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ACTING GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR LONDON  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON AT 9 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 1) BY FLIGHT BA 20.

WHILE IN LONDON SIR DAVID WILL HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF CURRENT INTEREST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE ACTING GOVERNOR'S DEPARTURE. THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 8 PM.

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW POLICE HQ TO START  
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CONSTRUCTION OF THE BASEMENT, AS WELL AS THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF DIAPHRAGM WALLING AND ASSOCIATED WORKS, FOR THE NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX IN ARSENAL STREET, WAN CHAI, WILL START NEXT MONTH.

THIS FOLLOWS THE AWARD OF A \$28.6 MILLION CONTRACT TO T.S. WONG AND COMPANY LIMITED.

THE COMPLEX, WHICH WILL RELIEVE SHORTAGE OF SPACE IN THE PRESENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN ARSENAL STREET, WILL BE BUILT ON A 6 600-SQUARE-METRE SITE.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A ONE-LEVEL BASEMENT AND A SEVEN-STOREY PODIUM WITH TOWER BLOCKS ON TOP.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN PHASES, WITH PRIORITY BEING GIVEN IN THE FIRST PHASE TO FACILITIES WHICH ARE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED TO MEET OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

THESE INCLUDE POLMIL HEADQUARTERS, HONG KONG ISLAND REGIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTRE AND THE ASSOCIATED COMPUTER SUITE, WORKSHOPS AND STORES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH, VEHICLE SERVICING FACILITIES, VEHICLE PARKING SPACES, FITNESS TRAINING FACILITIES AND FIRING RANGES.

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WHEN COMPLETED, THE BUILDING WILL HAVE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 34 900 SQUARE METRES.

THE COMPLEX WILL BE BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER JUNIOR POLICE MARRIED QUARTERS BUILDING. DEMOLITION AND PILING WORK HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE BASEMENT AND RELATED WORKS WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WORK ON THE PODIUM WILL START UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT ONCE THE BASEMENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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PRAISE FOR CAS MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT  
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THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HAS BEEN PRAISED BY THE BRITISH INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE FOR BEING WELL ORGANISED TO MEET ITS TASKS AND HIGHLY EFFECTIVE IN ITS OPERATION.

THESE COMMENTS WERE DRAWN FROM CONCLUSIONS MADE BY SQUADRON LEADER DICK FOSTER, THE INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE, ROYAL AIR FORCE, STRIKE COMMAND, WHO VISITED HONG KONG FROM LONDON IN DECEMBER 1986 TO CARRY OUT AN INTENSIVE TWO-WEEK INSPECTION OF THE CAS UNIT.

THE INSPECTION IS A BIENNIAL EVENT, AND SQ LDR FOSTER HAS JUST SUBMITTED A REPORT ON HIS FINDINGS TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

HE STATED THAT OUTSTANDING FEATURES OF THE UNIT WERE ITS LEADERSHIP, MORALE AND ENTHUSIASM. HONG KONG WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A GROUP OF HIGHLY MOTIVATED MEN OVERSEEING MOUNTAIN SAFETY IN THE TERRITORY.

HE DESCRIBED THE 1986 BIENNIAL INSPECTION OF THE UNIT AS A GREAT SUCCESS. THE PROGRAMME WAS COMPREHENSIVE AND WELL PLANNED, GIVING HIM FULL ACCESS TO EVERY ASPECTS OF THE UNIT'S OPERATIONS AND A CHANCE TO MEET AND WORK WITH ALL ITS MEMBERS.

THE INTERNAL TRAINING WAS ALSO FOUND TO BE WELL ORGANISED AND THOROUGH.

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IN HIS REPORT, SQ LDR FOSTER SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT IF A SIMULATED ROCK WALL WERE BUILT IN THE URBAN AREA FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AS THIS WOULD SAVE TIME SPENT IN TRAVELLING TO SUITABLE BUT REMOTE AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

REGARDING THIS SUGGESTION, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR JOHN FORTUNE, SAID THAT WITH THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TRAINING COMPOUND IN CAUSEWAY BAY A SIMULATED ROCK FACE WOULD BE BUILT, IF AT ALL FEASIBLE.

SQ LDR FOSTER ALSO RECOMMENDED THE EXPANSION OF INTERNAL TRAINING AND LIAISON NETWORK TO INCLUDE ADVANCED PARA-RESCUE TRAINING AND FIRST AID WITH THE U.S. AIR FORCE PARA-RESCUE PERSONNEL IN KADENA, OKINAWA, CAS MEMBERS WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN ADVANCED PARA-RESCUE MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE AS WELL AS FURTHER ADVANCED MOUNTAIN RESCUE TECHNIQUES.

HE SAID THAT THE UNIT WAS PHYSICALLY FIT AND WELL LED AND ITS EQUIPMENT WAS SATISFACTORY.

HOWEVER, FOR BETTER SERVICING, HE SUGGESTED SOME MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE EQUIPMENT, PARTICULARLY TO THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE BELL TYPE STRETCHERS, THESE WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

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FOSTER CARE -- A GIFT OF LOVE  
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LUNAR NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR FAMILY GET-TOGETHERS AND IT IS PERHAPS ALSO THE TIME TO SPARE SOME THOUGHTS FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE UNABLE TO ENJOY A HAPPY NORMAL FAMILY LIFE.

IF YOU HAVE A LOVING HEART AND THE TIME, YOU CAN APPLY TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO BECOME FOSTER PARENTS.

+FOSTERING+ MEANS TO PLACE A CHILD IN A STABLE FAMILY WITH PEOPLE WHO CAN ACT AS SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE PARENTS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

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+THE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE FAMILY CARE TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 WHO HAVE NO PARENTS OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY ABLE TO CARE FOR THEM OR WHO, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, HAVE TO BE SEPARATED TEMPORARILY FROM THEIR NATURAL FAMILIES.

+FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OR BOTH THE PARENTS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER THE CHILD BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, FAMILY PROBLEMS, IMPRISONMENT OR THEIR UNWILLINGNESS OR INABILITY TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CARE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE IDEAL FOSTER PARENTS SHOULD BE COUPLES AGED BETWEEN 25 AND 60 WITH A HAPPY AND STABLE MARRIAGE.

+THE OVER-RIDING CONSIDERATION IS THAT THEY MUST BE WILLING TO CARE FOR AND LOVE THE FOSTER CHILD,+ HE SAID.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION CAN BE MADE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT AT THIRD FLOOR, TUNG SUN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 194-200 LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI, OR BY TELEPHONING 5-8930681.

FOSTER PARENTS RECEIVE A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF \$1 360, COMPRISING A MAINTENANCE GRANT OF \$1 020 FOR EACH CHILD AND AN INCENTIVE PAYMENT OF \$340 FOR THE PARENTS.

THERE IS ALSO A +SETTING-UP+ GRANT OF \$510 FOR EACH CHILD, WHICH IS NORMALLY PAYABLE WHEN THE CHILD IS FIRST RECEIVED INTO THE FOSTER HOME TO ASSIST IN ANY INITIAL EXPENSES SUCH AS PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL BEDDING, TOYS AND OTHER ITEMS.

ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS OF FOSTER CHILD MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF SUBVENTED FOSTER CARE PLACES WAS INCREASED BY 40 TO A TOTAL OF 160 PLACES.

AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THERE WERE 125 CHILDREN UNDER FOSTER CARE IN 94 FOSTER HOMES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT GOOD PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN PROMOTING THIS FORM OF NON-INSTITUTIONAL CARE, NOTING THAT THERE WAS HOWEVER A PREFERENCE AMONG FOSTER PARENTS FOR TAKING CHILDREN AGED FROM TWO TO FOUR.

HE URGED PEOPLE TO CONSIDER FOSTERING CHILDREN IN THE OTHER AGE GROUPS.

CURRENTLY, THE CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECRUITING AND REGISTERING POTENTIAL FOSTER PARENTS AND ASSESSING THEIR SUITABILITY BY CONDUCTING HOME STUDIES, WHILE THREE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MATCHING A CHILD WITH A FOSTER HOME AND THE SUPERVISION OF PLACEMENT.

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THE THREE AGENCIES ARE THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, THE FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY AND THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

IT IS THE PLAN THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ITSELF WILL HANDLE THE MATCHING AND SUPERVISION OF PLACEMENT OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CASES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

+FOSTERING CHILDREN MAKES GREAT DEMANDS ON ALL PARTIES CONCERNED BUT IT MAY WELL BE THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH THESE CHILDREN FIND THE HAPPINESS AND AFFECTION THEY NEED AT A CRUCIAL STAGE OF THEIR LIVES.

+WHAT COULD BE MORE REWARDING THAN TO HELP A CHILD GROW TOWARDS HEALTHY ADULTHOOD OR TO MAKE HIM FEEL WANTED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH HE HAS TO ADAPT HIMSELF?+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR ELECTRICAL WORK AT GAMES HALL  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$890 000 CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION FOR THE SECOND INDOOR GAMES HALL IN TUEN MUN.

WORK ON THE INSTALLATION WILL BE COMPLETED IN MARCH, 1988.

THE INDOOR GAMES HALL, ON A 6 688-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN WU SHAN ROAD, WILL SERVE NEARBY HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATES, AS WELL AS FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

FACILITIES FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS, SQUASH, GYMNASTICS AND OTHER INDOOR GAMES WILL BE PROVIDED.

ALSO INCLUDED ARE A STAND FOR 400 SPECTATORS, CHANGING ROOMS, SHOWERS, TOILETS AND OFFICES.

WORK UNDER THE GAMES HALL CONTRACT BEGAN IN DECEMBER. THE PROJECT IS COSTING \$15.7 MILLION, WHICH HAS BEEN DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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SAI KUNG CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR 'CIVIC PASSPORT'  
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ORGANISERS OF SAI KUNG'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN HAVE COME UP WITH A RATHER UNIQUE WAY TO ENCOURAGE HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN --- BY ISSUING THEM WITH SPECIAL PASSPORTS.

THE +GOOD CHILDREN PASSPORT+ WILL ONLY BE ISSUED AFTER PARTICIPANTS FULFIL CERTAIN CRITERIA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE SAID.

+THEY WILL HAVE TO PROVE THEIR INDIVIDUAL VIRTUES SUCH AS POLITENESS, HONESTY, DILIGENCE AND TIDINESS BEFORE THEY CAN BE REGARDED WORTHY OF THE PASSPORT,+ HE SAID.

+MAINTAINING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER PEOPLE IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT ASPECT AND CHILDREN CAN FULFIL THIS BY BEING CO-OPERATIVE AND PAY MUTUAL RESPECT TO ONE ANOTHER,+ HE ADDED.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS WILL BE ASKED TO APPRAISE THE WORK AND BEHAVIOUR OF CHILDREN TAKING PART IN THE CAMPAIGN AND THEIR REMARKS ON THE 'PASSPORTS' WILL BE AN INDICATION OF THE CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

+OUR AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE AS MANY CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+INITIALLY WE EXPECT SOME 42 000 CHILDREN FROM 14 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND NINE KINDERGARTENS TO JOIN THE SCHEME,+ HE ADDED.

+CHILDREN WHO FULFIL THE CRITERIA OF THE GOOD CHILDREN PASSPORT WILL BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS AND BADGES,+ HE SAID.

THE SCHEME, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED TWO WEEKS AGO, WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF MARCH.

IT IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH AIMS AT ENHANCING A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT AMONG RESIDENTS, IN PARTICULAR THE YOUNGER GENERATION, AND TO AROUSE AWARENESS OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

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ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR TUEN MUN  
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MORE INDUSTRIAL LAND IS TO BE PROVIDED AT TUEN MUN THROUGH A RECLAMATION PROJECT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID 4.75 HECTARES WILL BE OBTAINED AT THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN NEXT TO LUNG MUN ROAD.

THE PROPOSED WORK INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A 370-METRE-LONG RIVER WALL AND RIVER-BED DREDGING.

THE AREA INVOLVED IS ABOUT SIX HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

ALSO THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC FERRY PIER AT HAP MUN WAN, KIU TSUI CHAU ISLAND, SAI KUNG.

MEASURING ABOUT 102 SQUARE METRES, THE PIER WILL SERVE VISITORS TO BEACH AREAS ON THE ISLAND.

ABOUT 780 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED WILL BE AFFECTED.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORK SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY MARCH 27.

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