. K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHO IS ALSO THE UNIT CONTROLLER OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE, WILL BE PRESENT TO ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THE ANNUAL FAMILY DAY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AMS MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE ANNUAL FAMILY DAY AT THE INDIAN RECREATION CLUB, SO KON PO, ON SUNDAY AT 1 P.M.

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STOPPAGE OF SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ABERDEEN

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 A.M. SUNDAY (MARCH 5) TO 5 P.M. ON MONDAY.

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN DIVERSION WORKS BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

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