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EXCO AND LEGCO APPOINTMENTS

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAD APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR LI FOOK-KOW, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, AS AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1977.

MR LI WILL SUCCEED DR. GERALD H. CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHO WILL RETIRE FROM PUBLIC SERVICE ON DECEMBER 31, 1976.

IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT DR. K.L. THONG, WHO WILL TAKE OVER FROM DR. CHOA AS DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1977 IN PLACE OF DR. CHOA.

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GOVERNOR TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 23) AT 4.45 P.M.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH
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MISS KO SIU WAH, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOLD THE PUPILS OF THE HO MAN TIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL TODAY THAT THEY SHOULD CONSIDER THEMSELVES FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR EDUCATION MAINLY THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF CHINESE, THEIR MOTHER TONGUE.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT THE SCHOOL'S SPEECH DAY, MISS KO SAID: +YOU SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY BY LEARNING THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND OTHER SUBJECTS WELL AND BY REALISING YOUR POTENTIAL FOR TAKING UP SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.+

AT THE SAME TIME SHE REMINDED THE PUPILS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

+FOR US IN HONG KONG, ENGLISH IS THE MOST WIDELY USED OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

+IN THE WORLD TODAY WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO HAVE A NARROW OUTLOOK. WE MUST WIDEN OUR HORIZON AND VIEW THE WORLD OUTSIDE HONG KONG SO AS TO GET TO KNOW OTHER PEOPLES AND CULTURES, THEREBY PROMOTING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE.

+APART FROM ITS ECONOMIC AND PRACTICAL VALUE, IF WE COMMAND A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH, WE SHALL AT LEAST BE ABLE TO READ SOME OF THE WRITINGS BY FOREIGN AUTHORS AND HAVE A GREATER CHANCE TO COME IN CONTACT WITH FOREIGNERS.

+THESE ACTIVITIES, IN TURN, WOULD HELP US DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AND ITS AFFAIRS, TACKLE PROBLEMS MORE OBJECTIVELY AND MIX HARMONIOUSLY WITH PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RACES AND CULTURES,+ MISS KO SAID.

SHE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD MAINTAIN THE TRADITION OF PAYING DUE ATTENTION TO BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN ITS CURRICULUM SO AS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY.

LANGUAGE WAS NOT ONLY A MEANS BY WHICH IDEAS WERE EXCHANGED BUT ALSO A MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH PEOPLE THINK AND LEARN.

+AN INADEQUATE COMMAND OF LANGUAGE OFTEN HAMPERS LOGICAL THINKING, STUNTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF CREATIVE THOUGHT, AND AS A RESULT AFFECTS LEARNING,+ MISS KO SAID.

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HEALTH EDUCATION ESSENTIAL IN PREVENTING CANCER

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MANY DISEASES OF THE CANCER GROUP CAN BE PREVENTED OR TREATED EFFECTIVELY WITH EXCELLENT CHANCES OF SURVIVAL FOR A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME PROVIDED THAT HEALTH EDUCATION ABOUT CANCER IS CARRIED OUT AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME AND DIRECTED AT THE RIGHT GROUP OF PEOPLE.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, SAID THIS TODAY WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY.

DR. THONG, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY, POINTED OUT THAT CANCER COVERED SEVERAL TENS OF DISEASES THAT IN FACT WERE OF DIFFERENT ORIGIN.

THESE DISEASES DEVELOPED DIFFERENTLY AND WERE TREATED DIFFERENTLY WITH VARYING RATES OF SUCCESS, HE SAID.

UNFORTUNATELY, SAID DR. THONG, CERTAIN OF THESE DISEASES IN THE GROUP DID RESPOND POORLY TO TREATMENT AND THUS TENDED TO CREATE AN IMPRESSION OF GENERAL INCURABILITY FOR ALL CANCER DISEASES.

+THE RESULTANT FEAR MAKE PEOPLE PASSIVE INSTEAD OF ACTIVE, AND IGNORANCE CAUSE DELAY IN SEEKING AID,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG SAID BECAUSE OF THE WIDE RANGE OF DISEASES THAT COME UNDER THE NAME +CANCER+ IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL TO APPROACH HEALTH EDUCATION AS APPLIED TO CANCER BY CATEGORISING CERTAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE AT RISK WHO CAN BENEFIT MOST FROM HEALTH EDUCATION.

SOME COMMON EXAMPLES OF THESE GROUPS ARE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE HEALTHY PERSON WHO IS EXPOSED TO CANCER PRODUCING AGENTS.

IN THE LATTER CASE, DR. THONG SUGGESTED THAT AUTHORITIES SUCH AS THE ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY IN COOPERATION WITH THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THOSE CONCERNED WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY ON POSSIBLE WAYS OF REDUCING THE CANCER PRODUCING AGENTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, EDUCATION COULD BE GIVEN TO WORKERS IN ORDER TO MOTIVATE THEM TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS DESIGNED FOR THEIR PROTECTION.

PEOPLE INHALING CANCER PRODUCING SUBSTANCES SUCH AS TOBACCO SMOKING SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED IN A GENERAL CAMPAIGN TO EITHER STOP SMOKING OR NOT TO START, HE SUGGESTED.

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DR. THONG SAID EVERY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANISATION COULD UNDERTAKE HEALTH EDUCATION AND CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS HEALTH EDUCATORS.

+PRACTICALLY EVERYONE OR ORGANISATION IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM COULD RECEIVE AND DISSEMINATE HEALTH EDUCATION MATERIAL AND KNOWLEDGE SO AS TO GIVE THE SUBJECT THE WIDEST VENTILATION POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

HEALTH EDUCATION, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS THE PRIVATE PRESERVE OF ONLY THE +PROFESSIONALS+ AND THE +AUTHORITIES+, ALTHOUGH PEOPLE WORKING DIRECTLY IN THE FIELD AND RELATED AGENCIES HAD SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN PROVIDING THE LEADERSHIP AND IN THE PREPARATION OF HEALTH EDUCATION MATERIAL.

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CHRISTMAS POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SHAM SHUI PO POST OFFICE AT UN CHAU STREET WOULD NOT BE OPENED FOR BUSINESS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FROM DECEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 27 BECAUSE OF RENOVATION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THIS OFFICE.

HOWEVER THE POST OFFICE BOX LOBBY WILL BE OPENED TO BOX HOLDERS IN THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 27 (MONDAY) FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON.

SUITABLE NOTICES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE OFFICE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC.

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LIGHTED BUOYS FOR TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME

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FIVE NEW LIGHTED BUOYS, DESIGNED TO HELP VESSELS KEEP WITHIN TRAFFIC SEPARATION, HAVE BEEN BUILT BY A MARINE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTOR AND WILL BE INSTALLED WITHIN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1977.

THEY WILL BE PLACED AT TURNING POINTS OF THE EASTERN AND WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE HARBOUR TO MARK SEPARATION LINES OF THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME INTRODUCED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR.

THE LIGHTED BUOYS, MEASURING 36 FEET IN HEIGHT WITH A DIAMETER OF 10 FEET, WILL BE THE LARGEST EVER TO BE USED IN HONG KONG AND AMONG THE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD. THEY HAVE BEEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND TYPHOON CONDITIONS IN EXTREMELY EXPOSED LOCATIONS.

DESIGNED BY A U.K. COMPANY AND AMENDED LOCALLY TO SUIT HONG KONG'S REQUIREMENTS, THE BUOYS WILL INCORPORATE SUCH FEATURES AS RADAR REFLECTORS, ELM FENDERS AND WORKING PLATFORMS WITH GUARD RAILS FOR THE SAFETY OF MAINTENANCE STAFF. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE THE UNIQUE FEATURE OF INNER WATERTIGHT MANHOLES TO COMPLEMENT THE STANDARD OUTER WATERTIGHT MANHOLES, AND WILL BE FITTED WITH FLASHING LIGHTS VISIBLE AT A RANGE IN EXCESS OF FIVE NAUTICAL MILES.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME, A NEW LEAFLET DESCRIBING THE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THEY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SMALL CRAFT LICENSING SECTION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AT 102, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF THE LAST TWO OF THE FIVE NEW BUOYS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE MARINE OFFICER (BUOYS) AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH FLOOR, ROOM 903 AT ABOUT 9.30 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE CEREMONY COVERED.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE ADJACENT GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BUOYS.

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RESURFACING OF SECTION OF COTTON TREE DRIVE
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN A MAJOR PROGRAMME DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD TO IMPROVE THE ROAD SURFACE OF THE SECTION OF COTTON TREE DRIVE BETWEEN MURRAY BUILDING AND GARDEN ROAD.

ACTING CHIEF P.W.D. ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, DR. CHOI YU-LEUK, SAID TODAY THE ROAD SURFACE OF THIS SECTION HAD STEADILY DETERIORATED AS A RESULT OF HEAVY USAGE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AND A COMPLETE RESURFACING WAS NOW NECESSARY.

HE SAID THE IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN FIVE STAGES BEGINNING ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 23) FOR COMPLETION BY JANUARY 11.

+THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS SO AS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WHEN TRAFFIC WILL BE LESS CONGESTED,+ HE SAID.

+THE PROGRAMME HAS ALSO BEEN ARRANGED SO THAT MOST OF THE RESURFACING WILL BE DONE AFTER MID-NIGHT, THUS AVOIDING THE PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC RUSH AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.+

DR. CHOI SAID THAT EACH PHASE OF THE PROGRAMME WOULD TAKE ABOUT FOUR DAYS.

+IT IS INEVITABLE THAT IN THE EARLY STAGES BEFORE PROPER RESURFACING IS COMPLETED THAT THE RIDING SURFACE MAY BE A BIT ROUGH,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, THE WORKS WILL TAKE ONLY A SHORT TIME AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO WARN MOTORISTS OF THE ROUGH SURFACE,+ HE ADDED.

DR. CHOI SAID THAT P.W.D. ROAD ENGINEERS WERE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE TO KEEP TRAFFIC FLOWING DURING ROAD PROJECTS.

+FOR THIS REASON, THE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN PLANNED SO AS TO LEAVE AT LEAST TWO LANES OPEN FOR TRAFFIC WHILE WORKS ARE IN PROGRESS.

+EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REDUCE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, AND TRAFFIC POLICE WILL BE ON HAND TO OFFER ASSISTANCE DURING THE WHOLE PERIOD OF RESURFACING WORK TO AVOID CONGESTION,+ HE SAID.

DR. CHOI SAID THAT TWO SLIP ROADS WOULD BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DURING THE THIRD PHASE OF THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS. THESE WERE THE SLIP ROAD FROM COTTON TREE DRIVE TO KENNEDY ROAD AND THAT FROM THE JUNCTION OF GARDEN ROAD AND LOWER ALBERT ROAD TO COTTON TREE DRIVE.

IT WAS INTENDED, HE SAID, TO CLOSE THESE TWO SLIP ROADS FOR ABOUT SIX HOURS FROM 12 MID-NIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON JANUARY 2 AND 3.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI

FUK TSUN STREET BETWEEN FIR STREET AND ASH STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 22).

AT THE SAME TIME, TRAFFIC ISLANDS WILL BE PROVIDED IN FUK TSUN STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH FIR STREET, OAK STREET, IVY STREET AND ASH STREET FOR CHANNALIZING TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO ADVISE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT

WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO FACILITATE THE CONNECTION OF A FRESH WATER MAIN IN THE AREA.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NOS. 158 TO 224 HENNESSY ROAD, NOS. 93 TO 169 THOMSON ROAD, INCLUDING HOUSE NO. 114 THOMSON ROAD= NOS. 2 TO 14 FLEMING ROAD AND NOS. 183 TO 201 JOHNSTON ROAD.

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