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GOVERNOR INSPECTS PRISONS  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THREE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO SEE AT FIRST HAND THE WORK OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

SIR EDWARD FIRST WENT TO STANLEY PRISON, AND INSPECTED THE ACCOMMODATION FOR PRISONERS, INCLUDING THE SEGREGATION UNIT AND THE AREA WHERE PRISONERS UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH ARE NORMALLY DETAINED.

HE TOURED THE KITCHEN, HOSPITAL, AND SAW PRISONERS AT WORK IN THE PRINTING, ENVELOPE MAKING, SHOE MAKING, CARPENTRY, GARMENT MAKING AND SILK-SCREENING WORKSHOPS.

HE ALSO VISITED THE RADIO AND TELEVISION WORKSHOP AND SPOKE WITH THE PRISONERS WHO HAD RECENTLY SAT FOR THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXAMINATIONS.

HE ALSO TOOK A LOOK AT A NEW WORKSHOP COMPLEX DUE TO BE COMPLETED NEXT MONTH.

SIR EDWARD THEN VISITED TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND SAW THE VARIOUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE DORMITORY, HOSPITAL, KITCHEN, DINING HALL, TAILORING AND CARPENTRY WORKSHOPS, AND THE CHAPEL.

THE GOVERNOR CONCLUDED HIS VISIT AT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, WHERE HE WAS JOINED BY LADY YOUDE.

TOGETHER, SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE INSPECTED THE CENTRE AND SAW THE GIRLS ATTENDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING CLASSES IN TAILORING, HAIRDRESSING, ENGLISH AND CHINESE TYPING, EMBROIDERING, COOKING AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE. THEY ALSO SAW OTHER GIRLS HAVING LESSONS IN THE EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE STAYED FOR LUNCH AT THE CENTRE'S TRAINING RESTAURANT. THEY HAD A MEAL PREPARED AND COOKED BY THE DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS AND SERVED BY GIRLS UNDER TRAINING FOR THE CATERING SERVICE.

THE VISIT ENDED WITH SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE COMPLIMENTING THE GIRLS FOR THEIR COOKING AND SERVING SKILLS.

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SIR PHILIP SEES PHAB CENTRE WORK

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, VISITED THE LADY MACLEHOSE POKFULAM PHAB CENTRE TODAY.

HE WAS WELCOMED BY THE HON PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR LI KWAN HUNG, THE CHAIRMAN, DR RICHARD BUTLER, DIRECTORS, STAFF AND PHAB MEMBERS.

SIR PHILIP WAS SHOWN AROUND THE CENTRE AND WAS INTERESTED IN THE FACILITIES AND PROGRAMMES IT PROVIDES TO INTEGRATE THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE BODIED IN THE COMMUNITY.

DR BUTLER SAID THAT THE CENTRE HAD COME INTO BEING WITH THE STAUNCH SUPPORT OF LADY MACLEHOSE, AFTER WHOM THE CENTRE WAS NAMED. IT WAS PURPOSE-BUILT FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ON LAND GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. FACILITIES INCLUDE A 100-BED DORMITORY, A HALL, A SWIMMING POOL, AN ARCHERY RANGE, A BARBECUE AREA, A PLAY AREA, A DINING HALL AND AN OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT. THE CENTRE WAS OPENED BY LADY MACLEHOSE IN 1979.

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT THE CENTRE EXEMPLIFIED HONG KONG'S CONCERN TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE IN THE COMMUNITY. ITS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WOULD STAND COMPARISON WITH THOSE PROVIDED FOR THE HANDICAPPED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED TO PARTICIPATE FREELY IN MANY ACTIVITIES ALONG WITH THEIR ABLE-BODIED COUNTERPARTS.

PHAB OFFICIALS UNDERLINED THE ASSOCIATION'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE INTEGRATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE ABLE-BODIED IN THE COMMUNITY AND DECLARED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN THE 1981 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS. THE MOMENTUM BUILT UP THEN WOULD BE CARRIED ON THROUGH THE YEARS AHEAD.

DR BUTLER SAID THAT THE ASSOCIATION WOULD MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S DYNAMIC SOCIETY. A NEW CENTRE WOULD BE OPENED IN 1984 IN THE GROWING NEW TOWN OF TUEN MUN WHERE, ACCORDING TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF THE DISABLED, A NUMBER OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE ALREADY LIVE. SIR PHILIP ASSURED THE ASSOCIATION OF CONTINUED GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR INTEGRATING THE DISABLED IN THE COMMUNITY.

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HK-SHENZHEN GROUPS REVIEW PROGRESS

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THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR ZHEN XIPEI, AND HIS DELEGATION HAD A MEETING WITH THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND OTHER HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THIS MORNING TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS MADE BY THE FOUR HONG KONG/SHENZHEN JOINT WORKING GROUPS SET UP IN APRIL 1982.

BOTH SIDES WERE PLEASED WITH THE CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS IN THE JOINT PROJECTS AND LOOKED FORWARD TO FURTHER PROGRESS TO BE MADE. FURTHER REVIEW MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN DUE COURSE.

THE JOINT WORKING GROUPS WERE SET UP TO IMPROVE ROAD AND FERRY LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN, AND FLOOD AND POLLUTION CONTROL OF THE SHENZHEN RIVER.

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TDC INVITED TO TAKE ON EXHIBITION CENTRE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO CONSIDER PUTTING TOGETHER A PACKAGE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED EXHIBITION CENTRE.

IT HAS TOLD THE TDC THAT A 20 000-SQUARE METRE SITE ON THE WAN CHAI WATERFRONT WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROJECT WILL BE GRANTED, FREE OF PREMIUM, ONCE A SUCCESSFUL PACKAGE IS ACCEPTED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE DECISION TO INVITE THE TDC TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR TAKING THE PROJECT FORWARD HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL PACKAGE, THE SITE WOULD BE GRANTED TO THE TDC, OR A SEPARATE ENTITY SET UP BY THE TDC, OR A COMMERCIAL CONSORTIUM BROUGHT TOGETHER BY THE TDC WHICH WOULD RESULT IN THE DESIRED EXHIBITION CENTRE COMPLEX BEING BUILT IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE.

MR MICHAEL SANDBERG, CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-STATUTORY BODY IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT, TODAY WELCOMED THE DECISION.

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE RANGE OF OPTIONS SET OUT IN THE GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION OFFERED THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THE PROJECT TO FRUITION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TDC, MISS LYDIA DUNN, SAID THE TDC WAS GLAD TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION.

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DB CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES BEING REVIEWED  
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A REVIEW IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES OF THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS IN PREPARATION FOR THE BOARD ELECTIONS IN 1985.

DISTRICT OFFICERS ARE CONSULTING THE PUBLIC WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS AND WILL COMPLETE THEIR REVIEWS BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE MATTER, AND MAPS ILLUSTRATING THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

+ANY COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE RELEVANT DISTRICT OFFICER OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AT WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, 13/F,+ A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE REVIEW WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF POPULATION GROWTH AND MOVEMENT AND AIM AT OBTAINING A BETTER MIX OF HOUSING TYPES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN EACH CONSTITUENCY.

THERE ARE NOW 122 CONSTITUENCIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, 76 IN THE URBAN AREA AND 46 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE PROPOSED CHANGES WILL INCREASE THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 135, 78 IN THE URBAN AREA AND 57 IN THE NT.

THE EXISTING DISTRICT BOARDS CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WERE APPROVED IN 1981 AND A GREAT DEAL OF DEVELOPMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THEN.

AS A RESULT, PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE TO CHANGE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES IN EIGHT OF THE 18 DISTRICTS, NAMELY: EASTERN, SOUTHERN, WONG TAI SIN AND KWUN TONG IN THE URBAN AREA- AND TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, TAI PO AND SHA TIN IN THE NT.

A MAJOR CHANGE PROPOSED IS TO SPLIT EACH OF THE EXISTING DOUBLE-MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES INTO TWO SINGLE-MEMBER ONES. THERE ARE AT PRESENT FOUR SUCH DOUBLE-MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES IN TUEN MUN AND FOUR IN SHA TIN, AND TWO IN TAI PO.

THE NUMBER OF CONSTITUENCIES AT TSUEN WAN WILL BE INCREASED FROM 10 TO 11.

IN EASTERN DISTRICT, THE PRESENT QUARRY BAY CONSTITUENCY WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO AND THE EXISTING TWO CONSTITUENCIES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE.

THE OTHERS ARE MINOR CHANGES SUCH AS TRANSFERRING CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR AREAS FROM ONE EXISTING CONSTITUENCY TO ANOTHER.

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DEBTORS BILL FINAL STAGES DUE JANUARY 11

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THE REMAINING STAGES OF THE DEBTORS (ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT) BILL 1983 WILL NOW BE TAKEN IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 11 NEXT YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 7, IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE REMAINING STAGES WOULD BE COMPLETED ON DECEMBER 21.

+HOWEVER, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT THIS PROGRAMME MAY NOT ALLOW THOSE INTERESTED IN THE MEASURE TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS ADEQUATELY IN ORDER TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+THE BILL DOES MAKE IMPORTANT CHANGES IN PRACTICES WHICH HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR A LONG TIME AND IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THOSE CONCERNED SHOULD HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN,+ HE ADDED.

A COPY OF THE BILL, INCORPORATING THE AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF DECEMBER 23.

ANY REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE UMEICO OFFICE OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 30, 1983, HE SAID.

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FIREMAN COMMENDED FOR BRAVERY

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FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE OFTEN INVOLVED IN DANGEROUS RESCUE OPERATIONS FOR WHICH LITTLE PUBLIC RECOGNITION HAS BEEN GIVEN.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF KOWLOON FIRE COMMAND, MR M. KINGDOM WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS COMMENDATION TO FIREMAN KWOK CHI-KEUNG FOR HIS COURAGE, SKILL AND DEVOTION DURING A RESCUE OPERATION RECENTLY.

MR KWOK SUCCEEDED IN RESCUING A PATIENT WHO THREATENED TO JUMP FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

THE PRESENTATION, MADE AT YAUMATI FIRE STATION, WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY STAFF FROM KWONG WAH HOSPITAL AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING TENDERS FOR 300 URBAN AND 150 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (DECEMBER 15), A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TENDER FORMS FOR THE NEW LICENCES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION IN ROOMS 906-909, HUTCHISON HOUSE, 10 HARCOURT ROAD, CENTRAL, OR FROM THE SECTION'S KOWLOON OFFICES ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

TENDER FORMS FOR URBAN TAXI LICENCES WILL BE PINK IN COLOUR AND THOSE FOR NT TAXI LICENCES LIGHT GREEN.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT \$25 000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH URBAN TAXI LICENCE AND \$15 000 FOR EACH NT TAXI LICENCE THEY SEEK.

ONE TENDER FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR UP TO 300 LICENCES IN THE CASE OF URBAN TAXIS AND UP TO 150 IN THE CASE OF NT TAXIS.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS WHICH OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1984.

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NEW PLAYGROUND OPENED

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THE TSUEN KING CIRCUIT PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN ADJACENT TO TSUEN WAN CENTRE, WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM DAILY, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY.

IT HAS FOUR FLOODLIT TENNIS COURTS, AND CHANGING ROOMS WITH HOT AND COLD SHOWERS AT A SERVICE BUILDING.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO USE THE COURTS SHOULD MAKE THEIR BOOKINGS IN PERSON AT THE PLAYGROUND OFFICE DURING WEEKDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. ADVANCE BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY FOR SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

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OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH MODERN PLAY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS A SPIRAL SLIDE, A +WOM CLIMBER+, A WHIRLING PLATFORM AND A +SADDLE MATE+, WITH SAFETY MATTING.

THERE ARE ALSO A MODERN BOATING POOL AND A LANDSCAPED REST GARDEN.

THE PLAYGROUND COST \$6 MILLION, OF WHICH \$1 MILLION WAS PROVIDED BY THE SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES GROUP.

DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE PLAYGROUND IS NOW UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NTSD.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 18, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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#### SCHOOL HEADS TO DISCUSS LOCAL PROBLEMS

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HEADS OF ABOUT 40 SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN YAU MA TEI WILL DISCUSS LOCAL PROBLEMS AT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL STARTING AT 3.30 PM, IS TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE SCHOOL HEADS TO DISCUSS DISTRICT MATTERS AND TO PROMOTE AN EFFECTIVE NETWORK BETWEEN THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SCHOOLS.

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE MRS ENA CHAN, A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, WHO WILL SPEAK ON +PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNGSTERS AND SYMPTOMS OF THE YOUTH ON THE VERGE OF GOING ASTRAY+ AND MR NG TAK-LEUNG, CHIEF INSPECTOR, CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE +YOUTH CRIME SITUATION IN YAU MA TEI+.

THE SPEECHES WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSION AND A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE THIRD MEETING OF THE YAU MA TEI SCHOOL HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO BE HELD AT 3.30 PM IN CALIPH ROOM, 16/F, AMBASSADOR HOTEL.

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PEOPLE PRAISED FOR CHARITY WALKS

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HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHEST'S WALKS FOR MILLIONS WHICH ARE LISTED IN THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS AS THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE SAID THE SUCCESS OF THESE WALKS HAD DEMONSTRATED LOCAL PEOPLE'S HIGH DEGREE OF SOCIAL AWARENESS AND CONCERN TOWARDS THE LESS FORTUNATE.

MR LAM WAS SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S KOWLOON WALK 1983-84 COMMITTEE OF WHICH HE IS THE CHAIRMAN.

EVERY HONG KONG CITIZEN SHOULD TAKE PART IN THIS MEANINGFUL CAMPAIGN WHICH WOULD BENEFIT MORE THAN 80 WELFARE ORGANISATIONS AND 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE, HE SAID.

MR LAM NOTED THAT LAST YEAR MORE THAN \$7 MILLION WAS RAISED FROM THE SERIES OF WALKS, OF WHICH \$2 MILLION WAS FROM THE KOWLOON WALK WITH 35 000 PARTICIPANTS.

THIS YEAR'S KOWLOON WALK WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 15, AND COVERS A 15-KILOMETRE ROUTE FROM KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD, RENNIE'S MILL, PO LAM ROAD AND JUNK BAY ROAD BACK TO THE RECREATION GROUND.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL START THE WALK AT 9 AM.

MR LAM APPEALED TO MEMBERS OF ALL THE DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, SCHOOLS, ASSOCIATIONS, KAIFONGS AND EMPLOYERS AS WELL AS EMPLOYEES OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN KOWLOON TO TAKE PART IN THE WALK.

HE SAID THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND ITS DISTRICT OFFICES WOULD RENDER FULL SUPPORT TO THIS WALK.

+LET US DO THE FIRST MOST MEANINGFUL THING IN THE FIRST MONTH OF THE NEW YEAR -- TAKE PART IN THE KOWLOON WALK FOR MILLIONS,+ HE SAID.

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IMPROVED AID FOR SPECIAL SCHOOLS  
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STAFF AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS TO SPECIAL SCHOOLS WILL BE ENHANCED FROM APRIL NEXT YEAR UNDER A REVISED CODE OF AID, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

CIRCULARS DETAILING THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO GIVE THEM AMPLE TIME TO INTRODUCE THE NEW PROVISIONS.

UNDER THE REVISED CODE, THE TEACHER-TO-CLASS RATIO FOR SPECIAL SCHOOLS WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING 1.33 : 1 FOR PRIMARY CLASSES AND 1.4 : 1 FOR SECONDARY CLASSES TO A UNIFORM RATIO OF 1.5 : 1 FOR BOTH.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS WITH JUNIOR SECONDARY CLASSES WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO EMPLOY MORE GRADUATE TEACHERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

GRADUATE POSTS IN THE TEACHING ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE SECONDARY SECTION OF THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING 12.5 PER CENT TO A MAXIMUM OF 30 PER CENT.

THE CODE ALSO PERMITS CERTAIN TYPES OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO EMPLOY MORE STAFF FOR SPEECH THERAPY, BOARDING CARE AND MENIAL WORK.

UNDER THE NEW CODE, A CLASS LIBRARY GRANT OF \$300 PER ANNUM WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

HOWEVER, SECONDARY SPECIAL SCHOOLS WITH CLASS SIZES EXCEEDING 15 WILL CONTINUE TO BE PAID A LIBRARY GRANT AT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF \$20 PER PUPIL PER ANNUM.

THIS WILL REPLACE THE CURRENT LIBRARY GRANTS PROVIDED ON A PER CAPITA BASIS.

THE PARAMEDICAL GRANT OF \$1 910 PER CLASS PER ANNUM FOR CONSUMABLES AND MINOR ITEMS OF FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CURRENTLY PROVIDED IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WILL BE EXTENDED TO SPECIAL SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

TWO NEW GRANTS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR BLIND STUDENTS TO INTEGRATE INTO ORDINARY SCHOOLS, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THEY INCLUDE AN ANNUAL RESOURCE MATERIAL GRANT OF \$100 PER PUPIL REGISTERED WITH A SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FOR RESOURCE TEACHING, AND A TRAVELLING GRANT OF \$500 PER ANNUM FOR EACH RESOURCE TEACHER OF INTEGRATED BLIND STUDENTS.

COPIES OF THE REVISED CODE OF AID FOR SPECIAL SCHOOLS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SPECIAL SCHOOLS AS SOON AS THEY ARE READY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPECIAL SCHOOL HEADS OR TEACHERS WHO HAVE ANY QUERIES MAY CONTACT THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (SPECIAL EDUCATION), MR C.K. LAM, ON 5-8392524.

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DISABLED TRAINEES TO SHOW WORK

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ABOUT 2 000 ITEMS OF FINISHED PRODUCTS MADE BY TRAINEES FROM KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WILL BE DISPLAYED AND PUT ON SALE ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 16).

THE OCCASION WILL ALSO BE THE FIRST OPEN DAY OF THE CENTRE SINCE THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING TOOK OVER ITS MANAGEMENT IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

+THE PURPOSE IS TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW THAT DISABLED PERSONS CAN OBTAIN EMPLOYABLE SKILLS, PROVIDED TRAINING IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THEM,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ABOUT 230 FULL-TIME TRAINEES HAVE MADE A VARIETY OF PRODUCTS RANGING FROM TEAK CABINET, CLOTHES, STATIONERY TO ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES OVER THE LAST 10 MONTHS.

EMPLOYERS FROM THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, REHABILITATION WORKERS, EDUCATORS AND THE PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED TO VISIT THE CENTRE AND GIVE AN APPRAISAL ON THE WORKMANSHIP OF THE PRODUCTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRAINING SUCH SUBJECTS AS DRESS MAKING, BUSINESS PRACTICE, ELECTRICAL WORK, ELECTRONICS, AND FABRICATION IS OFFERED BY THE CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE KWUN TONG SKILLS CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 16), FROM 10 AM TO 12.30 PM, AND 1.30 PM TO 4 PM AT 487, KWUN TONG ROAD, KWUN TONG.

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YOUTH BANDS TO PERFORM

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THE ANNUAL HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL, NOW IN ITS SIXTH YEAR, WILL BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 23 TO 31, PRESENTING A WIDE RANGE OF EVENTS AND CONCERTS.

ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, THE FESTIVAL IS AIMED AT STIMULATING INTEREST IN BAND MUSIC AND IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL PLAYERS.

A JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOL BAND, WHICH HAS WON ONE SILVER AND TWO GOLD PRIZES IN THE ALL JAPAN BAND CONCERTS DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, WILL ALSO BE PERFORMING AT THE FESTIVAL.

/THE MUSIC .....

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MR CLIVE OXLEY, SAID TODAY THAT THE EVENT WILL BE THE MOST AMBITIOUS BAND FESTIVAL ORGANISED SO FAR.

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL WILL BE THE SIX-DAY RESIDENTIAL COURSE TO BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 26 TO 31 AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN SAI KUNG, WHICH IS RUN BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, ANOTHER DIVISION OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, AT SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK IS EQUIPPED WITH ALL MODERN FACILITIES AND IS AN IDEAL VENUE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES TO GET TOGETHER TO EXCHANGE MUSICAL EXPERIENCES.

THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE AN OPENING CEREMONY AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE ON DECEMBER 23, CHRISTMAS TOURING CONCERTS IN HOSPITALS AND PUBLIC SPORTS GROUND ON DECEMBER 24 AND 26, A MARCHING BAND DISPLAY AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON DECEMBER 28, AND A FESTIVAL CONCERT AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON DECEMBER 29.

THE FESTIVAL WILL CONCLUDE WITH A NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA FINALE, JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL, AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON DECEMBER 31.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL ON DECEMBER 23, AND MR WONG LAM, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 6TH HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT KO SHAN THEATRE AT 8 PM ON DECEMBER 23, AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT 8 PM ON DECEMBER 31.

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CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS

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A SERIES OF CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE TOGETHER WITH VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO BRING FESTIVE JOY AND ENTERTAINMENT TO RESIDENTS.

A +HAPPY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL+ FOR ABOUT 2 000 PEOPLE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17) AFTERNOON AT 2.30 PM IN THE SHEUNG WAN BLAKE GARDEN.

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JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE SHEUNG WAN (WESTERN) AREA COMMITTEE AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE GAME STALLS, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS, AND PERFORMANCES BY A CARTOON CHARACTER +UNCLE MCDONALD+.

AT 7.30 PM THE SAME DAY, A +YOUTH CONCERT+ FOR SOME 700 PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT LOKE YEW HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, FEATURING CHOIR, PIANO AND INSTRUMENT PERFORMANCES.

ALSO, AN OPEN AIR CONCERT SPONSORED BY ST PAUL'S CHURCH WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 18) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AT 2.30 PM.

PERFORMERS WILL INCLUDE CHURCH CHOIRS, CHILDREN CHOIRS, A SCHOOL BRASS BAND, AND SCHOOL FOLK GROUPS.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE THREE EVENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED.

A +MERRY CHRISTMAS GATHERING+, WITH A SELF-SERVICE DINNER AND VARIETY SHOW, WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 21 (WEDNESDAY) AT 7 PM AT CARITAS IN CAINE ROAD.

DINNER COUPONS AT \$35 EACH FOR ADULTS AND \$15 EACH FOR CHILDREN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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#### RUNNERS INVITED TO SHA TIN EVENT

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A SEVEN-KILOMETER RACE AROUND SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE WILL BE HELD IN MID-JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

DISTANCE RUNNERS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS NOW.

THE RACE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WITH THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD AS THE SPONSOR.

THE RUN WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS OF COMPETITORS : TWO FOR MEN AND ONE FOR WOMEN.

THE RACE WILL START AT 9 AM FROM THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

THE TOP THREE RUNNERS OF EACH GROUP WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND FROM THE SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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BOARD MEMBERS TO VISIT TAI PO  
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WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT TAI PO TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MEET THEIR COUNTERPARTS AND SEE THE NEW TOWN'S LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

THE MEMBERS WILL FIRST TOUR THE NEWLY-COMPLETED LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AND THE KWONG FUK ESTATE WHERE THEY WILL HAVE A BRIEFING ON THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

THE PARTY WILL THEN CALL ON THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT FOR DISCUSSIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 1.30 PM AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING.

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HOUSEHOLD SURVEY REPORT ON SALE  
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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR THE JULY TO SEPTEMBER QUARTER CONTAINING STATISTICS ON UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, IS NOW ON SALE.

IT ALSO CONTAINS A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED AND MAIN ACTION TAKEN TO LOOK FOR WORK BY JOB SEEKERS.

+FINDINGS OF THIS SURVEY ARE COMPARED WITH THOSE OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEYS IN PREVIOUS QUARTERS, WHENEVER POSSIBLE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE REPORT MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$7 A COPY.

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