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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITS GIRLS INSTITUTION
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LADY MACLEHOSE THIS MORNING (THURSDAY) VISITED THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TO SEE THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, LADY MACLEHOSE INSPECTED ITS VARIOUS FACILITIES INCLUDING DORMITORIES, CLASSROOMS, WORKSHOPS, SICK BAY- AND WATCHED INMATES UNDERGOING TRAINING. SHE ALSO SAW THE INSTITUTION'S MARCHING TEAM PRACTISING.

THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WAS OPENED IN 1972 AS A CENTRE FOR YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS. HOWEVER, IN MAY 1980 ITS STATUS WAS CHANGED TO A TRAINING CENTRE AND PRISON FOR YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS UP TO THE AGE OF 21.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME PROVIDES FOR HALF-DAY EDUCATIONAL CLASSES, CONDUCTED BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND FOLLOWING A SYLLABUS PLANNED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT- AND HALF-DAY VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN ONE OF THE TRADES AVAILABLE, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS. THE TRADES INCLUDE TAILORING, WEAVING, HAIR DRESSING, LAUNDERING AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE. LADY MACLEHOSE WAS TOLD VOCATIONAL TRAINING WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN ASSISTING CULTIVATING AND RETAINING GOOD WORKING HABITS AS WELL AS PREPARING INMATES FOR RELEASE.

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HONG KONG-UNITED STATES TEXTILES TALKS START NEXT WEEK
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TALKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 24 AND 25 IN CONNECTION WITH THE HONG KONG/UNITED STATES TEXTILES RESTRAINT AGREEMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO, EXPLAINED THAT THE AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD CONSULT, AT THE REQUEST OF EITHER SIDE, ON ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT. THE TALKS, WHICH WILL FOCUS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1981, ARE BEING HELD AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY AMBASSADOR MICHAEL B. SMITH, AND THE HONG KONG DELEGATION BY MR TSAO.

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY - JANUARY 1981

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JANUARY 1981.

ABOUT 850 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1980, AND THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY INDICATE THAT BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1980 WAS QUITE DIFFERENT BETWEEN THE MANUFACTURING AND NON-MANUFACTURING SECTORS. MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES REPORTED SOME DETERIORATION IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AS COMPARED WITH THE THIRD QUARTER, ALTHOUGH THE EXTENT OF DETERIORATION WAS PROBABLY LESS SERIOUS THAN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN EXPECTED. IN CONTRAST, SERVICES SECTORS REPORTED SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION.

AS REGARDS THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981, FIRMS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE +FOOD, BEVERAGE, TOBACCO+ INDUSTRY, GENERALLY EXPECT FURTHER DETERIORATION IN THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION BUT THIS MAY PARTLY BE ATTRIBUTED TO SEASONAL EFFECTS. FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR AND OTHER SERVICES SECTORS, HOWEVER, LOOK FORWARD TO IMPROVEMENTS. CONSIDERING THE RESULTS OF THE PRESENT SURVEY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THOSE OF PREVIOUS SURVEYS, IT CAN BE CONCLUDED THAT BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981 IS STRONG IN THE NON-MANUFACTURING SECTORS BUT RELATIVELY WEAK IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FIRMS IN THE +FOOD, BEVERAGE, TOBACCO+ INDUSTRY SEEMED TO HAVE DONE QUITE WELL IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AND THEY EXPECT FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981. THE +WATCHES AND CLOCKS+ INDUSTRY ALSO HAD A FAIRLY GOOD FOURTH QUARTER BUT FIRMS IN THE INDUSTRY PREDICT SOME DETERIORATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER. FIRMS IN THE +TEXTILES+, +PRINTING+, +PLASTICS+, +FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS+, +ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES+ AND +ELECTRONICS+ INDUSTRIES EXPERIENCED SOME DECLINE IN BUSINESS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1980 AND EXPECT FURTHER DECLINE IN THE COMING QUARTER. WITH REFERENCE TO RESULTS OF PREVIOUS SURVEYS, IT SEEMS THAT THE EXPECTED DECLINE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981 FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IS PARTLY DUE TO SEASONAL EFFECTS. COMPARING RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY WITH THOSE OF THE SURVEY THIS TIME LAST YEAR, IT MAY BE INFERRED THAT THE GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1981 IS ONLY marginally worse than that in the first quarter of last year. +PLASTICS+, +ELECTRONICS+ AND +ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES+ ARE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH FIRMS SEEM TO BE MORE DEFINITE THAT THEY ARE IN A LESS FAVOURABLE POSITION THAN AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR.

FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPECTED SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. IMPROVEMENT WAS INDEED REPORTED, BUT WAS NOT AS MUCH AS ANTICIPATED. RESPONDENTS IN THE +WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS+ SECTOR REPORTED IMPROVED BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE PREDICTS A STABLE BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE COMING QUARTER, BUT RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS EXPECT DETERIORATIONS, POSSIBLY A REJECTION OF SEASONAL EFFECTS.

THE DEPARTMENT STATED THAT THE SURVEY DATA, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WAS BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG. APART FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REQUIRING ANSWERS IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS, FIRMS WERE ASKED TO COMPARE THE QUARTER JUST PAST WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND SIMILARLY FOR THE FORTHCOMING ONE, AND ONLY HAD TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, A CERTAIN VARIABLE WAS +UP+, +SAME+ OR +DOWN+. BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE THEY WERE INTERPRETED ALONG WITH RESULTS OBTAINED IN EARLIER SURVEYS. THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS AND STATISTICAL TABLES ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. MEMBERS OF PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES OF THE REPORT AT \$3 PER COPY FROM GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, CENTRAL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

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TAXI SURVEY
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AS PART OF ITS ON-GOING EXERCISE TO MONITOR TAXI SERVICES IN HONG KONG THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS CARRYING OUT ANOTHER SURVEY ON THE OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE SURVEY WILL BE SPREAD OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS AND APPEALED TO TAXI OPERATORS FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE EXERCISE.

HE SAID, +FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY 1 530 TAXIS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN SELECTED AT RANDOM AND THEIR OWNERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A QUESTIONNAIRE FORM ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON THE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE INCLUDING THE COST OF FUEL AND LUBRICANT, WAGES OF DRIVERS, INSURANCE AND GARAGE EXPENDITURE, OF EACH TAXI AND RETURN IT IN A SELF-ADDRESSED, POSTAGE PAID, ENVELOPE TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.+

+EACH TAXI OWNER WILL THEN BE REQUESTED TO PRESENT THEIR TAXI ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS AT ONE MONTH'S INTERVAL AT THE THREE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CENTRES FOR METER READINGS. THESE CENTRES ARE THE TIN KWONG ROAD DRIVING TEST CENTRE AND THE VICTORIA BARRACKS TRANSPORT INSPECTOR OFFICE FOR URBAN TAXIS AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE FOR N.T. TAXIS.

+THE WHOLE METER READING PROCESS IS VERY SIMPLE AND WILL ONLY TAKE AT MOST FIVE MINUTES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALL TAXI ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE EXERCISE AND ASSURED TAXI OWNERS THAT THE DATA COLLECTED WOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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JOB'S FOR THE YOUNG
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ABOUT 2 600 YOUNG PEOPLE FOUND A NEW CRAFT OR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP LAST YEAR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

AND THERE ARE STILL OPPORTUNITIES OPEN IN 10 MAJOR INDUSTRIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THE DIVISION OPERATED AN APPRENTICE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WISHING TO PURSUE A CAREER IN INDUSTRY THROUGH AN APPRENTICESHIP.

+THESE APPRENTICES ARE NOW USEFULLY AND PRODUCTIVELY EMPLOYED, EARNING THEIR LIVING AND AT THE SAME TIME LEARNING A TRADE IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED,+ HE SAID.

DURATION OF THEIR APPRENTICESHIP IS NORMALLY FOUR YEARS.

IN ADDITION TO RECEIVING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROVIDED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS, THE APPRENTICES ALSO ATTEND RELATED TECHNICAL COURSES THREE TIMES A WEEK -- ONE DAY AND TWO EVENINGS -- EITHER IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE 10 INDUSTRIES WITH VACANCIES FOR QUALIFIED YOUNG PEOPLE ARE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING, BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, PRINTING, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS AND TEXTILES.

THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP IS COMPLETION OF FORM 3 WHILE THAT FOR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP IS COMPLETION OF FORM 5 WITH PASSES IN FOUR RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

ON COMPLETING THEIR COURSES, THE APPRENTICES ARE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF APPRENTICESHIP BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR CERTIFYING THEIR COMPETENCY IN THE TRADE OR OCCUPATION THEY HAVE CHOSEN.

THOSE INTERESTED IN AN APPRENTICESHIP MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES AT THE TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION, 12TH FLOOR, ASIAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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FREE COACHING SESSIONS FOR LOCAL DIVERS

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LOCAL DIVERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE FREE COACHING FROM THE GREAT AMERICAN HIGH DIVING TEAM WHICH IS APPEARING AT THE OCEAN PARK.

THE COURSES WILL BE RUN ON FOUR CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS STARTING ON FEBRUARY 21 AT THE OCEAN PARK.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH IS BEING CO-ORDINATED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION, WILL CONSIST OF A PRELIMINARY EVENING SEMINAR, FOLLOWED BY THREE COACHING SESSIONS AND A COMPETITION AT THE END.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION SAID THE COACHING WILL BE IN CONVENTIONAL DIVING TECHNIQUES AND ALSO IN TRICK AND COMEDY DIVING WHICH IS ONE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN HIGH DIVING TEAM'S SPECIALITIES. THE OCEAN PARK HAS AGREED FOR THE DIVERS TO USE THEIR POOL FREE OF CHARGE.

+THIS IS A GENEROUS OFFER OF FREE COACHING BY THE AMERICAN TEAM AND A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR LOCAL DIVERS TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THEM GIVING THEIR OWN SHOWS IN THE FUTURE,+ HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE COACHING SESSION OFFERED TO LOCAL DIVERS BY THE GREAT AMERICAN HIGH DIVING TEAM ON FEBRUARY 21 (SATURDAY).

THE SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE OCEAN THEATRE OF OCEAN PARK FROM 2 PM TO ABOUT 5 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN TEAM AND LOCAL DIVERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS DURING THE SESSION.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE OCEAN PARK FOR PRESS MEMBERS TO ENTER THE PARK AND TO TAKE THE CABLE CAR UP TO THE HEADLAND FREE OF CHARGE ON THE PRODUCTION OF THEIR PRESS CARD. A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN TEAM WILL MEET PRESS MEMBERS AT 2 PM AT THE HEADLAND CABLE CAR TERMINAL AND ASSIST THEM TO COVER THE EVENT.

A PRESS POSITION HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AT THE FRONT CENTRE OF THE SPECTATOR STAND.

TV CREWS WHO WISH TO BRING THEIR EQUIPMENT UP TO THE OCEAN THEATRE CAN CONTACT MR DEAN MAXWELL (5-538111 EXT. 173) SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCESS CAN BE MADE.

ENQUIRIES ON THIS EVENT CAN BE MADE TO MR I.B.I. PETERSEN OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION AT 5-951944.

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TAI PO SWITCHED ON

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SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (THURSDAY) LIT UP TAI PO BY SWITCHING ON 200 LANTERN LIGHTS TO OPEN A FIRST FULL MOON FAIR.

THE LANTERNS, MADE BY STUDENTS, WERE ENTERED IN A DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AS PART OF A 14-DAY PROGRAMME OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

BEFORE THE SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY 500 STUDENTS, EACH CARRYING A LANTERN, SNAKED THEIR WAY THROUGH THE MAIN ROADS OF THE NEW TOWN.

AT DUSK THEY GATHERED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE CARPARK AND WATCHED PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL SCHOOLS, TAI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE LIONS CLUB YOUTH CENTRE.

WISHING THE AUDIENCE SUCCESS IN THE YEAR OF THE COCKEREL, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION BY TAI PO RESIDENTS IN THE CELEBRATIONS REFLECTED THE TRADITIONAL CO-OPERATIVE COMMUNITY SPIRIT WHICH HAD BEEN RETAINED DURING THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

A SERIES OF EVENTS HAD BEEN ORGANISED FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, PROMOTING NEW YEAR FESTIVITY AND GOODWILL.

THESE EVENTS ENABLED PEOPLE OF ALL AGES TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF TAI PO AND TO SHOW THEIR CONCERN FOR THE NEW TOWN, MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

THE FAIR WAS THE LAST EVENT OF THE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDED NEW YEAR WALKS, PICNICS, A DINNER FOR THE ELDERLY, FILM SHOWS, CAMPS AND COMPETITIONS IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND LANTERN DESIGN.

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THE AGED OF KWAI CHUNG ATTEND PARTY

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MORE THAN 1 000 AGED PEOPLE IN KWAI CHUNG TODAY (THURSDAY) ATTENDED A PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL.

TODAY IS THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR - OR THE FIRST FULL MOON IN THE LUNAR CALENDAR - AND, ACCORDING TO CHINESE TRADITION, IT IS A TIME FOR LAVISH CELEBRATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE PARTY, TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, PRAISED THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR +FINE WORK+ IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR THE AGED IN THE DISTRICT.

HE ASSURED THAT MORE DEVELOPMENT PLANS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN KWAI CHUNG TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

+ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WILL RELY ON THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS,+ HE SAID.

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HE ALSO CALLED ON THE AGED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL IN PLANNING FUTURE SERVICES FOR THEMSELVES IN THE DISTRICT.

THREE OF THE GUESTS, ALL OVER 90 YEARS OLD, EACH RECEIVED A GOLD MEDAL WHILE THE OTHERS WERE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PARTY WERE THE CHAIRWOMAN OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, MRS KITTY SIU, AND COMMUNITY LEADER, MR YUEN KWOK-WAH, WHO SPONSORED THE PARTY.

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MHD STAFF FUN FAIR
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THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH STAFF CLUBS, IS ORGANISING AN ANNUAL FUN FAIR AND A PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST FOR THE STAFF.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE FUN FAIR WAS DESIGNED TO BRING ALL STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES TOGETHER TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL.

+SUCH EVENTS HAVE PROVED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE TOOL IN BRIDGING THE GAPS BETWEEN STAFF OF DIFFERENT GRADES AND ARE NOW AN ANNUAL EVENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE PARTY, THE 10TH ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 22) FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM IN THE SPORTS FIELD OF KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

MORE THAN 8 000 STAFF AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO COME.

A VARIETY OF STALL AND GROUP GAMES WILL BE PROVIDED. VISITORS TO THE FUN FAIR WILL ALSO BE ENTERTAINED BY A LION DANCE AND FOLK DANCES, CHINESE MARTIAL ART DEMONSTRATION, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS. HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENT WILL BE A LUCKY DRAW.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, A PHOTO CONTEST WILL BE HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR STAFF MEMBERS TO GAIN A DEEPER INSIGHT INTO THE WORKING OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE VARIOUS SERVICES IT PROVIDES.

ENTRIES SHOULD EITHER DEPICT THE JOYFUL SPIRIT OF THE FUN FAIR OR ILLUSTRATE THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SERVICES AND THE WORK OF THE STAFF.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FUN FAIR, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE LAWN BY THE ENTRANCE TO THE WEST WING OF KOWLOON HOSPITAL, ARGYLE STREET, BETWEEN 1 PM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 22).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE GARDEN ROAD U-TURN LOOP

TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK ON COTTON TREE DRIVE, THE U-TURN LOOP FROM GARDEN ROAD TO COTTON TREE DRIVE NORTH OF PEAK TRAM STATION WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 4 PM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 21) TO 7 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 23) AND FROM 4 PM ON FEBRUARY 28 TO 7 AM ON MARCH 2.

MOTORISTS COMING DOWN FROM GARDEN ROAD ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE U-TURN LOOP NORTH OF THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE. FOR TRAFFIC FROM LOWER ALBERT ROAD, THE ALTERNATIVE IS TO USE THE SLIP ROAD ADJACENT TO THE MURRAY BARRACK OPEN AIR CAR PARK.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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