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GOVERNOR OPENS TSING YI BRIDGE

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, said today the people of Hong Kong should not be dismayed by the world-wide problems and "prudently and confidently doing what is in our power now, so as to develop new wealth and new prospects for our people in the future."

He was speaking at the opening of the \$21 million Tsing Yi Bridge -- the first major one built in Hong Kong -- which links the fast-developing areas of Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi.

The bridge is built by a consortium of six companies which operate on Tsing Yi, and some 2¼ miles of approach roads were built by the government for the project.

Sir Murray said: "To live, Hong Kong must continue to grow. Growth requires new land for industry and for those who work in industry to live on and enjoy. The land is there, but the problem is access to it."

The construction of the bridge, particularly by private enterprise, Sir Murray said, had the highest significance for Hong Kong, "because it points the way along which much of our future growth will lie."

The following is the full text of Sir Murray's speech:

"Sir Lawrence, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"I am greatly honoured that the Directors of the Tsing Yi Bridge Company should have invited me to open this bridge, which the company has built for Hong Kong and for which the government will assume responsibility.

"Its construction and donation on these terms is therefore a unique as well as a particularly happy and striking event. It is also of the highest significance for Hong Kong, because it points the way along which much of our future growth will lie.

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"To live Hong Kong must continue to grow. Growth requires new land for industry and for those who work in industry to live on and enjoy. The land is there, but the problem is access to it. The provision of access is one of our most urgent priorities - hence the new tunnel to Shatin, the motor road to Castle Peak, the projects to double track the railway, and build a tunnel to Aberdeen.

"So this project providing access to Tsing Yi leads in a field which is vital to the future of Hong Kong.

"And it is all the more striking for being a bridge, because bridges, like ships, have a fascination all their own. However functional they cannot entirely escape either beauty or romance. And this is the first big bridge Hong Kong has known. In this crowded territory, with so many empty islands, it can surely not be the last.

"I do most sincerely congratulate and thank all those concerned with its construction. As an act of private enterprise by a group of businessmen it is as far-sighted and imaginative as it is generous.

"Hong Kong needs such imagination and commercial courage if it is to maintain its extraordinary growth. It needs the combination of international and local capital so happily evident in this company, and so fitting to the great international centre of industry and commerce which Hong Kong now is. It needs too, the partnership between private enterprise and the Government that in this case has coupled a fine bridge with the approach system to serve it.

"It is particularly happy for all of us that the moving spirit in this project, as in so many far-sighted and hard-headed benefactions to Hong Kong by his family, Lawrence Kadoorie, was knighted in the New Year List.

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"I should like to end with this thought. At present, Hong Kong, like the rest of the world, is confronted with new problems and new uncertainties caused by inflation and oil shortage. Against this background the construction and opening of this bridge are happily timed. It reminds us not to be dismayed by these forces, largely outside our power, but to continue prudently and confidently doing what is in our power now, so as to develop new wealth and new prospects for our people in the future."

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NEW AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER

An aviation administrator with world-wide experience is coming to Hong Kong this week to take up the post of Airport General Manager.

He is Mr. H.M. (Johnny) Johnston, who has been doing similar work and holding the same title in Edinburgh Airport in Scotland since 1971.

He will take over from Mr. Ken Smith who will be returning to Australia in April.

Mr. Johnston is 53 and is married with two sons.

He first joined the Ministry of Civil Aviation in Scotland in 1947 as an Operations Officer after a distinguished career with Bomber Command during the war. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Mention in Despatches.

He has had extensive previous experience in a number of civil aviation posts, including that of Director of Civil Aviation in Nyasaland, and Aviation Ground Services Controller of the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation in Nigeria.

The out-going Airport General Manager, Mr. Ken Smith, was a Senior Airport Director at Melbourne (Tullamarine) Airport before coming to Hong Kong.

He was temporarily seconded here after urgent requests were made to the Australian and British airport authorities for a suitable replacement to the late Mr. Bill Morgan, the previous Manager.

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Mr. Smith, who is well-known for his professionalism and expertise in aviation work, is leaving Hong Kong after an extended tour of 14 months.

Honours bestowed on him include a Distinguished Flying Cross and a Mention in Despatches during the war.

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RURAL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Twenty-six Rural Committees in the New Territories are holding elections of office-bearers next month.

The term of office of the present office-bearers will expire by the end of next month.

The elections will be held between March 1 and March 22.

The Rural Committees are Cheung Chau, Tsing Yi, Shataukok, Tung Chung, Fanling, Ma Wan, Peng Chau, Sheung Shui, Hang Hau, Tsuen Wan, Takwuling, Tai O, San Tin, Sai Kung, South Lantau, Sai Kung (North), Tai Po, Mui Wo, Shap Pat Heung, Sha Tin, Ping Shan, Lamma (North), Tuen Mun, Lamma (South), Pat Heung and Kam Tin.

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Note to Editors: For details concerning the elections, please contact the liaison officers of the five District Offices concerned.

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PUBLIC WELCOME TO USE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE

Members of the public are welcome to make use of the public enquiry service of the Home Affairs Department and the New Territories Administration.

During the past year, the Home Affairs Department has dealt with nearly 1.5 million enquiries and cases, showing an increase of about 6.5 per cent over the 1972 figure.

These enquiries covered nearly every subject but were mostly concerned with rent control and tenancy, housing and public assistance.

Mrs. Dora Taylor, Officer-in-charge of the Information Division of Home Affairs Department, said that members of the public are most welcome to approach her division or any of the 19 public enquiry service centres at the 10 City District Offices and sub-offices as well as the two Tenancy Inquiry Bureaux for their enquiries. Their telephone numbers are listed out as follows:-

A. Hong Kong Island

Information Division	5-456381
City District Office (Western)	5-480452
Aberdeen Sub-office	5-524429
City District Office (Central)	5-239172
Central Enquiry Sub-office	5-220031
City District Office (Wan Chai)	5-752477
City District Office (Eastern)	5-712658
Shaukiwan Sub-office	5-690121
Chai Wan Sub-office	5-567167
Tenancy Inquiry Bureau (H.K.)	5-452845 5-452802

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City District Office (Shamshuipo)	3-816916
Cheung Sha Wan Sub-office	3-704033
City District Office (Mongkok)	3-809731
Tai Kok Tsui Sub-office	3-933433
City District Office (Yau Ma Tei)	3-674852
City District Office (Kowloon City)	3-013731
Hung Hum Sub-office	3-639449
City District Office (Wong Tai Sin)	3-229701
Tsz Wan Shan Sub-office	3-241872
City District Office (Kwun Tong)	3-423431
Sau Mau Ping Sub-office	3-461247
Tenancy Inquiry Bureau (Kowloon)	3-685924 3-685928

The New Territories Administration also runs four public enquiry service centres to cater for members of the public living in the New Territories.

During the past year, they have dealt with over 37 thousand enquiries and cases. Residents of New Territories are welcome to contact any of those four centres for their enquiries. The telephone numbers are listed out below:-

District Office, Tsuen Wan

Shek Lei Public Enquiry Service Centre 12-238666

Kwai Chung Public Enquiry Service Centre 12-230225

District Office, Tai Po

Sheung Shui Public Enquiry Service Centre 12-906170

District Office, Yuen Long

Yuen Long Public Enquiry Service Centre 12-760261 Ext. 44

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PEAK MAXICAB EXTENDS SERVICES

The Peak Maxicab service which began operating in May 1972 is to extend its services.

Beginning tomorrow (Friday) a new route will be introduced between Central District and Mount Austin Road on the Peak.

From the Peak, the buses will travel via Mount Austin Road, Peak Road, Plunkett's Road, Plantation Road, then back to Peak Road. Barker Road, Magazine Gap Road, Garden Road, Jackson Road, Chater Road, Club Street, Connaught Road Central to the existing stand near the City Hall.

On the journey from Central, the buses will also call at Barker Road, Plantation Road and then terminate in Mount Austin Road.

There will be a flat fare of \$1.

The operating frequency of the new service will vary from 10 to 15 minutes. However, the existing route, which includes Mount Kellett Road, Guildford Road and Mansfield Road, will continue to operate on its present schedule with a frequency varying from five to 15 minutes on weekdays and increased to every four minutes on Sundays and Public Holidays.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said today that the new route could be adjusted in the light of operating experience gained over the next few months.

"It's hoped that with the introduction of the additional route, more motorists will be encouraged to leave their cars at home, thus helping to ease traffic congestion in Central," the spokesman added.

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EASY BUDGET GUIDE

The complexities of the budget presented in the Legislative Council yesterday are explained at a glance in a handy-sized eight-page booklet now available to the public.

Entitled "The 1974-75 Budget: A Graphic Guide", this publication forms one of a series published in connection with the annual budget debate.

This year the attractive cover design for the series is in green and blue, featuring a 1974 Hong Kong dollar and a batch of the computer cards which play a vital role in the government's accounting procedures.

The contents of the Graphic Guide include a simple visual chart showing the sources of revenue and the main breakdown of expenditure. Various tables, illustrated with thumbnail symbols, depict the budget priorities and the relationship between social, community, economic, general and other services.

There are also graphs to show how expenditure on these services has grown over the past decade and how both revenue and expenditure have climbed from under \$1,500 million in 1963-64 to the latest estimates of well over \$5,600 million for 1974-75.

The Graphic Guide are available free at the Government Publications Centre in the Star Ferry Concourse, the Government Information Services in Beaconsfield House and the City District Offices.

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Also available free on request at the Government Information Services are the complete text of the budget speech delivered yesterday by the Financial Secretary and the Supporting Financial Statements and Statistical Appendices extracted from the 1974-75 Estimates.

On sale at the Government Publications Centre at \$2.50 is a 38-page booklet entitled "The 1974-75 Budget: Economic Background", which provides a valuable analysis of Hong Kong's economy, backed up with numerous graphs and tables.

A companion volume is the "Estimates of Gross Domestic Product 1966-72", prepared by the Census and Statistics Department and priced at \$4.

Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph of the various publications are boxed for collection.

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MORE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS APPOINTED

The Social Welfare Department today appointed another three Community and Youth Officers in the implementation of the second stage of the Scheme.

The new officers are Mrs. Henrietta Chen who is to be CYO for Wong Tai Sin District; Mr. Alfred Chui Wing-man, CYO for Kowloon City and Mr. Lam Ping-kuen, CYO for Mongkok.

Mr. Stephen Law, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer in charge of the Group and Community Work Division under which the scheme operates, said it was intended originally to appoint five CYOs in the second stage of the scheme, but because the cross transfer of staff was involved it was decided to appoint only three this time to ensure there is no disruption of the work within the department as a whole.

"This does not mean any set-back in the scheme because we expect to be able to appoint the other two in April," he explained.

Today's appointments bring to nine the number of CYOs appointed since the scheme was formally established on December 5 last year.

The three new CYOs have had a number of years' experience in Youth and Community Work and two of them, Mr. Chui and Mr. Lam had previously been District Community Officers for Yaumatei and Wanchai respectively, the experiment from which the present scheme was evolved. Mrs. Chen was previously Warden of the Wong Tai Sin Community Centre.

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They will be functioning from temporary accommodation within their districts. Plans are in hand to fix them up with permanent offices.

For the time being their addresses will be:-

CYO Kowloon City at 32, Wuhu Street, ground floor, Hung Hom;
CYO Wong Tai Sin Community Centre at Ching Tak Street, Kowloon; and CYO Mongkok at Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre, Yim Po Fong Street, Kowloon.

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Note to Editors: Photographs of the three new CYOs appointed today are distributed separately in the press boxes this evening.

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C.A.S. PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Long service medals and training certificates will be presented to 80 officers and members of the Civil Aid Services in a ceremony to be held tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Dr. Gerald Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, will officiate at the ceremony, which is to be held at the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) Parade Ground in Sports Road, Happy Valley.

Thirty-two members of the Service will be receiving Civil Defence Long Service Medals, while 48 others will receive certificates qualifying them as C.A.S. Instructors, Static/Mobile Crane Operators or Forklift and Tractor Operators.

The band of the Auxiliary Medical Service will perform during the ceremony.

Note to Editors: You are invited to send reporters and/or photographers to cover the presentation ceremony. It will start at 6.30 p.m. tomorrow.

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RECRUITING STAFF FOR MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION

The Mass Transit Railway Provisional Authority today announced the commencement of a recruitment exercise to fill the top managerial posts of the future Mass Transit Railway Corporation.

A spokesman for the Authority said that the top six posts are those of Chairman, Managing Director, Director of Engineering, Director of Finance, Director of Administration and Director of Operations. He added that "because of the magnitude of the Mass Transit Railway project and the importance of obtaining the highest quality management for the future Corporation, it is essential to advertise these posts as widely as possible internationally in order to attract applicants of the right calibre and who possess the required experience."

"For this reason," he continued, "P.A. Management Consultants Ltd. have been appointed to assist with the recruitment exercise."

Through the firm's world-wide connections, advertisements will be placed in the United Kingdom and other European countries, Canada and Australia. All the posts will also be advertised in Hong Kong.

It is expected that it will take about five to six months before those persons eventually appointed to these posts will be ready to assume duty.

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NOISE POLLUTION DEMONSTRATION

Some unusual machines will be run in the quiet vicinity of the Central Government Offices tomorrow (Friday).

There will be a compressor, the noise of which in a pneumatic drill should be familiar, and there will be an instrument to measure the sound level it produces.

Listening intently will be members of the Noise Pollution Sub-Committee of the Advisory Committee on Environmental Pollution, whose broad aim is to look for ways to make Hong Kong a quieter place to live in.

The "noise demonstration" will help them to know the intensity of a noise both in terms of decibels and as a practical experience.

They will also hear for themselves better ways of running a compressor, for there is a new model which has a sound reducing device.

The sound level from this sound-reduced compressor will also be measured and compared with the old model.

The Noise Pollution Sub-Committee is chaired by Mr. Henry Litton, Q.C. Its unofficial members are Mr. John Marden, Mr. Hilton Cheong-Leen, Dr. Norman Ko Wah Man, Mr. W.M. Sulke, Mr. Geoffrey Yeh and Mr. Carl F. Nielsen.

Its official members come from various government departments concerned with various aspects of noise pollution.

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Note to Editors: You are welcome to send your representatives to cover the 'noise demonstration'. It will be held at 4 p.m. at the Central Government Offices East Wing Carpark.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

The Deputy Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Neil Henderson, today praised the students who took part in this year's industrial safety poster competition for their contributions to accident prevention.

Mr. Henderson was speaking this afternoon while presenting awards to winners in the Labour Department's sixth industrial safety poster competition which was held at the Industrial Safety Training Centre of the Labour Department.

"The use of posters is an important weapon in the continued drive to reduce accidents at work," he said.

"They are a major method of reminding workers and management of the importance of safety rules and good working practices, and warning them of potential hazards at workplaces."

Mr. Henderson said that as part of its efforts to promote work safety, the Labour Department was now issuing safety posters at the rate of one a month, and the output would be increased as soon as the current paper shortage was over.

In congratulating prize-winners in this year's competition, Mr. Henderson gave particular praise to the teachers of the Jockey Club Government Secondary Technical School, whose students took six of the eight prizes awarded. There were more than 300 entries.

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First place in the competition went to Miss Ma Hak-mei, 17, a Form V student at the Jockey Club School, and second prize went to Miss Ching Hang-miu, 17, a Form IV student. Third prize was won by Miss Lai Pio-woon, 18, a student in Commercial Design at the Kwun Tong Vocational Training Centre.

Miss Li Choi-wah, 17, and Messrs. Chan Ying-ming, 16, Chan Sze-shing, 17, and Law Sai-yiu, 15, of the Jockey Club Government Secondary Technical School, Mr. Wong Shi-liu, 20, of the Hong Kong Polytechnic, were awarded consolation prizes.

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ANNUAL REPORT ON SALE ON SATURDAY

"Hong Kong 1974," the government's annual report for 1973, goes on sale on Saturday.

Published for the second year in succession in its new larger format, the book includes 88 full-page colour photographs of various aspects of life in Hong Kong and was produced by the Government Information Services.

The report was edited by Anthony Tobin, a Senior Information Officer, and designed by Arthur Hacker, Creative Director of GIS's publicity division. Most of the photographs were taken by GIS photographer David Au.

Included in the publication are colour sections on the Hong Kong/China border area, the City Museum and Art Gallery, the territory's islands and development at Shatin.

This year's print order has been increased from 20,000 to 23,000 after last year's edition sold out. However, the price will remain the same, \$13.

"Hong Kong 1974" will be available at all leading bookstores and the Government Publications Centre, Star Ferry Concourse, Hong Kong.

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SEMINAR FOR AIDED PRIMARY TEACHERS IN N.T.

About 100 teachers and heads of small aided primary schools in remote areas of the New Territories will tomorrow attend a seminar which has been specially organised for them by the Education Department.

As some of these schools have only one room for different classes of pupils, the teachers will be given advice on the latest teaching methods and on the use of teaching aids to cope with the situation.

During the seminar, there will be talks on integration of subjects and time-tabling arrangements as well as on the teaching of the four main subjects in primary schools - Chinese, English, Arithmetic and Social Studies.

A film show on audio visual aids will be shown to the teachers after which there will be group discussions.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the seminar covered. The seminar will be held in the Education Department's Examinations Division's Hall on 10th floor of the Canton Road Government Offices, Kowloon from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

The following prices were realised today (Thursday) at sales under the Rice Control Scheme and at the Vegetable Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market and the Fish Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market at Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon:

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Rice

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>
<u>China Rice</u>		<u>Average</u>
See How -- old crop	Good	-
-- new crop		-
S.C.Jion -- old crop	Good	1.74
new crop		1.76
Po Ngai	Good	-
Chu Cho	Good	-
<u>Thai Rice</u>		
100% Whole	Good	-
10-15% Broken	Good	-
A1 Super Extra	Good	-
A1 Super	Good	1.42
Whole Glutinous	Good	-
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	-
<u>Australian Rice</u>	Good	-
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	Good	-
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	Good	-

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Marine Fish

<u>Species</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Golden Thread	Good	5.50	3.00	4.00
Big-Eyes	Good	2.60	0.70	1.80
Squid	Limited	6.00	2.80	4.00
Hair-Tails	Good	3.20	1.60	2.00
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.60	1.30	1.80
Croakers	Good	2.40	1.00	1.70
Conger-Pike-Eels	Normal	3.00	2.30	2.80
Melon Coat	Good	2.80	1.80	2.00
Breams	Normal	5.00	3.00	4.00
Yellow Belly	Good	1.50	0.80	1.10
Mackerels	Normal	5.50	3.50	4.50
Red Goat Fish	Normal	2.60	0.60	1.20
Fork-Tail	Good	1.50	0.80	1.20
Horse-Head	Normal	5.70	3.80	4.00
Melon Seed	Normal	3.20	2.40	2.70
Pomfrets	Limited	10.00	8.00	9.00
Groupers	Normal	6.00	5.00	5.50
Yellow Croaker	-	-	-	-

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of

Locally Produced Vegetables

<u>Type</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Flowering cabbage	Limited	2.4	1.0	1.8
White cabbage	Normal	0.6	0.2	0.5
Chinese Lottuce	Normal	0.8	0.2	0.6
Chinese Kale	Limited	1.6	0.8	1.2
Spring onion	Good	0.7	0.2	0.5
Spinach	Normal	1.0	0.3	0.7
Water cross	Normal	1.0	0.25	0.7
Leaf mustard cabbage	Scarce	0.7	0.2	0.5
Tomato	Normal	1.4	0.5	1.0

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price</u>
		<u>(\$/ picul)</u>
		(Average)
Pork	Good	300

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