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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR JAPAN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT HONG KONG THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING AS GUEST OF HONOUR OF A HIGH LEVEL ECONOMIC MISSION TO JAPAN.

THE MISSION IS LED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG/JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR EDWARD'S REMARKS TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE:

+GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT TRIP FOR US AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO OUR VISIT TO JAPAN.

+IT WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF PURPOSES. THE MAIN ONE, OF COURSE, IS TO PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC AND TRADING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN WHICH WE THINK CAN BE FURTHER DEVELOPED.

+THE SECOND ONE, OF COURSE, IS THAT IT WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN TO PEOPLE IN JAPAN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RECENT AGREEMENT.

+BOTH OF THESE WILL BE INCLUDED AMONG OUR OBJECTIVES. WITH ME, OF COURSE, IS SIR S.Y. WHO HAS A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE IN THESE BUSINESS MISSIONS, AND A NUMBER OF VERY DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.
SIR S.Y.+

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR S.Y.'S REMARKS:

+LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TO SEE US OFF. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE GOVERNOR FOR ACCEPTING OUR INVITATION AS OUR GUEST OF HONOUR. HE IS ALSO THE OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

+WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD A GREAT DEAL TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER IN JAPAN AND A NUMBER OF LEADING BUSINESS LEADERS IN JAPAN.

+WE SHALL BE COMING BACK TO REPORT WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED THERE ON OUR RETURN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD DAY.+

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HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION TO JAPAN

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A TOP LEVEL ECONOMIC MISSION DEPARTS HONG KONG TODAY ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO TOKYO (DECEMBER 9-12) TO PROMOTE BILATERAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION.

THE MISSION IS LED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE, AND PERSONALLY SUPPORTED BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WHO IS ACCOMPANYING THE DELEGATION AS GUEST OF HONOUR.

THE MISSION TEAM COMPRISES PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE TERRITORY'S BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND THE FINANCIAL AND SHIPPING SECTORS. ALL ARE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE.

THEY INCLUDE THE HON MICHAEL SANDBERG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORP.; THE HON LYDIA DUNN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL; THE HON ERIC HO, SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY; SIR Y.K. PAO, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORLDWIDE SHIPPING GROUP; MR JAMES WU, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WEATHERITE INDUSTRIES LTD.; MR JACK TANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; MR S.K. NGAI, PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG; MR DENNIS TING, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF KADER INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD.; MISS PAULINE CHAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF W. HAKING INDUSTRIES LTD.; AND MR LEN DUNNING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE H.K.T.D.C.

MEMBERS OF THE MISSION ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER MR Y. NAKASONE, FINANCE MINISTER MR N. TAKESHITA, MR M. ESAKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MEASURES OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, FOREIGN MINISTER MR S. ABE AND MITI MINISTER MR K. MURATA ON DECEMBER 10TH. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING AT THE KEIDANREN, ATTENDED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN AND JAPAN-HONG KONG BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES AND OTHER KEIDANREN MEMBERS, AT WHICH H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG WILL MAKE A MAJOR ADDRESS.

THE HONG KONG TEAM WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE INAUGURATION OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S MAJOR TOY EXHIBITION, CALLED THE +GREAT HONG KONG TOY EXPOSITION OF 1984 - A TOY FANTASY IN JAPAN+, WHICH WILL BE STAGED AT THE LAFORET MUSEUM IN AKASAKA FROM DECEMBER 12-14TH.

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DURING THE MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN, MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC MISSION WILL DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF COMPLEMENTING AND HARMONISING THE COMMON OBJECTIVES OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN AND JAPAN-HONG KONG COMMITTEES WHICH ARE +TO FOSTER FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITIES OF HONG KONG AND JAPAN, AND TO SEEK TO PROMOTE AND/OR ASSIST IN PROMOTING TRADE, INVESTMENT AND OTHER ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION+.

MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG SAID IN 1981 THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ENCOURAGE A MORE BALANCED EXPANSION OF THE TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN JAPAN AND HONG KONG.

IN 1983, HONG KONG'S TOTAL EXPORTS (DOMESTIC AND RE-EXPORTS) TO JAPAN AMOUNTED TO HK\$7.09 BILLION WHILE IMPORTS AMOUNTED TO HK\$40.3 BILLION, GIVING JAPAN A SURPLUS OF HK\$33.25 BILLION. IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1984, HONG KONG'S TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN AMOUNTED TO HK\$30.73 BILLION AGAINST HK\$23.02 BILLION FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1983.

LAST YEAR, HONG KONG RANKED AS JAPAN'S FIFTH LARGEST EXPORT MARKET IN THE WORLD, ABSORBING ABOUT 3.6 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL EXPORTS IN 1983. ITS IMPORTANCE AS A MARKET FOR JAPAN IS GREATER THAN ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN F.R. GERMANY. IN THE CURRENT YEAR, HONG KONG'S SIGNIFICANCE AS A MARKET FOR JAPAN HAS GROWN AND THE TERRITORY HAS OVERTAKEN SAUDI ARABIA TO BECOME THAT COUNTRY'S 4TH BIGGEST MARKET.

BESIDES SEEKING TO EXPAND HONG KONG'S MARKET SHARE IN JAPAN, THE MISSION ALSO HOPES TO ATTRACT MORE JAPANESE INVESTMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN HIGH-TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

SIR EDWARD YOUDE'S VISIT MAKES THIS THE SECOND TIME THAT A HONG KONG GOVERNOR HAS ACCOMPANIED AN ECONOMIC MISSION DESIGNED TO ENHANCE BILATERAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN.

IN NOVEMBER 1978, THE FORMER GOVERNOR, SIR (NOW LORD) MURRAY MACLEHOSE, ACCOMPANIED A SIMILAR HIGH LEVEL HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION WHICH WAS LED BY SIR Y.K. KAN, THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. ON THAT OCCASION, IT WAS A PROPOSAL BY THE THEN FOREIGN MINISTER OF JAPAN, MR SONAO SONADA, THAT RESULTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN AND JAPAN-HONG KONG BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES WHICH HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO FURTHERING THE BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND HONG KONG.

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CONTAINER PORT TO BE EXPANDED

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THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL IS TO BE EXPANDED TO COPE WITH GROWING DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE EXPANSION HAD TO BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE CONTAINER PORT'S PRESENT LEVEL OF TRAFFIC ALREADY EXCEEDED THE DESIGNED OPERATIONAL CAPACITY.

IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE AND NEED OF MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, THE GOVERNOR, ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS GRANTED A LEASE OF OVER 17 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED TO THE SOUTH OF THE TERMINAL AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME TO EXPAND THE TERMINAL.

THE LESSEE WILL BE PERMITTED TO RECLAIM THE AREA AND CONSTRUCT AND USE A CONTAINER TERMINAL. THE LEASE WILL BE GRANTED UNDER THE FORESHORES AND SEABED ORDINANCE.

IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNOR, ALSO ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS APPROVED PLANS FOR THE RECLAMATION OF MORE THAN 15 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE MOUTH OF LAI CHI KOK BAY.

THE ADDITIONAL LAND WILL BE MAINLY FOR TRADES RELATED TO THE CONTAINER INDUSTRY. IT WILL ALSO BE USED TO BUILD ACCESS ROADS AND DRAINAGE.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT RECLAMATION BE CARRIED OUT BY PUBLIC DUMPING UNDER THE PUBLIC RECLAMATIONS AND WORKS ORDINANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE PAST 20 MONTHS THERE HAD BEEN AN 8.5 PER CENT PER ANNUM INCREASE IN THE THROUGHPUT OF CONTAINERS AND THIS RATE OF GROWTH WAS LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

HE SAID THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL RECLAIMED LAND FOR ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AT THE MOUTH OF LAI CHI KOK BAY WOULD MEAN THAT AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR EXPANSION WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND.

+AT PRESENT THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE SITE WHICH OFFERS THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SATISFIES THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF CONTAINER SHIPS, AS WELL AS TERMINAL FACILITIES AND CARGO HANDLING,+ HE SAID.

+UNLESS THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS PURSUED, THE EFFICIENCY OF CONTAINER OPERATIONS AT KWAI CHUNG WILL DETERIORATE.

+AS A DIRECT RESULT, THE COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS WILL SUFFER PROPORTIONATELY DUE TO HIGHER FREIGHT RATES AND HANDLING COSTS.

/+THIS WOULD

+THIS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE TERRITORY, AND TO ITS ROLE AS AN ENTREPOT.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ASSURED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LIVING NEARBY THAT MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO MINIMISE NOISE AND DUST NUISANCES.

IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE AN OPEN SPACE BUFFER TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF MEI FOO SUN CHUEN.

FORMAL AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE HELD WITH THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS AT DISTRICT BOARD AND LAI WAN AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

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EXCO ENDORSES LANTAU VEHICLE REPORT
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAD ENDORSED THE REPORT OF A WORKING GROUP SET UP TO REVIEW THE POLICY OF LIMITING THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON LANTAU.

IN JUNE 1973 THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT CLOSED ALL ROADS ON LANTAU AND SINCE THEN, ANYONE WISHING TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON THE ISLAND HAS HAD TO OBTAIN A CLOSED ROAD PERMIT.

PERMANENT PERMITS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO FULL-TIME RESIDENTS OR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS WHILE TEMPORARY PERMITS ARE ISSUED MAINLY TO CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES CARRYING OUT BUILDING WORK ON THE ISLAND.

THE WORKING GROUP ADVISED THAT IT WAS STILL NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THROUGH A SYSTEM OF CLOSED ROAD PERMITS. OTHERWISE, ANY MAJOR, UNCONTROLLED INCREASE IN VEHICLE NUMBERS WOULD CONGEST CERTAIN AREAS, AGGRAVATE THE PRESSURE ON PARKING FACILITIES AND DETRACT FROM THE QUIET COUNTRYSIDE AND RECREATIONAL ROLE OF THE ISLAND.

HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING SYSTEM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF ABUSES. IN FUTURE, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCING PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY WILL REST WITH THE APPLICANT WHO WILL NEED TO POSSESS A VALID DRIVING LICENCE IN ADDITION TO BEING A FULL-TIME RESIDENT OR PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER.

A PERMIT HOLDER'S CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY WILL BE CHECKED BEFORE A PERMIT IS RENEWED.

TO ENSURE THAT THE ROAD NETWORK IS NOT OVERLOADED, A CEILING OF ABOUT 10 PER CENT WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE NUMBER OF NEW PERMITS ISSUED EACH YEAR.

THE WORKING GROUP NOTED THAT LONG DELAYS HAD OCCURRED IN THE ISSUE OF PERMITS BECAUSE OF THE PRACTICE OF STOCKPILING APPLICATIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING THEM TO THE STANDING CONFERENCE ON ROAD USE FOR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE. THIS PRACTICE WILL BE DISCONTINUED AND IN FUTURE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL ISSUE PERMITS ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS UP TO THE LIMIT OF A 10 PER CENT ANNUAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW PERMITS.

THE WORKING GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND ENDORSED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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SHA TIN LIGHTS UP FOR FESTIVE SEASON
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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND A SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY LIT UP SHA TIN NEW TOWN THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING, HERALDING THE FESTIVE SEASON.

MRS JANE AKERS-JONES, WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, OFFICIATED AT THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY ON SAND MARTIN BRIDGE.

AT THE FLICK OF A SWITCH, THE 200-METRE BRIDGE ACROSS SHING MUN RIVER, WAS LIT UP WITH A DAZZLING DISPLAY OF DECORATIVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS.

THE LIGHTS INCLUDE SANTA CLAUS AND HIS SLEIGH BEING PULLED BY REINDEERS, CHRISTMAS TREES AND A SPECIAL DESIGN IDENTIFYING SHA TIN -- AMAH ROCK.

THIS CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY MARKING THE OPENING OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AND LADY HADDON-CAVE JOINED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WATCHING THE COLOURFUL DISPLAY.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY HELD AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB TO MARK THE OCCASION, SIR PHILIP SAID THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY MARKED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN THE GROWTH OF THE NEW TOWN -- TEN YEARS AFTER DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN BEGAN.

SIR PHILIP SAID: +IN ITS LONG HISTORY SHA TIN HAS BEEN FAMOUS FOR MANY THINGS: FOR ITS RICE, ITS SPLENDID NATURAL SETTING IN A RING OF HILLS, AND NOT LEAST ITS ROAST PIGEON AND BEAN CURD.

+NOW THE NEW TOWN, WHICH ALREADY HAS A POPULATION OF 300 000, WITH ITS SPACIOUS LAYOUT, RIVERSIDE PARKS, ITS RACECOURSE AND ITS IMAGINATIVE TOWN CENTRE IS BECOMING A NEW CENTRE OF ATTRACTION FOR HONG KONG'S PEOPLE AND OVERSEAS VISITORS ALIKE.

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+AND WORK IS ALREADY PROCEEDING ON A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE TOWN, NORTHWARDS TO MA ON SHAN, WHERE THE FIRST HOUSING ESTATE IS BEING BUILT TO CARRY THE POPULATION UPWARDS TO OVER 700 000.

+TO THE MANY FACILITIES PROVIDED AND PLANNED FOR SHA TIN IS ADDED A MAJOR SHOPPING FACILITY - THE YAOHAN DEPARTMENT STORE.

+I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD FOR ORGANISING FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND WISH THEM - AND YOU ALL - THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.+

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IMPORTANT TASK FOR THIS GENERATION
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW POLITICAL STRUCTURE FOR HONG KONG WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK FOR THIS GENERATION OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS AND BEYOND, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THIS IS A TASK WHICH REQUIRES ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS GENERATION TO UNDERTAKE IN THE SAME SORT OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT, UNITY OF PURPOSE, STRENGTH OF COMMITMENT, DETERMINATION AND CIVIC PRIDE WHICH IS EVIDENT IN THE TA CHIU CELEBRATIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HA TSUEN TEN YEARS TA CHIU CELEBRATIONS IN YUEN LONG.

+THE HA TSUEN TA CHIU HAS A HISTORY OF OVER TWO CENTURIES- ITS CELEBRATION GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK BACK OVER THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST, AND TO REMIND THIS GENERATION TO REFLECT ON THE CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES WHICH HAVE MADE OUR COMMUNITY STABLE AND PROSPEROUS,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+DURING THE TA CHIU, VILLAGERS OF THE 'HEUNG' RE-AFFIRM THEIR FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COMMUNITY TIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+AND WHILE THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURE HAS DECLINED, A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE 'HEUNG' OPENS AND THERE ARE PROJECTS UNDER WAY WHICH WILL BRING ABOUT MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS AND BENEFITS TO THE RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA.

+WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED THIS YEAR ON A NEW TOWN AT TIN SHUI WAI, AND WORK WILL START NEXT YEAR ON A NEW REGIONAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM, THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT,+ HE SAID.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE WEEK-LONG HA TSUEN TEN YEARS' TA CHIU INCLUDE RELIGIOUS RITES, STORY TELLING, CANTONESE OPERA, AND VEGETARIAN FOOD FESTIVALS.

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MORE BUILDING PLANS APPROVED
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 42 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN OCTOBER, TWO MORE THAN THE SEPTEMBER FIGURE.

ALTHOUGH THE RISE WAS MARGINAL, IT REPRESENTED THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE INCREASE SINCE JUNE.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDE A SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AT CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, A COVERED WALKWAY AT INVERNESS ROAD, EIGHT BLOCKS OF HOUSING ESTATES AT THE JUNCTION OF MA TAU WAI ROAD AND FAT KWONG STREET FOR THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY, A SQUASH COURT BUILDING AT TAI PO, AND A JETTY EXTENSION AND BREAKWATER AT PO LO TSUI ON LAMMA ISLAND.

OF THE APPROVED PROJECTS, 13 ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 IN KOWLOON AND 17 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MEANWHILE, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 39 PROJECTS, 19 OF THEM ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR IN KOWLOON AND 16 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INCLUDE TWO HOTELS - ONE AT CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND THE OTHER IN TSIM SHA TSUI - 58 RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS AT SHOUSON HILL ROAD, A FOOTBRIDGE AT TAI PO, A YOUTH HOSTEL AT PAK SHA O IN SAI KUNG, AN ACADEMIC BUILDING FOR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND A CAR PARK AT TSING LUNG TAU.

THESE 39 PROJECTS HAVE A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 139 502 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 76 598 SQUARE METRES ARE FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, 41 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS.

THEY INCLUDED THREE APARTMENT BLOCKS AT VENTRIS ROAD, A 44-STOREY APARTMENT BLOCK AT KING'S ROAD - COMFORT TERRACE, A 27-STOREY CINEMA-APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT SOY STREET, TWO BUS STATION-CINEMA-COMMERCIAL BLOCKS IN SHA TIN, AN ACADEMIC BUILDING AND AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS FOR THE MONTH WAS 194 724 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 124 080 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES AND THE REMAINDER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

THE COST OF THESE BUILDINGS WAS ABOUT \$835 MILLION.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED NINE DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF 13 BUILDINGS.

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'PLAY SAFE' - KEY WORDS FOR LAND SPORTS LOVERS
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LAND SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO SAFETY RULES WHEN ENGAGING IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE POLICE, 15 FATAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LAND SPORTS AND LAND-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WERE RECORDED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH ONLY SEVEN IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

OF THE 15 FATAL CASES RECORDED, 13 OR 70 PER CENT WERE CONNECTED WITH CYCLING.

TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, A LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY WAS HELD TODAY AT THE GUN CLUB HILL BARRACKS IN KOWLOON.

THIS IS AN ANNUAL PROMOTIONAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS AND CO-ORDINATED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR WONG LAM EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF EXERCISING COMMON SENSE AND OBSERVING THE BASIC SIMPLE RULES WHEN TAKING PART IN VARIOUS TYPES OF LAND SPORTS, SUCH AS THE USE OF APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT AND AWARENESS OF CHANGING ENVIRONMENT.

MR WONG SAID THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS HAD COMPLETED A RESEARCH ON CYCLING SAFETY THIS YEAR, AND MOST OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS HAD RECEIVED POSITIVE AND ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED. THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED EDUCATING STUDENTS ON ASPECTS OF CYCLING SAFETY, STEPPING UP MEDIA PUBLICITY THROUGH THE PRODUCTION OF A TV API (ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST) ON RECREATIONAL CYCLING AND INCREASING THE PROVISION OF CYCLING FACILITIES.

TODAY'S EVENT, WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN 2 000 SPECTATORS AND PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDED DEMONSTRATIONS, PLAY-IN SESSIONS, STATIC DISPLAYS, FILM-SHOWS, TALK SHOW BY TV ARTISTES AND BAND PERFORMANCE.

WINNERS OF A QUIZ COMPETITION ON LAND SPORTS SAFETY WERE ALSO INVITED TO SHARE THE FUN AND RECEIVE THEIR SOUVENIRS.

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UK OFFICIAL TO SPEAK ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY
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THE UK CHIEF INSPECTOR OF FACTORIES OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE, MR J.D.G. HAMMER, WILL BE THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT A SAFETY SEMINAR FOR TOP MANAGEMENT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 13) AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL.

MR HAMMER ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY (SATURDAY).

DURING HIS 31 YEARS IN THE UK FACTORY INSPECTORATE, MR HAMMER HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS KEY POSITIONS AND HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MAJOR PROJECTS SUCH AS THE PREPARATION OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT AND THE REORGANISATION OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

HE BECAME CHIEF INSPECTOR OF FACTORIES IN 1975 AND HAS BEEN THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE UK HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE SINCE 1982.

THE SAFETY SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD OF HONG KONG.

THE THEME OF THE SEMINAR THIS YEAR IS +COST EFFECTIVENESS IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH+. IT WILL ADVISE MANAGEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESPONSIBLE, YET COST-CONSCIOUS, APPROACH TO THEIR SAFETY AND HEALTH OBLIGATIONS.

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STEPPING TOWARDS BETTER UNDERSTANDING
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SOME 700 PHYSICALLY-HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED PERSONS JOINED HANDS AND COMPLETED A 10-KILOMETRE TRIP IN SAI KUNG THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THEY WERE TAKING PART IN THE 11TH PHAB WALK, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE PHAB ASSOCIATION.

THE WALKATHON WAS STARTED OFF BY MRS PAULINE NG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

IN A BRIEF ADDRESS, SHE SAID THE WALK WAS UNIQUE IN FOSTERING THE INTEGRATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

+THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE AND THE PHAB ASSOCIATION HAVE ORGANISED VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE PHYSICALLY-HANDICAPPED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF SOCIETY,+ SHE SAID.

PARTICIPANTS, HAVING COMPLETED A ROUND-TRIP BETWEEN KEI LING HA AND YUNG SHUE AU, THEN STAYED BEHIND TO ENJOY VARIOUS GAMES STALLS.

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COUNCILLORS TO EXPRESS VIEWS ON WHITE PAPER

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URBAN COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL PUBLICLY DEBATE THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 11).

THE CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WILL MOVE A MOTION TO +URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO PREPARE CLEAR AND CONCRETE PLANS FOR DIRECT ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AFTER 1987+.

THERE WILL BE TWO OTHER MOTIONS -- ONE ON THE DECLARATION OF MARKETS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND THE OTHER ON THE HIRING CHARGES FOR AIR-CONDITIONED SQUASH COURTS.

DURING QUESTION TIME, DR RONALD LEUNG WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE EXTENT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR. HE WILL ALSO ASK WHETHER THE COUNCIL WILL ENCOURAGE DISTRICT BOARDS TO TAKE PART IN THE IYY EVENTS.

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN EDINBURGH PLACE STARTING FROM 2.30 P.M.

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LADY BREMRIDGE OPENS BONSAI SHOW

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LADY BREMRIDGE, WIFE OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, TODAY OPENED A BONSAI AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW AS A HIGHLIGHT OF HOUSING FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS AT SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, TSUEN WAN.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MISS ELAINE CHUNG; ASSISTANT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR CHEUNG SAU-CHING; AND TSUEN WAN EAST AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW DICK-HIN.

ADDRESSING THE CEREMONY, MISS CHUNG SAID THAT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAD SPENT MORE THAN \$50 MILLION IN PROVIDING A LOT OF GREENERY IN THE ENVIRONMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE CERTAINLY BRINGS ABOUT A FEELING OF EASE AND SERENITY, WHICH IS MOST CHERISHED IN HONG KONG WHERE THERE ARE SO MANY CONCRETE BUILDINGS.

+APART FROM MAKING UTMOST EFFORTS TO PRODUCE LARGE NUMBERS OF PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS TRIED ITS BEST IN RECENT YEARS TO PLANT TREES IN HOUSING ESTATES TO GIVE ESTATE TENANTS A MORE COMFORTABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT.+

/MISS CHUNG

MISS CHUNG SAID NEWLY-BUILT ESTATES WERE FULL OF GREENERY AND BLOOMING FLOWERS, SOME OF THEM WERE EVEN ADORNED WITH PAVILIONS OR PONDS WITH BRIDGES ACROSS THEM.

+THE LANDSCAPING OF THESE ESTATES HAVE WON MUCH PRAISE.+

ORGANISED BY THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE AT THE INVITATION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE BONSAI SHOW EXHIBITS PRECIOUS COLLECTIONS OF STALAGMITE AND PLANTS WORTH OVER \$2 MILLION.

THE SHOW, STAGED AT SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE'S OPEN CARPARK NEAR SHEK LAN HOUSE, WILL REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM DAILY UNTIL DECEMBER 13.

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DUAL CARRIAGEWAY IN HUNG HOM
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW DUAL TWO-LANE ROAD FROM THE EXISTING WATERFRONT AT HUNG HOM BAY TO THE TO KWA WAN RECLAMATION.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE ASSOCIATED JUNCTION CONNECTIONS AND BRANCH ROAD EXTENSIONS TO LINK UP WITH THE EXISTING OR FUTURE ROAD NETWORK IN THE HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN AREAS.

A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY WILL ALSO BE BUILT ACROSS THE NEW ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH TAI WAN ROAD. BUS BAYS WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG THE ROAD, AND ASSOCIATED ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-1985 AND BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1988.

THE NEW ROAD WILL SERVE AS A DISTRICT DISTRIBUTOR FOR TO KWA WAN AND HUNG HOM INCLUDING THE FUTURE WHAMPOA DOCKYARD REDEVELOPMENT.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE PROPOSAL IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 5, 1985.

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KWUN TONG DB TO DISCUSS POLLUTION PROBLEMS

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

A REPORT WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION ON AIR POLLUTION IN KWUN TONG COLLECTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BETWEEN APRIL 1983 AND SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

THE PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR MICHAEL CHAN, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ASSIST MEMBERS IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SCHEME PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE RECOMMENDATIONS BY A STANDING COMMITTEE ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT, DEALING WITH DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS VIEWS SOUGHT ON DB

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD HAS LAUNCHED A QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY AMONG 1 600 LOCAL RESIDENTS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY KNOW AND HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, SAID: +IT HAS BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE THE BOARD WAS FORMED IN APRIL 1982, AND BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTION IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, THE BOARD WANTS TO REVIEW ITS PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUNCTIONS.+

+RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE VERY USEFUL FOR OUR FUTURE REFERENCE AND I HOPE THOSE INCLUDED IN EXERCISE WILL RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15,+ HE SAID.

THE QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND ITS FOUR COMMITTEES, DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE 12 000 REGISTERED VOTERS AND 300 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 30 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO INTERVIEW 160 RESIDENTS AT RANDOM.

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FIELD STUDY DAY FOR GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS

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GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS FOR FORMS 1 TO 3 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY DAY TO BE HELD IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FIELD STUDIES CENTRE IN SAI KUNG.

THE FIELD STUDY DAY, WHICH AIMS TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH FIELD STUDY TECHNIQUES IN LOWER SECONDARY FORMS, WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 19 (SATURDAY), FROM 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE GEOGRAPHY SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MR K.Y. TO, OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS CHANG MING THIEN COLLEGE, WILL TALK ON +LANDFORM FEATURES AND MAPWORK: SOME ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES IN THE FIELD+.

MR P.K. CHAN, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, WILL SPEAK ON +SAI KUNG TOWN REVISITED: AN ILLUSTRATION OF FIELD STUDIES IN URBAN SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY+.

FIELD STUDY TRIPS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE BRIEFINGS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS FOR THE FIELD STUDY DAY. NOMINATION FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 20 TO THE INSPECTOR, FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, PAK KONG, N.T.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS LIMITED AND APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS WHO HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED PREVIOUSLY IN THE GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE ON 3-2814009.

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DANCERS PERFORM TO FULL HOUSE

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A VARIETY OF ORIENTAL AND WESTERN DANCES WERE PERFORMED BEFORE A FULL HOUSE AT LUT SAU HALL, YUEN LONG THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

THE DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG DANCE FEDERATION.

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TAKING PART IN THE PROGRAMME WERE 14 DANCE TROUPES, INCLUDING THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE CHINESE DANCE TROUPE, THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY, THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET AND THE YUEN LONG ARTS COMMITTEE DANCE TROUPE.

DURING THE INTERMISSION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG ARTS COMMITTEE, DR TANG SIU-TONG, PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THE DANCERS AND THANKED THEM FOR AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, DR TANG SAID THE PERFORMANCES HELPED PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DANCE AND IMPROVE ITS GENERAL STANDARD.

'DANCE WAS IN THE PAST ONLY A FORM OF PERFORMING ARTS PURSUED BY A FEW. BUT IT HAS BECOME A COMMUNITY RECREATION ENJOYED BY PEOPLE OF ALL AGES,' HE ADDED.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PERFORMANCE TONIGHT WERE A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY LEADERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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DISCO ON ROLLER SKATES AT NORTH DISTRICT

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THERE WILL BE A LOT OF FUN AT THE FREE +DISCO ROLLER SKATING NIGHT+ FOR THE YOUNGSTERS AT FANLING RECREATION GROUND ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 15), IN CELEBRATION OF NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

YOUNG ROLLER-SKATERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE +DISCO ROLLER SKATING NIGHT+ AT THE RECREATION GROUND BETWEEN 7 PM AND 10 PM, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE NTSD FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC.

APART FROM NON-STOP DISCO MUSIC, MORE THAN 30 VETERAN ROLLER-SKATERS FROM THE SEA BIRD AND HUNG NGAN AMATEUR ROLLER-SKATING GROUPS WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FREE COACHING SESSION THAT WILL FOLLOW.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROLLER SKATES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE FREE OF CHARGE, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL, MR CHAN WAH-CHUN, THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF NORTH, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF NORTH, MR MA IU-KI, AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER OF NORTH, MR CHENG CHEUK-PING, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE ROLLER-SKATING RINK OF THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AT 7 PM ON DECEMBER 15 (SATURDAY).

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MUSIC FESTIVAL CLOSES

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THE SECOND CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL ENDED TODAY (SUNDAY) AFTER EIGHT DAYS OF PROGRAMMES FEATURING A SERIES OF CONCERTS, SEMINARS AND MASTER CLASSES.

A FINALE CONCERT WAS HELD THIS EVENING AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL MARKING THE CLOSE OF THE FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST HELD LAST YEAR.

A BRIEF CEREMONY WAS HELD AT INTERMISSION DURING WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF NINE LOCAL PERFORMING GROUPS.

THE CONCERT REACHED ITS CLIMAX WHEN A COMBINED ORCHESTRA, CONDUCTED BY THOMAS WANG, PLAYED +SPRING DRIZZLE ON RIVER LI+.

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MAKE LIFE MORE DIFFICULT FOR RATS, PUBLIC URGED
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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS LAUNCHED A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-RAT EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

DURING THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN, ANTI-RAT POSTERS, PAMPHLETS AND ADVISORY LETTERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL BUILDING MANagements, HOUSEHOLDERS, SCHOOLS, RESTAURANTS AND FOOD BUSINESS OPERATORS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT RATS ARE SELDOM HUNGRY AND SHORT OF LIVING SPACE.

+THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO STOP RATS FROM MULTIPLYING IS TO STARVE THEM BY ELIMINATING THEIR SOURCES AND TO EVICT THEM FROM HIDING PLACES,+ HE SAID.

+FOR DESPITE THE ADVANCE OF SCIENCE, THERE IS STILL NO EFFECTIVE METHOD TO CURB RAT REPRODUCTION.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A BUILDING THAT IS CLEAN AND WELL MAINTAINED KEEPS RATS AWAY AND BUILDING MANagements SHOULD THEREFORE REGULARLY CLEAR ALL JUNK AND DISUSED ARTICLES FROM COMMON PARTS OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

A NEST OF RATS IN ANY COMMON PARTS OF BUILDINGS SUCH AS YARDS, STAIR LANDINGS AND ROOF SPACE MAY BECOME THE SOURCE OF RATS FOR MANY UNITS IN THE BUILDING, HE WARNED.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO MAKE LIFE MORE DIFFICULT FOR RATS:

REMOVE SCRAPS AND REFUSE REGULARLY AT THE END OF THE DAY BECAUSE RATS USUALLY COME OUT TO FEED AT NIGHT.

STORE FOOD IN RAT-PROOF CONTAINERS AS FOOD CONTAMINATED BY RATS IS INJURIOUS TO HEALTH AND CREATES WASTAGE.

REPAIR ALL CRACKED PAVINGS, HOLES IN WALLS, EXCESSIVE THRESHOLD CLEARANCE UNDER DOORS AND OTHER STRUCTURAL DEFECTS IN BUILDINGS TO STOP RAT INFILTRATIONS.

DURING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT HAD ELIMINATED MORE THAN 50 000 RATS IN SOME 1 100 ANTI-RODENT OPERATIONS IN THE URBAN AREAS.

+SHOULD THE PUBLIC NEED ANY ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE ON RODENT CONTROL, THEY CAN CONTACT THE STAFF OF THE PEST CONTROL SECTION AT VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR MUI WO

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A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT CAPABLE OF SERVING A POPULATION OF 10 000 WILL BE BUILT IN MUI WO TO IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY OF THE SEA IN THE VICINITY OF SILVER MINE BAY.

THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF AN INLET PUMPING STATION, GRIT TRAPS, A SEDIMENTATION TANK, A SLUDGE TANK, A SLUDGE DEWATERING HOUSE, ANCILLIARY STRUCTURES, ASSOCIATED PIPEWORKS AND ROADWORKS AND A 150-METRE-LONG SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

THE PLANT WILL TREAT SEWAGE FROM MUI WO SEWERAGE DISTRICT AT SILVER MINE BAY BEFORE IT IS DISCHARGED INTO THE SEA THROUGH A SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT. THE CLOSING DATE IS DECEMBER 28, 1984.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY 1985 AND TAKE 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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