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4TH ROUND US/HK TEXTILE TALKS
IN WASHINGTON
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR WILLIAM DORWARD, WILL MEET THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE, MR REUBEN ASKEW, IN WASHINGTON NEXT THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 15).

THIS MOVE FOLLOWS A FURTHER INCONCLUSIVE ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND U S DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA LAST WEEK ON THE CURRENT H K /U S TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

+BOTH MR ASKEW AND I CAME INDEPENDENTLY TO THE VIEW THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL TO SEE IF WE COULD FIND A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THE CONSULTATIONS COULD BE RESUMED,+ SAID MR DORWARD.

AT A MEETING OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD TODAY (THURSDAY) THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO REPORTED THAT DESPITE THE INCONCLUSIVE OUTCOME OF THE GENEVA TALKS, BOTH SIDES HAD INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MEET AT A FUTURE DATE.

THE FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT TOOK EFFECT FROM THE BEGINNING OF 1978, BUT LATER THAT YEAR THE UNITED STATES ASKED FOR, AND HONG KONG AGREED TO, CERTAIN SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1979.

THIS YEAR THE UNITED STATES SOUGHT FURTHER UNDERSTANDINGS RELATING TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1980. SO FAR, THREE ROUNDS OF CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN HELD IN MANILA, HONG KONG AND GENEVA.

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FOREST RANGERS MAKE FIRST ARREST
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THE NEWLY-FORMED FOREST RANGER TEAMS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAVE ARRESTED A TOTAL OF 15 YOUTHS FOR ILLEGALLY STARTING FIRES AND CARRYING FIRE ARMS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THE ARRESTS, THE FIRST BY THE FOREST RANGERS, WERE MADE DURING THE WEEKEND IN THE TAI LAM CHUNG COUNTRY PARK.

A GROUP OF 13 YOUTHS WERE ARRESTED BY THE RANGERS AT YUEN TUN, NEAR TSING LUNG TAU, FOR LIGHTING A BARBECUE FIRE OUTSIDE A DESIGNATED SITE.

AND ANOTHER TWO YOUTHS WERE ARRESTED FOR CARRYING AIR GUNS ALONG THE PAT HEUNG CATCHWATER.

ALL WERE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN COURT FOR CONTRAVENING THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE.

/ CHIEF FOREST

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CHIEF FOREST RANGER, MR C.C. LEE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE NEW SQUAD OF RANGERS WAS ESTABLISHED RECENTLY TO CLAMP DOWN ON OFFENDERS OF THE COUNTRY CODE.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE RECENT SPATE OF HILL FIRES IT WAS NECESSARY TO BRING A PLANNED PROGRAMME FORWARD TO CURB ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE INITIAL 16 RANGERS WERE DIVIDED IN TWO GROUPS TO PATROL THE PAT HEUNG AND TAI LAM CHUNG PLANTATIONS WHERE THE RISK OF FIRE IS GREAT.

HOWEVER, THE PATROLS WILL NOT BE CONFINED ONLY IN THE TAI LAM CHUNG COUNTRY PARK. OTHER COUNTRY PARKS IN SAI KUNG, PLOVER COVE, LION ROCK, HONG KONG ISLAND AND LANTAU WILL ALSO BE COVERED BY THE RANGERS.

PREVIOUSLY COUNTRY PARK OFFENDERS COULD ONLY BE CHARGED BY POLICE WITH FOREST GUARDS GIVING EVIDENCE. UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, SUMMONSES ARE ISSUED BY THE RANGERS AND PROSECUTION IS HANDLED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S PROSECUTION UNIT.

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QE STADIUM READY FOR USE MID-1980
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THE \$43.5 MILLION QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT MORRISON HILL, WILL BE READY FOR USE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

THE STADIUM, BEING BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IS THE FINEST OF ITS KIND IN ASIA.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE STADIUM WOULD BE A MAJOR SPORTING CENTRE FOR HONG KONG'S YOUNG SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN.

THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE FACILITIES FOR ALMOST EVERY INDOOR SPORT, FROM TABLE TENNIS AND BADMINTON TO ATHLETICS AND GYMNASTICS.

THE NEW STADIUM WAS ONE OF THE MANY MAJOR GOVERNMENT PROJECTS VISITED TODAY BY MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S PUBLIC WORK SUB-COMMITTEE.

ALSO ON THE VISIT WERE A NUMBER OF UMELCO MEMBERS.

THE VISIT, LED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WAS ARRANGED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IT BEGAN WITH A VISIT TO THE DENTAL TEACHING HOSPITAL AT THE CORNER OF EASTERN STREET AND HOSPITAL ROAD IN SAI YING PUN.

THE \$140 MILLION HOSPITAL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE PARTY ALSO SAW SOME OF THE PWD'S HIGHWAYS PROJECTS, SUCH AS AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE, ABERDEEN TUNNEL, THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION AND THE HILL ROAD FLYOVER.

WORK ON THE \$60 MILLION AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE, WHICH LINKS THE SMALL ISLAND WITH ABERDEEN, IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED.

IT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT THE END OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

AT THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, THE PARTY DROVE ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETRES INTO THE TUNNEL FROM THE NORTH PORTAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

THE VISITORS SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1981.

TODAY'S VISIT IS AIMED TO PROVIDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AT FIRST HAND PROGRESS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+EACH YEAR THE SUB-COMMITTEE HOLDS TWO MEETINGS TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AND TO CONSIDER NEW ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROGRAMME,+ HE ADDED.

THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE COMPRISES THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE (CHAIRMAN), MR ROGER LOBO, MR LI FOOK-WO, MR JOHN BREMIDGE, MR FRANCIS TIEN, MR CHEN SHOU-LUM, MISS LYDIA DUNN, DR HENRY HU, MR LEUNG TAT-SHING, THE REV. PATRICK MCGOVERN, MR PETER C. WONG, MR HU FA-KUANG, MR WONG PO-YAN AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD. THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE IS MR C.K. TAYLOR OF THE FINANCE BRANCH.

THE UMELCO MEMBERS TAKING PART IN THE TOUR TODAY WERE MR ALEX WU, MR WONG LAM AND DR HO KAM-FAI.

ACCOMPANYING MEMBERS OF THE PWSC AND UMELCO ON THE VISIT WERE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR WILLIAM BELL- THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR DAVID STEAD- THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR JOHN AITKEN, AND THE PWD'S TECHNICAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN MARSHALL.

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SIR MURRAY TO LEAVE HK ON SATURDAY
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 10) TO OPEN THE NEW OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN PANAMA CITY ON NOVEMBER 13.

SIR MURRAY, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE, WILL THEN FLY ON TO LONDON ON NOVEMBER 15 FOR ANNUAL LEAVE. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ABOUT THE END OF JANUARY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WISHING TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF SIR MURRAY AND LADY MACLEHOSE ON FLIGHT PA 6, ETD 1215 HOURS, ARE ADVISED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING AT LEAST 45 MINUTES BEFORE THE ESTIMATED TIME OF DEPARTURE. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THEM.

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALSO ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OR PASSPORTS TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT'S RESTRICTED AREA.

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GOVERNOR'S SENIOR COXSWAIN RETIRES
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID FAREWELL TO MR LAM KAU, THE SENIOR COXSWAIN ON BOARD THE LADY MAURINE AND PRESENTED HIM WITH A SILVER PLATE TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WAS HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

AS A TEENAGER IN THE EARLY 40'S COXSWAIN LAM HAS WORKED ON BOARD +COAL-BURNERS+ TOWING CARGO SHIPS UP THE RIVERS IN CHINA.

HE ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1945 AND +GRADUATED+ INTO WORKING ON BOARD MORE MODERN HARBOUR LAUNCHES.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER MR LAM TOOK OVER THE HELM OF THE GOVERNOR'S LAUNCH, THE LADY MAURINE.

AS COXSWAIN OF THE LADY MAURINE HE HAS HAD, AS HIS PASSENGERS HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, PRINCESS ANNE, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR HENRY KISSINGER AND MANY OTHER ROYAL VISITORS AND DIGNITARIES.

AND NOW AT 56, MR LAM IS RETIRING FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

/MR LAM

MR LAM HAS SERVED IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 33 YEARS, ENTERING FIRST AS A SEAMAN IN 1945. HE WAS PROMOTED TO COXSWAIN CLASS II TWO YEARS LATER AND IN 1974 BECAME SENIOR COXSWAIN.

HE HAD TAKEN COMMAND OF VARIOUS LAUNCHES AND HAS BEEN COMPLIMENTED ON MANY OCCASIONS REGARDING HIS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND HIS EFFICIENT HANDLING OF BOTH VESSELS AND CREWS UNDER HIM.

IN 1975 HE WAS AWARDED THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL FOR LOYAL AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

HIS FAMILY HAS NEVER BEEN LINKED WITH THE SEA. +I BECAME A SEAMAN SIMPLY BECAUSE THE JOB WAS THERE... YOU KNOW IT WAS HARD TO FIND A JOB IN THE EARLY 1940'S, + HE SAID. BUT HE SOON FOUND IT WAS A LABOUR OF LOVE, RATHER THAN JUST A JOB.

WHEN HE JOINED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IN 1945 HE SAID HIS SALARY WAS \$60 A MONTH. HIS SALARY, AS SENIOR COXSWAIN, IS MORE THAN \$2 400.

MR LAM IS MARRIED AND HAS SIX CHILDREN - FIVE BOYS AND A GIRL.

+TWO OF MY SONS ARE WITH GOVERNMENT. ONE OF THEM HAS FOLLOWED MY FOOTSTEPS AND HAS JOINED THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, AND THE OTHER IS WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, + MR LAM SAID.

AS MR LAM LEFT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MANY FRIENDS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, WISHED HIM GOOD LUCK.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT GETS PAT ON THE BACK

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REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG THANKED THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR HELPING THEM TO CONSTRUCT A FOOTBRIDGE AND CONVERT A FOOTBALL PITCH INTO A SPORTS FIELD.

TO MARK THEIR APPRECIATION THE REPRESENTATIVE OF TUM WAT VILLAGE, MR WONG YUEN-LEUNG, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF TAI PO TSAI VILLAGE, MR WON SHU-PUI, PRESENTED BANNERS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PIK UK PRISON, MR CHUN CHAK-LAM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT SAID THE NINE-METRE-LONG CONCRETE FOOTBRIDGE WAS BUILT BY PRISONERS FROM PIK UK PRISON FOR VILLAGERS IN TUM WAT TO FACILITATE THEIR CROSSING A MOUNTAIN TORRENT. +BEFORE, THE VILLAGERS HAD TO RISK THEIR LIVES BY CROSSING THE TORRENT ON STEPPING STONES.+

+THE CONVERSION OF A FOOTBALL PITCH INTO A SPORTS FIELD IN TAI PO TSAI PROVIDES THE VILLAGERS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS FIELD IN THE AREA. IT WAS ALSO DONE BY PRISONERS FROM PIK UK PRISON, + HE SAID.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT BOTH PROJECTS ARE REGARDED AS PART OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY. OTHER COMMUNITY PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, BEACH CLEANING, BUILDING WORK, GRASS CUTTING AND AFFORESTATION.

SINCE 1976, PRISONERS FROM PIK UK PRISON HAD COMPLETED 72 LOCAL WORKS PROJECTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. THESE PROJECTS, WHICH COVERED 50 VILLAGES, RANGED FROM GRASS CUTTING TO BUILDING OF RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

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LORD GEORGE-BROWN VISITS FACTORIES
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LORD GEORGE-BROWN, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON A PRIVATE VISIT TO HONG KONG, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED TWO FACTORIES IN KWUN TONG.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISITS BY HIS HOST, CHAIRMAN OF G.T. MANAGEMENT (ASIA) LTD, MR J. THORNTON- AND THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR LAWRENCE MILLS.

LORD GEORGE-BROWN SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR AT CROCODILE GARMENTS LTD IN HOI YUEN ROAD.

HE LATER VISITED A MOULD AND DIE-MAKING FACTORY - KRAS ASIA LTD - AT HUTCHISON-BOAG INDUSTRIAL BUILDING.

THE FACTORY, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF KRAS CORP AND KRAS/WEST CORP OF USA, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO PROMOTE OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AT THE END OF LAST YEAR THE GARMENT INDUSTRY EMPLOYED 256 154 PEOPLE IN 8 684 FACTORIES, OR 31 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

LAST YEAR, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF GARMENTS WAS ABOUT HK\$15 700 MILLION OR 39 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR THE YEAR, REPRESENTING A 13 PER CENT INCREASE AS COMPARED WITH 1977, HE SAID.

+IN PARALLEL WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE PLASTICS AND LIGHT METAL INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG, THE MOULD AND DIE-MAKING INDUSTRY PLAYS AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE BY PROVIDING AN ESSENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICE TO THESE TWO INDUSTRIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPEECH DAY OF TSUEN WAN GOVT SECONDARY SCHOOL
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING OFFICIATE AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

MRS CHAN WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THE GRADUATES.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7 P.M. AT THE SCHOOL AT 70 HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR SHA TIN RACE ON SATURDAY
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACECOURSE STATION ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 10) BECAUSE OF THE RACE MEETING.

THESE NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON STATION AT HUNG HOM AT 12.32 P.M., 12.53 P.M. AND 1.14 P.M.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY THERE WILL BE FIVE TRAINS, THREE OF THEM SPECIAL, LEAVING SHA TIN RACECOURSE FOR KOWLOON AT 4.40 P.M., 5.38 P.M., 5.56 P.M., 6.11 P.M. AND 6.37 P.M.

A KCR SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED RACEGOERS TO MAKE USE OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS, WHICH HAVE BEEN LAID ON FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE.

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