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**GOVERNOR TO OPEN LEGCO SESSION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL REVIEW THE AFFAIRS OF HONG KONG WHEN HE OPENS THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION FOR 1979/80 ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 10).

THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH BEGIN AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG CHANNEL 2 (CHINESE) AND CHANNEL 3 (ENGLISH).

THE TWO TELEVISION STATIONS AND COMMERCIAL RADIO WILL GIVE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GOVERNOR'S REVIEW IN THEIR REGULAR NEWS PROGRAMMES.

ON OCTOBER 31, THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL MOVE A MOTION TO THANK THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS ADDRESS AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THE MOTION THE SAME DAY AND THE FOLLOWING DAY (NOVEMBER 1), IF NECESSARY.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE SCHEDULED TO REPLY ON NOVEMBER 14, AND IF NECESSARY, NOVEMBER 15 TO THE POINTS RAISED BY THE UNOFFICIALS.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE JOINED BY THEIR TWO NEWLY-APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES IN THE NEW SESSION. THEY ARE THE HON. HU FA-KUANG AND THE HON. WONG PO-YAN.

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**WARNING AGAINST FIRE OUTBREAKS
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THE FIRE SERVICES TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO TAKE GREATER CARE AGAINST THE OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN THE WAKE OF MORE THAN 250 FIRE CALLS RECEIVED SO FAR THIS WEEK.

ON WEDNESDAY ALONE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SERVICES SAID, THERE HAD BEEN FOUR INCIDENTS OF NO. 3 ALARM FIRE.

+WITH THE ONSET OF THE DRY SEASON, THE CHANCES OF FIRE OUTBREAKS ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE,+ HE WARNED.

IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THERE HAD BEEN A TOTAL OF 5 924 FIRE CALLS RESULTING IN 24 DEATHS AND 406 INJURIES, INCLUDING 50 FIREMEN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CARELESS DISPOSAL OF CIGARETTE ENDS WAS A MAJOR CAUSE OF FIRE, ACCOUNTING FOR 1 624 CALLS. ELECTRICAL FAULTS RESULTED IN 1 048 FIRES AND OVERTURNED KEROSENE STOVES WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 194.

HE ALSO WARNED VILLAGERS AND PICNICKERS OF THE DANGERS IN SENDING UP +HUNG MING+ LANTERNS (HOT-AIR BALLOONS) DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD.

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+IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS PRACTICE TO SEND UP THESE BALLOONS DURING SUCH DRY WEATHER BECAUSE IT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS HILL FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ALSO APPEALED FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY PICNICKERS, TO MINIMISE THE OUTBREAK OF FIRES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

COMMENTING ON THE DEVASTATION HILL FIRES HAD BROUGHT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT RECALLED THAT DURING THE LAST DRY SEASON, A TOTAL OF 450 HECTARES OF GOVERNMENT PLANTATION AND MANAGEMENT AREA AND SOME 43 100 TREES HAD BEEN AFFECTED BY HILL FIRES.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE CAN ONLY BE PROTECTED FROM FIRE WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF EVERYONE WHO USES IT.

HE ESPECIALLY CALLED ON CAMPERS AND PICNICKERS TO EXERCISE MORE CARE AS 40 PER CENT OF THE HILL FIRES REPORTED LAST SEASON OCCURRED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WHEN RESIDENTS VISITED THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR OUTINGS.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT APART FROM DESIGNATED AREAS IT IS AN OFFENCE TO LIGHT A FIRE NEAR A FOREST PLANTATION OR A PROHIBITED AREA IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS REGULATION, A PERSON CAN BE FINED UP TO \$5 000 AND SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT FOR UNLAWFULLY LIGHTING FIRE.

DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, 71 PEOPLE HAD BEEN PROSECUTED AND FINED FOR SUCH AN OFFENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR DUE BACK ON SUNDAY
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE AND LADY MACLEHOSE, ARE DUE TO RETURN TO HONG KONG FROM SAN FRANCISCO ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 7).

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WISHING TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL ON FLIGHT PA 05, ETA 1955 HOURS ARE ADVISED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING AT LEAST 45 MINUTES BEFORE THE ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL. G I S OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THEM.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALSO ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OR PASSPORTS TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT'S RESTRICTED AREA.

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GOVERNMENT PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PROMOTION OF MR. BRIAN WILSON, MR. MARTIN ROWLANDS, MR. ERIC HO AND MR. HENRY CHING TO THE SUBSTANTIVE RANK OF SECRETARY WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1979.

MR. WILSON, 55, IS NOW DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES. HE JOINED THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE IN 1949 AND HAS WORKED IN SIX GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE DEFENCE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. HE BECAME COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT IN 1971 AND WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST IN 1975.

MR. ROWLANDS, 54, WAS MADE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1978. HE CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1952 AND HAS WORKED IN THE RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CIVIL AID SERVICES, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION IN 1974.

MR. HO, 51, HAS BEEN SECRETARY FOR THE SOCIAL SERVICES SINCE 1977. HE JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT IN 1954 AND BECAME AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1957. HE HAS WORKED IN THE RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT. HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS IN 1973.

MR. CHING, 45, IS NOW DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY. HE WAS APPOINTED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1961 AND HAS WORKED IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, FINANCE BRANCH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY SINCE 1976.

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HK-US TEXTILE TALKS ADJOURNED

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TALKS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS ON THE HONG KONG/US TEXTILE AGREEMENT WERE ADJOURNED TODAY (FRIDAY) AFTER FIVE DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS.

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. PETER TSAO SAID: +I CANNOT COMMENT ON THE DISCUSSIONS TO DATE, AS WE SHALL BE MEETING AGAIN IN LATE OCTOBER AT A VENUE WHICH HAS YET TO BE DECIDED.+

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DSW OPENS MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE AGED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (FRIDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE AGED IN CHAI WAN SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO MEET THE VARYING NEEDS OF OLD PEOPLE.

THE CENTRE, RUN BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED (SAGE), REPRESENTS A RELATIVELY NEW APPROACH IN HONG KONG IN PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

OCCUPYING AN AREA OF OVER 372 SQUARE METRES (4 000 SQ. FT.) IN YUE WAN ESTATE, THE CENTRE OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO OLD PEOPLE EITHER AT THEIR HOMES OR IN THE CENTRE ITSELF.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. LEE SAID THE SETTING UP OF THE CENTRE WAS IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN THE LATEST WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE.

MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES, HE SAID, ARE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL AS THEY ENABLE THE ELDERLY TO RECEIVE DIFFERENT SERVICES AT ONE PLACE.

MR. LEE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH FACILITIES TO SERVE THOSE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN LEFT TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES.

HE PRAISED THE SAGE FOR ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE ELDERLY. SAGE WAS THE PIONEER IN OPERATING SPECIAL BUS SERVICES FOR THE AGED AND IS RUNNING A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR OLD PEOPLE IN TSUEN WAN.

AT THE SAGE CHAI WAN MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE, SERVICES PROVIDED GENERALLY FALL INTO THREE AREAS.

HOME-HELP SERVICE PROVIDES MEALS, HOUSE CLEANING, ESCORT SERVICE AND PERSONAL CARE. SERVICES AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE INCLUDE CANTEEN, LAUNDRY AND BATHING, INTEREST GROUPS, HAIR-CUTTING AND HEALTH TESTS.

IN ADDITION, STAFF OF THE CENTRE ORGANISE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME AIMED AT PROMOTING AMONG THE COMMUNITY A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OLD AGE AND THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY.

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SEMINARS FOR AUDIO-VISUAL CO-ORDINATORS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED THREE SEMINARS TO FAMILIARISE SECONDARY SCHOOL AUDIO-VISUAL CO-ORDINATORS WITH THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S VISUAL EDUCATION CENTRE.

THE SEMINARS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 2.30 P.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 19, 23 AND 31 AT THE MEDIA PRODUCTION SERVICES UNIT AT 182 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

+THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO EXPLAIN AND DISCUSS THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL AUDIO-VISUAL CO-ORDINATORS WHO WILL SERVE AS A CONTACT BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE VISUAL EDUCATION CENTRE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SEMINAR ALSO AIMS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS RELATING TO EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND UTILISATION OF MEDIA RESOURCES IN SCHOOLS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO NOMINATE THEIR AUDIO-VISUAL CO-ORDINATORS TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS SHOULD APPLY TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (VISUAL EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HONG KONG. THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 10.

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LEASE OF SEA BED TO MTRC
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO LEASE 18 900 SQUARE METRES OF SEA BED BETWEEN WAN CHAI AND TSIM SHA TSUI TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CROSS-HARBOUR RAILWAY OPERATIONS.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO GRANT THE LEASE, WHICH WILL BE FOR A TERM OF 75 YEARS FROM OCTOBER 1, 1979, IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AREA INVOLVED WAS OCCUPIED BY THE CROSS-HARBOUR MASS TRANSIT TUNNELS.

HE ADDED THAT PRIVATE RIGHTS IN THAT PART OF VICTORIA HARBOUR HAD EXTINGUISHED WHEN CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUNNELS BEGAN IN 1976.

+HOWEVER ANY PERSON COULD MAKE A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IF THEY WERE TO SUFFER FINANCIAL LOSS DIRECTLY AS A RESULT OF THE CREATION OF THE LEASE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SUPPLY OF SIGNS FOR QE STADIUM
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED SEALED TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF METAL SIGNS, ARCHITECTURAL LETTERING AND ILLUMINATED SIGNS FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

TENDERS MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ACCORDINGLY ON THE ENVELOPE, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, PWD TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE PWD TENDER BOX AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON OCTOBER 19. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, 13TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

CONTRACTORS ARE WARNED THAT THEIR NAMES WOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF APPROVED CONTRACTORS IF THEY FAIL OR REFUSE TO IMPLEMENT AN ACCEPTED TENDER.

THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BIND ITSELF TO ACCEPT ANY TENDER.

THE \$43 MILLION STADIUM, THE FINEST OF ITS KIND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, IS SITUATED AT A SITE BETWEEN OI KWAN ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. IT IS ABOUT 80 PER CENT COMPLETE AND IS EXPECTED TO BE READY IN MAY NEXT YEAR WHEN IT WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

VISIT TO KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MEMBERS OF UMELCO AND THE PRESS TO VISIT THE NEWLY OPENED KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 8) AT 10.30 A.M.

THE CENTRE IS ACCESSIBLE FROM HOI BUN ROAD, KWUN TONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND. SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR. TOMMY HAHN WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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