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BULLETIN**

Friday, June 30, 1972

APPOINTMENTS TO EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS

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The membership of the Legislative Council is being enlarged by the appointment of two additional members -- one official and one unofficial. This brings the total, including the Governor and four ex-officio members, to 28.

The increase follows an announcement that the Queen has approved the amendment of the Royal Instructions allowing for the additional nominations.

The official seat is to be filled by the Director of Social Welfare, Mr. G.T. Rowe, and the unofficial seat by Mr. R.H. Lobo. Mr. Rowe's term is for one year and Mr. Lobo's for two.

In addition three vacancies are to be filled by Mrs. C.J. Symons, Mr. James Wu Man-hon and Mr. P.G. Williams.

On the Executive Council four new appointments have been made. They are Mr. P.C. Woo, Mr. Szeto Wai, Dr. S.Y. Chung and Mr. G.R. Ross.

The following is the complete membership list of the two councils which takes effect from tomorrow (July 1):-

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Nominated Official Member

The Hon. G.T. Rowe, C.B.E., J.P., the Director of Social Welfare has been appointed for a further period of one year.

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The Honourable Sir Albert Rodrigues, C.B.E., E.D., J.P.,

The Honourable Sir Douglas Clague, C.B.E., M.C., Q.P.M.,  
T.D., J.P.,

The Honourable Sir Sidney Gordon, C.B.E., J.P., and

The Honourable Sir Yuet-keung Kan, C.B.E., J.P.,

have been re-appointed for a further period of two years.

The Honourable Woo Pak-chuen, O.B.E., J.P.,

The Honourable Szeto Wai, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable G.R. Ross, O.B.E., J.P.,

have been appointed for a period of one year.

Dr. the Honourable Chung Sze-yuen, O.B.E., J.P.

has been appointed for a period of two years.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Nominated Official Members

Eight nominated official Members of the Legislative  
Council have been re-appointed for two years. They are:-

The Honourable D.R.W. Alexander, C.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable J.J. Robson, C.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable J. Canning, J.P.

Dr. the Honourable G.H. Choa, C.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable J. Cater, M.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable D.C. Bray, J.P.

The Honourable Paul Tsui Ka-cheung, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable I.M. Lightbody, J.P.

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Unofficial Members

Five nominated Unofficial Members have been re-appointed for a further one year. They are:-

The Honourable Woo Pak-chuen, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable Szeto Wai, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable Wilfred Wong Sien-bing, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable Mrs. Ellen Li Shu-pui, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable H.J.C. Browne, O.B.E., J.P., and

five have been re-appointed for a further two years.

They are:-

Dr. the Honourable Chung Sze-yuen, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable Wilson Wang Tze-sam, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable Lee Quo-wei, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable Oswald Victor Cheung, O.B.E., Q.C., J.P.

The Honourable Ann Tse-kai, O.B.E., J.P.

Three vacancies have been created by the retirement of the Honourable Sir Yuet-keung Kan, C.B.E., J.P., Mr. G.M.B. Salmon, J.P., and Mr. Lo Kwee-seong, J.P.

These have been filled by the appointment of:-

The Honourable Mrs. C.J. Symons, O.B.E., J.P.

The Honourable James Wu Man-hon, J.P.

for a period of two years, and

The Honourable P.G. Williams, J.P., who has been nominated for a period of one year.

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The additional seats created by the amendment to the Royal Instructions will be filled by The Honourable G.T. Rowe, C.B.E., J.P., who has been appointed to the Official seat for a period of one year, and The Honourable R.H. Lobo, C.B.E., J.P., who has been appointed to fill the Unofficial seat for a period of two years.

The five ex-officio Members of the Executive Council and the four ex-officio Members of the Legislative Council remain unchanged. The Governor presides over the Executive Council and is President and Member of the Legislative Council.

The ex-officio Members of both councils are the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney General, the Secretary for Home Affairs and the Financial Secretary. The Commander British Forces is a Member of the Executive Council.

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SIR KENNETH FUNG PING-FAN HONOURED

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The Queen has approved the retention, within Hong Kong, of the title "Honourable" by Sir Kenneth Ping-fan FUNG, C.B.E., J.P. on his retirement from the Executive Council tomorrow.

Sir Kenneth served on the Urban Council from 1951 to 1960, the Legislative Council from 1959 to 1965, and the Executive Council from 1962 to 1972. He was appointed as a J.P. in 1952, was awarded the O.B.E. in 1959, the C.B.E. in 1965, and was made a Knight Bachelor in 1971.

He has rendered distinguished service to Hong Kong in many capacities, in particular as Chairman of the Chinese Language Committee, Chairman of the St. John Council of Hong Kong, and Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

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SYSTEM OF TWO TAXI ZONES TO CONTINUE

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The Governor-in-Council has accepted the advice of the Transport Advisory Committee that the present system of two taxi zones - Hong Kong Island and Kowloon - with different fares should be continued after the opening of the cross-harbour tunnel.

The retention of the zoning system means that taxis may not ply for hire outside their own zone, and that any taxi hired for a cross-harbour journey may not pick up passengers on the other side of the harbour for the return trip.

The Governor-in-Council has also decided that, with immediate effect, a taxi crossing the harbour by vehicular ferry may make a surcharge of \$15 in addition to the fare shown on the meter. This surcharge is intended to cover the cross-harbour fares payable to the ferry company for both the onward and return trips, as well as an element for returning empty.

Taxis crossing the harbour by the cross-harbour tunnel, when it comes into operation, may make a surcharge equal to twice the appropriate tunnel toll plus \$5. As the toll announced by the Tunnel Company is \$5 per trip for a taxi, the surcharge will, in effect, also come to \$15.

The rates of surcharge are laid down in the Road Traffic (Taxis, Public Omnibuses, Public Light Buses and Public Cars)(Amendment)(No. 2) Regulations 1972 published in today's Government Gazette.

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Commenting on the decision, Mr. Szeto Wai, Chairman of the Transport Advisory Committee, said it could be argued that a continuation of the taxi zoning system with different fares would be illogical, since the tunnel would provide a road link across the harbour.

However, he said, it was essential that the opening of the tunnel should not upset the transport patterns of the two geographical areas, and it must be of particular concern that a balanced and adequate taxi service should continue to be provided on both sides of the harbour.

"The T.A.C. has considered the matter thoroughly and has come to the firm conclusion that the balance of advantage would lie in the continuance of the present zoning system.

"The Committee feels that if zoning of taxis were abolished and there were a uniform fare, taxis would normally tend to be drawn to Kowloon away from Hong Kong Island, except on special occasions such as race days," he added.

The T.A.C. had considered the feasibility of suspending the present zoning system for a trial period after the opening of the tunnel, and had advised against it.

Mr. Szeto said: "It was felt that, if zoning was temporarily suspended, there would be the same tidal flow of taxis to the more profitable side of the harbour. It might be difficult thereafter to re-introduce zoning should this become necessary."

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The T.A.C. had also advised against a suggestion that a certain number of taxis be licensed for operation on both sides of the harbour.

"Such an arrangement would confuse passengers, especially if a different fare structure were introduced for this third category of taxis. It might also lead to irregularities by some operators of zoned taxis, such as deliberately giving the public the impression that their taxis are unzoned.

"Furthermore, any taxis licensed for operation on both sides of the harbour would constitute a privileged group, and the tender prices offered for such licences would naturally take account of this. It might then prove difficult to remove the privilege if it were later felt advisable to do so.

"In short, the Committee considered that all taxis should either be zoned or not zoned, and that any intermediate or temporary expedient would not be workable", Mr. Szeto said.

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"HONG KONG NEEDS LEARNED PEOPLE"

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The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, said today Hong Kong desperately needs learned people of all ages.

Speaking at the foundation-stone laying ceremony of New Asia College at the Chinese University in Sha Tin, he said Hong Kong already had plenty of enthusiasm, plenty of enterprise, plenty of hard work, commercial instinct, even compassion.

"But to turn it into the place we want it to be, and to obtain the resources to do this, we need the help, at all levels of people with the skills and knowledge and comprehension that can only be acquired from a basis of learning: the sort of learning that can be acquired here," he said.

Sir Murray continued: "And what a lot there is for such people to do in Hong Kong and how short we are of them, whether in industry, the professions, business, the places of teaching or Government."

However, he pointed out that learning must also be an end in itself, and he rejected the sausage machine concept of a university whose only object was to turn out types in short supply.

"Learning and knowledge for its own sake is what gives a university inspiration authority and repute and gives it the ability to command the respect of those who learn in it.

"And if the pursuit of learning for its own sake involves some people wanting to push doors marked "pull" or walk up escalators that are going down, I suggest that this may be regarded with a benevolent eye - within reason," he said.

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Note to Editors: The full text of Sir Murray's speech at the foundation-stone laying ceremony of New Asia College is contained in a Supplement to today's Daily Information Bulletin.

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BILL ON CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

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The Government is taking steps to modernise and simplify the law governing offences of damage to property.

Published in today's Gazette is the Crimes (Amendment) Bill 1972, which is based on the 1971 United Kingdom Criminal Damage Act. This act gave effect to the recommendations of the English Law Commission and since Hong Kong law on criminal damage to property has, in most respects, been the same as the English law, the English Act is being adopted.

The bill creates one basic offence to cover the whole field of damage to another's property without lawful excuse. Such features as the means used, the nature of the property, etc., are subsidiary matters which may be relevant to the sentence imposed by the trial judge.

The maximum penalty for the simple offence of destroying or damaging another's property is 10 years' imprisonment. If the offence is committed by use of fire or if any property is destroyed or damaged with intent to endanger the life of another, the maximum penalty is life imprisonment.

It is an offence to threaten, or to possess anything with intent, to destroy property. The maximum penalty for this offence is 10 years' imprisonment.

"Property" is widely defined to include all tangible property except the flowers and foliage of wild plants. However, other legislation makes it an offence to sell or possess certain types of flowers or plants and to pluck or damage flowers and leaves of trees.

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All the offences under the bill will be triable by a magistrate, though if the facts of any offence warrant, a charge under the bill may be tried either by the Supreme Court or the District Court.

The bill also gives power to any court to order a person convicted of an offence to pay compensation to a person who suffers personal injury or loss of or damage to his property, or both, as a result of the offence. There is no limit placed in the case of the Supreme Court or the District Court, but a magistrate may award compensation only up to \$5,000. Similar powers already exist, though the present maximum which can be awarded by a magistrate is only \$500.

The bill repeals and replaces the Malicious Damage Ordinance and the provisions relating to criminal damage to property in the various other Ordinances listed in the Schedule to the Bill. The common law offence of arson is abolished and replaced by the statutory offence in the bill.

The bill will be introduced into the Legislative Council on July 5. However, it will not be brought into operation until a date to be appointed by the Governor by notice in the gazette. The Government intends that there should be an interval of about 3 months between its enactment and its coming into operation to enable the courts, the police and the legal practitioners to familiarise themselves with the changes in the law made by the bill.

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LANDSLIDE DISASTER: WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

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Workmen's compensation will be paid to injured workers and dependants of deceased workmen in connection with the recent landslide disasters at Sau Mau Ping and Po Shan Road.

A spokesman for the Labour Department said today that if the accidents resulted in the death of or personal injury to a workman in the course of his employment, he or his dependants would be entitled to the compensation.

Enquiries on this matter can be made at the Workmen's Compensation Unit of the Labour Department at either New Rodney Building, Ground Floor, Queensway, Hong Kong (Tel. H-249081) or at the Canton Road Government Offices, Fifth Floor, Canton Road, Kowloon (Tel. K-669014, K-688856 or K-688626).

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REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS

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A new hostel in Castle Peak for former mental patients will be opened tomorrow (Saturday) by Mrs. D.C. Bray, wife of the District Commissioner, New Territories.

The hostel is named after Mr. Woodman Lo, the founder chairman of the New Life Farm Committee, which has been active in rehabilitating ex-patients of Castle Peak Hospital for the past four years.

The hostel, capable of taking 20 people, has been built by residents of the Farm with financial assistance from the Tai Ping Shan Lions Club.

It will provide a suitable environment in which ex-mental patients can obtain guidance and learn to develop regular work habits which will eventually enable them to find outside employment.

At the same ceremony, a car will be presented to the farm by the Rotary Club of the New Territories.

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Note to editors: The ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. at the New Life Farm, situated immediately behind Castle Peak Hospital, 21 Milestone, Castle Peak Road. You are cordially invited to send a photographer and/or reporter to cover the event.

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SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

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The Assistant Director (General) of the Social Welfare Department, Mr. T.S. Heppell, today presented certificates to 52 in-service social workers on completion of three training courses at the Lady Trench Training Centre.

In a brief address preceding the distribution, Mr. Heppell said he was sure that for the participants, the main objectives of the courses had been achieved.

These were to give them a general idea of the philosophy behind social work, and to enable them to acquire certain basic skills likely to be of service to them in their careers.

He recalled that with the expansion of social welfare services in Hong Kong in the last decade, his department and many voluntary agencies had been compelled to employ a large number of workers, without full professional training, to cope with the growing demand for services.

Courses such as the three that had just been completed were intended to train workers, and for this reason participants were already employed full-time, aged 21 and above, with at least six months of practical experience in the welfare field.

From 1962 to 1970, the Social Welfare Department's Training Section trained 513 workers in these courses.

From September 1971 to the end of June this year, 110 social workers participated.

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JETTY FOR CHEUNG CHAU

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Work will begin shortly on the construction of a jetty at Sai Wan on Cheung Chau Island to provide safe embarking and disembarking facilities for villagers and picnickers.

The jetty, when completed, will also provide protection against bad weather for small fishing craft mooring in the bay.

Sai Wan, at the extreme south-western end of Cheung Chau Island, is the centre of three fishermen's resettlement villages and a popular picnic spot.

Villagers and picnickers at present visiting Sai Wan by sampans have to land at nearby rocks, which is often hazardous, particularly in bad weather.

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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY CELEBRATIONS

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Note to editors:

Over 400 Members of the total Co-operative Movement, mainly farmers and fishermen, will be celebrating International Co-operative Day at a Chinese dinner party tomorrow evening (Saturday, July 1) commencing at 7 p.m. in the 'Good Dates' Restaurant at 86, Waterloo Road, First floor, Kowloon.

Mr. J.M. Riddell-Swan, the acting Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, will address the gathering and will officiate at the distribution of prizes. English and Chinese version copies of Mr. Riddell-Swan's speech will be handed to reporters present at the Celebration party; copies will also be available for collection from the GIS press room after the event.

At the request of the Celebration Committee, Radio Hong Kong has arranged for a band and three popular singers to be present to provide entertainment.

The press, radio and TV services are cordially invited both to cover the evening's events and to join the dinner party.

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GOVERNOR RECEIVES FLOOD RELIEF CHEQUES

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The very large amounts of money raised for flood victims in separate appeals by Hong Kong's two television stations were formally handed over to the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose by representatives of the two companies at Government House today (Friday).

Sir Murray received the two cheques on behalf of the Community Relief Trust Fund.

The cheques were presented to the Governor by Mr. Harold Lee, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Television Broadcasts Limited, and Mr. Don Gale, Director and General Manager (Broadcasting), Rediffusion (Hong Kong) Ltd.

The following is the full text of the Governor's speech at Government House today:

"These huge cheques represent a unique expression of the Community sense of the people of Hong Kong when confronted with the suffering that the recent disasters caused.

"The response of the public to the appeal of the Television companies is a most heart-warming episode; and I may say it comes as no surprise to those of us who know how much is done by so many people in less dramatic circumstances.

"I will give these cheques to the Community Relief Trust Fund, and they will enable the Management Committee to relieve suffering on the sort of scale we would all wish:

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"I would like to thank both television companies and their staff and artists for this generous impulse which has been such a spectacular success in giving practical form to the wish of all of us to help the victims of this natural disaster. Congratulations to you both on an imaginative job very well done."

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Note to editors: A picture showing the Governor thanking Mr. Harold Lee and Mr. Don Gale at the presentation ceremony and the speech by Mr. Lee have been put in your press box for collection.

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ISSUE OF D.I.B.

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Note to editors: There will be issues of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Saturday, July 1) and Sunday (July 2). They will be available for collection after 3 p.m. on the respective days.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE ON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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The Chairman of the Central Co-ordinating Committee for Youth Recreation, Mr. Peter Williams, said today it was hoped that some 900,000 young people could be catered for in this year's summer youth activities programme.

Speaking at a press conference he said almost \$1 million had been donated by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, and another \$1 million came from public funds.

"We have no doubt that the spending of this sum is of great significance not only for the young people themselves, but for Hong Kong as a whole," he said.

Mr. Williams said the summer programme was the result of months of preparation and it was hoped that all young people will at least know about it even if they cannot for some reason or other participate in it.

"If they are not sure what activities there are and how to join in, the simplest thing to do is to ask their teachers if they are at school or to approach the nearest City District Office if they are working."

Earlier in his speech, Mr. Williams read out a special message from the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose.

The following is the full text of the Governor's message:-

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"This year's Summer Youth Programme has just got off to an early start: the first event actually took place at Tsuen Wan on 25th June with a Fun Fair organized by the Tsuen Wan District Youth Recreation Co-ordinating Committee. This will now be followed by a wide range of activities of interest to all throughout the summer months until the end of August.

"During this period some 900,000 young people are expected to join in the activities which have been organized by a wide cross-section of our Community. Some 30,000 volunteers are involved in planning and running the events and programmes. I look forward to seeing some of these in action for myself.

"Over the past months much hard work has been put into the planning of this 1972 Programme by people from many organisations and walks of life. And of course the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club's most generous financial support has again enabled the programmes to be so varied and extensive.

"I would like to express my thanks to you all and, in particular, to wish all the young people taking part the maximum benefit and enjoyment."

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Release time: 8.15 p.m.



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GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE

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The following is the full text of the Governor's speech at the foundation stone laying ceremony of New Asia College today (Friday) June 30:

"When President Mei asked me to officiate on this very happy occasion I accepted with alacrity. I like coming to the Chinese University in any case, and this is a great day in the consolidation of the University as well as in the life of New Asia College.

"Might I say what a happy coincidence it is that makes it possible for Mr. Addis, the British Ambassador in Peking, to be present.

"New Asia has come a long way since it started in 1949 with a few students in a flat in Kowloon. On its second site in Farm Road it steadily expanded. Now it is about to take its rightful and final place with United and Chung Chi on this University campus. I do wish to congratulate President Mei on this extraordinary progress.

"And may I say that the College does not seem to me to have lost by being last, as it has still obtained a superb site. With such a view to look at its members will need to concentrate to keep their eyes on their books.

"I must pay my tribute to the planning committees, the architects, and the contractors. Also, as your Chancellor, I feel we should commend the Government and the tax-payer who are paying the entire cost of the five major buildings to be built here.

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"As a hardened Civil Servant I have a weakness for making lists. One of my lists is of things in Hong Kong which are not only fairly good, but which are absolutely good and can stand up to comparisons with anywhere in the world. High on this list is the construction and the concept of this Chinese University of Hong Kong. A magnificent idea, a magnificent site, and splendidly executed under Dr. Li's leadership.

"What purpose do we want it to serve.

"For my part I want it to serve two causes: that of Learning and that of Hong Kong.

"Hong Kong desperately needs learned people of all ages. We have already plenty of enthusiasm, plenty of enterprise, plenty of hard work, commercial instinct, even compassion. But to turn Hong Kong into the place we want it to be, and to obtain the resources to do this, we need the help, at all levels of people with the skills and knowledge and comprehension that can only be acquired from a basis of learning: the sort of learning that can be acquired here.

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"And if the pursuit of learning for its own sake involves some people wanting to push doors marked "pull" or walk up escalators that are going down, I suggest that this may be regarded with a benevolent eye - within reason.

"In laying this foundation stone I initiate the final event of the construction and consolidation of this University. The arrival of New Asia College on the Campus will enable it to make its own creative and distinctive contribution. But it will also facilitate the necessary pooling of resources within the whole University, including the coordination of administrative functions, and the integration of academic programmes.

"Both as Chancellor and Governor it is of this University - completed by the arrival of New Asia College - that I think today, of the great contribution it can make to the world of letters, and of the contribution it can make to our Hong Kong where so much has been accomplished against such odds, and where so much remains to be done - and can be done with the help of the learning and the wisdom that only higher education can give."

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Release time 5.00 p.m.