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ADVANTAGES OF VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURES OF TAX EVASION
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY DREW ATTENTION TO THE NORMAL PRACTICE OF THE COMMISSIONER WHEN DEALING WITH A PERSON WHO HAS MADE A FULL VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE OF TAX EVASION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ALTHOUGH NO UNDERTAKING COULD BE GIVEN AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE COMMISSIONER WILL REFRAIN FROM PROSECUTION IN THE CASE OF ANY PARTICULAR PERSON IT IS HIS PRACTICE TO BE INFLUENCED BY CERTAIN FACTORS.

+IF A PERSON HAS MADE A FULL CONFESSION OF ANY OFFENCE TO WHICH HE HAS BEEN A PARTY AND HAS GIVEN FULL FACILITIES FOR INVESTIGATION AND HAS PROVIDED CORRECTED RETURNS ACCOMPANIED BY DETAILED STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE RETURNS, THEN THESE FACTS WILL HAVE A FAVOURABLE BEARING ON THE AMOUNT OF THE PENALTY OR WHERE APPLICABLE, THE ADDITIONAL TAX IN SETTLEMENT.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TAX EVADERS.

REFERRING TO THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, WHICH WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST WEDNESDAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS IT SEEKS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES WHICH THE COURTS MAY IMPOSE.

AT PRESENT IT IS \$2,000 PLUS A FINE EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF TAX UNDERCHARGED AND THE PROPOSAL IS THAT IT SHOULD BECOME \$2,000 PLUS TREBLE THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX UNDERCHARGED.

ANOTHER CLAUSE SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE COMMISSIONER, SUBJECT TO A RIGHT OF APPEAL BY THE TAXPAYER, TO IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY KNOWN AS +ADDITIONAL TAX+.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL SAID THAT AN ADDITIONAL MOTIVE BEHIND THE INCREASE IN PENALTY WAS TO GIVE THE COMMISSIONER A GREATER DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY IN FIXING THE AMOUNT OF PENALTY.

+AT PRESENT,+ MR. HADDON-CAVE SAID, +IF ONE DOES NO MORE THAN RECOVER WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID TO THE EXCHEQUER IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE PENALTY WOULD VERY OFTEN HAVE TO BE CLOSE TO THE 100 PER CENT MARGIN.

+THERE IS VERY LITTLE THEREFORE THAT THE COMMISSIONER CAN OFFER BY WAY OF INDUCEMENT TO A TAXPAYER TO MAKE A CLEAN BREAST OF THINGS AND SUBMIT CORRECTED RETURNS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION THERE WOULD BE MORE OF AN INDUCEMENT FOR A PERSON TO COME FORWARD IN ORDER TO AVOID THE FULL IMPACT OF THE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED PENALTIES.

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NEW CHAIRMAN FOR LOCAL BRANCH OF
ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS
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THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR. RAYMOND FRY, HAS BEEN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS.

THE INSTITUTION IS STRONGLY REPRESENTED IN HONG KONG WITH SOME 325 MEMBERS AND SOME 350 STUDENT MEMBERS WHO ARE TRAINEES IN THE POLYTECHNIC, AND IN GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE PRACTICE.

MR. FRY, WHO CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1955, HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS.

THREE OTHER NEWLY ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS ARE ALSO IN THE GOVERNMENT.

THEY ARE MR. GORDON HOGG, VICE-CHAIRMAN, WHO IS THE CHIEF BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE WORKS DIVISION OF THE PWD BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE- AND MR. GARETH WILLIAMS, HON. SECRETARY AND MR. FOO SIU KONG, HON. TREASURER, WHO ARE BOTH RATING AND VALUATION SURVEYORS.

ANOTHER VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR. RON HART, IS AN ASSOCIATE PARTNER WITH A FIRM OF CHARTERED QUANTITY SURVEYORS. THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN WAS MR. HERBERT VARTY, WHO IS THE ESTATES AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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NEW SWIMMING POOL AT WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW SWIMMING POOL AT WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AT 4 P.M. ON SATURDAY (APRIL 12).

THE POOL WAS BUILT WITH A GRANT OF \$530,000 FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND, AND WILL BE OPERATED BY THE CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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FANLING VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR. E.H. NICHOLS, TODAY COMMENDED THE FANLING VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS AND SAID IT HAD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.

MR. NICHOLS WAS SPEAKING AT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE SOCIETY, THE FIRST TO BE REGISTERED UNDER THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE IN 1950.

IN TERMS OF BUSINESS, HE SAID, THE SOCIETY WAS ONE OF THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT VEGETABLE MARKETING SOCIETIES IN HONG KONG. IN THE LAST 10 YEARS IT HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED ITS ANNUAL TURNOVER, AND IN 1974 HANDLED NEARLY \$6,000,000 WORTH OF VEGETABLES.

MR. NICHOLS SAID HE HAD NO DOUBTS THAT MOST OF THOSE ENGAGED IN VEGETABLE MARKETING IN HONG KONG WERE WELL VERSED AND BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THE CONTRIBUTION MODERN TECHNOLOGY COULD MAKE TO INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY IN THE TECHNICALITIES OF PRODUCTION.

+UNFORTUNATELY PERHAPS NOT SO MANY ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE EQUALLY IMPORTANT ROLE THAT SOUND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CAN MAKE TO INCREASED PROFITABILITY,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO PRODUCE AND SELL -- IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PRODUCE AND SELL WITH A FAIR PROFIT AND YET AT A PRICE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CONSUMER.

+IT IS IN THIS AREA OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT THAT A WELL ORGANISED CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER BOTH TO ITS MEMBERS AND TO THE CONSUMERS.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. NICHOLS' SPEECH ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS AS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (APRIL 12) WHEN A TEST FOR LEAKAGE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY NGAU TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN ELEGANCE ROAD, CHUN WAH ROAD INCLUDING JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE BLOCKS 1-9 AND FACTORY BLOCKS.

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ATHLETIC TRAINING COURSES
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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FROM YOUTHS LIVING IN HONG KONG'S EASTERN DISTRICT FOR THREE TRAINING COURSES IN BADMINTON, TABLE-TENNIS AND THE TRAMPOLINE.

THE COURSES, WHICH ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S WAN CHAI COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE, WILL START ON APRIL 22 AND CONTINUE UNTIL JUNE 11.

THE TABLE-TENNIS COURSE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAYS FROM 3.30 TO 5 P.M. AND THE TRAMPOLINE COURSE ON TUESDAYS FROM 4 P.M. TO 5.30 P.M. COACHING IN BADMINTON WILL BE ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M. AND 3.30 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

ALL WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE AT 44 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON APRIL 16 FOR THE TABLE-TENNIS AND THE TRAMPOLINE COURSES AND ON APRIL 18 FOR THE BADMINTON COURSE.

NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED, BUT INTERESTED YOUTHS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY EARLY BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED NUMBER THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH COURSE, WHICH IS 20 FOR THE TABLE-TENNIS AND BADMINTON AND 24 FOR THE TRAMPOLINE. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH SCHOOLS AND WELFARE AND YOUTH AGENCIES.

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PRESENTATION TO COMMUNITY CHEST
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A SUM OF \$5,240 WHICH WAS RAISED BY STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY CENTRE IN KWUN TONG DURING THE KOWLOON WALK FOR A MILLION LAST MONTH, WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMUNITY CHEST ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON (APRIL 11).

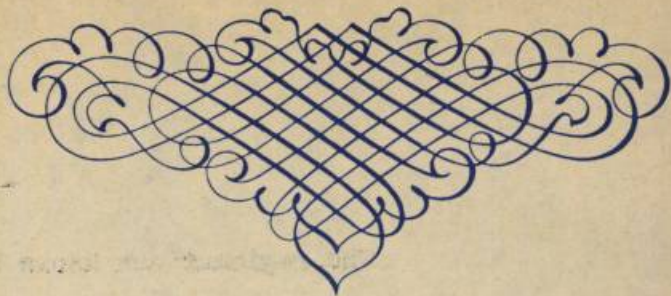
THE MONEY WILL BE HANDED TO MRS. DAVID LEE, DIVISION CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEST'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE BY MR. KO KAI-MAN, WARDEN OF THE CENTRE AND TWO YOUTHS REPRESENTING THE 400 MEMBERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE WALK.

THE PRESENTATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4 P.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CHEST OFFICE IN GLOUCESTER BUILDING.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OCCASION COVERED.

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ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



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THE 6TH QUEEN ELIZABETH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES

Guard Of Honour On Royal Arrival At Queen's Pier

When the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh step ashore on Hong Kong Island at Queen's Pier on the afternoon of their arrival, the guard of honour will be formed by the 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles.

The guard will give a royal salute, and the band will play the national anthem. Then the guard commander will report his guard to the Queen, who will inspect it.

The 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles were raised as the Cuttack Legion in Orissa, India, in 1817 and spent their first 80 years in the northeast frontier provinces of India, taking part in three Burma wars and many expeditions against warlike tribes.

The regiment remained loyal during the Indian Mutiny, and was included in the new Indian Army formed in 1861.

A second battalion was raised in 1904 and both battalions were deployed on the northwest frontier of India, where they were to see much service during the next 40 years.

During World War I, three battalions of the regiment served in India, the Middle East, Gallipoli, Greece, Turkey and Persia. In World War II, four battalions served in North Africa, Italy, India and Burma, and two members of the regiment won the Victoria Cross in Burma.

In 1948, the regiment was transferred to the British Army and both battalions served in Malaya for most of the 11-year emergency which began that year.

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The regiment was known by a variety of names last century, and it was not until 1903 that it was numbered 6th Gurkha Rifles. It has had its present name since 1959.

In 1962, the 1st Battalion became the first Gurkha battalion to be stationed in Britain.

Both battalions served in Borneo between 1963 and 1966. They were amalgamated in Hong Kong in 1969.

The battalion returned to Hong Kong in January 1974, after a tour of two and a half years in Brunei, and is now stationed at Cassino Camp, in the New Territories.

Its men have built a camp for Girl Guides on Beas River and an irrigation dam to help agriculture, and have run youth camps for schoolchildren.

The battalion expects to move to Britain in March 1977.

The Commandant is Lieutenant-Colonel Colin Scott.

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THE 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES Prince Philip To Visit Famous Regiment In New Territories

The Duke of Edinburgh will spend some time on the morning of May 5 at the Queen's Hill Camp in the New Territories calling on the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles.

Upon arrival at the Camp, the Duke will be received by the Major General Brigade of Gurkhas, who will present the Commanding Officer. The Duke will then inspect the camp quarter guard, and visit the battalion.

The 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles was formed in Burma in 1902 from Gurkhas of other regiments and men of the Burma military police. It has since recruited mainly from two great clans, the Rais and Limbus in the hills of eastern Nepal.

It fought in the Middle East in World War I. In World War II, the 2nd battalion was captured at Tobruk, but was reformed and went on to distinguish itself in Italy. The 1st battalion saw almost continuous service in Burma and one of its members, Rifleman Ganju Lama, was awarded the Victoria Cross.

Both battalions were heavily involved in the 11-year Malayan emergency, during which each battalion had only one break - a two-year tour in Hong Kong. The regiment accounted for 472 terrorists, and itself lost 32 killed.

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Both battalions were in action during the Brunei rebellion of 1963. In that campaign, Lance-Corporal Nainabhadur Rai was awarded the Military Medal, and two years later earned a Bar to it during the Indonesian confrontation, in which both battalions served for nine separate tours in Brunei and Sarawak.

The 1st battalion played a major part in Hong Kong during the 1967 troubles, and was joined here by the 2nd battalion in 1968. They were amalgamated in 1970.

The regiment served in England from September 1971 to February 1973, undertaking many unexpected duties for regiments serving in Northern Ireland. It was the first Gurkha Regiment to mount public duties in London, providing guards for Buckingham Palace, St. James's Palace, the Bank of England and the Tower of London.

It distinguished itself in the Army rifle meeting at Bisley and in mountain marching competitions in Wales, and provided the demonstration platoons at Sandhurst and Mons Officer Cadet School.

Since 1973, the regiment has been stationed at Queen's Hill Camp, Fanling, in the New Territories, and is part of the 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade. Besides border tours in support of the Royal Hong Kong Police, and normal training, its members have exercised in Australia, Fiji and Brunei.

The regiment holds the Khud (hill) race championship, Land Forces cross-country championship and Land Forces shooting trophy.

The regiment has numbered three famous field-m Marshals among its colonels, Lord Kitchener, Viscount Slim (who commanded the 2nd Battalion in 1938) and Sir Gerald Templer. Its present colonel is General Sir Walter Walker, who recently paid the regiment a farewell visit before handing over later this year.

The Queen granted the regiment the title "Duke of Edinburgh's Own" in 1959.

The present commanding officer (known in Gurkha regiments as Commandant) is Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Robinson.