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GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY THAT TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMIC LIFE, AS STRESSED IN BOTH THE 1974 WHITE PAPER AND THE RECENT GREEN PAPER ON SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION.

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN WAN CHAI, SIR MURRAY SAID: +A TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CAN BE STIMULATING AND SATISFYING TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND PROVIDES A SOUND BASIS FOR WHATEVER THEY DECIDE TO DO IN ADULT LIFE. IT IS A GOOD EDUCATION IN ITS OWN RIGHT.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE YEAR 1978 MIGHT BE REGARDED AS A LANDMARK IN THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG BECAUSE IT WILL BE THE YEAR IN WHICH NINE YEARS OF EDUCATION WAS FIRST PROVIDED FOR ALL.

+I HOPE IT WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED AS A SIGNIFICANT YEAR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL, MADE POSSIBLE BY DONATIONS FROM SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS AND 16 SPECIAL ROOMS AND IT WILL RUN THE FULL RANGE OF CLASSES FROM FORM ONE TO UPPER FORM SIX. IT WILL OPEN IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

+IT WILL REHOUSE THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, INCREASE ITS SIZE, AND MODERNISE ITS EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES, AND IT WILL ALSO MAKE THE EXISTING PREMISES OF THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL AVAILABLE TO RELIEVE CONGESTION IN THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE GENEROSITY OF SIR SHIU-KIN AND SAID THE EXTENT OF HIS CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN +MASSIVE+.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WHO ALSO SPOKE IN THE CEREMONY, THANKED THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION PROVISION, IN PARTICULAR TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

MR. TOPLEY ALSO THANKED SIR SHIU-KIN FOR DOING SO MUCH IN PROMOTING EDUCATION AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, SIR SHIU-KIN SAID TECHNICAL EDUCATION HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT NOWADAYS, MAINLY DUE TO THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ECONOMY.

HE SAID THE AREA WHERE THE NEW SCHOOL IS SITUATED HAS BEEN +PARTICULARLY AUSPICIOUS+ IN THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

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SIR SHIU-KIN SAID THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, THE OLD HONG KONG TRADE SCHOOL -- WHICH WAS LATER RENAMED THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND HAS NOW BECOME THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, ARE NOW OR WERE ONCE SITUATED IN THE AREA.

+MANY BRILLIANT TECHNICAL STUDENTS HAVE GRADUATED FROM EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THIS DISTRICT OVER THE YEARS AND MANY NOW HOLD IMPORTANT AND RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN OUR SOCIETY,+ SIR SHIU-KIN SAID.

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BEWARE OF THOSE SIGNS OF DOMESTIC TROUBLE

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SOCIAL WORK), MRS. EVELYN DOE, TODAY CALLED ON FAMILIES TO WATCH OUT FOR ANY SIGN OF DEVELOPING DOMESTIC TROUBLE AND NEVER LET IT GROW SERIOUS ENOUGH TO END IN A TRAGEDY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON SHE SAID THAT FAMILY TRAGEDIES WERE ALL TOO OFTEN THE RESULT OF NEGLECT WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO TAKE EITHER PREVENTIVE OR REMEDIAL MEASURE WHEN A PROBLEM STARTED TO DEVELOP.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD TO COINCIDE WITH THE LAUNCHING OF ANOTHER PHASE OF THE COMMUNITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

THE CAMPAIGN, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AIMS AT FORESTALLING FAMILY BREAKDOWN AND STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY TIES TO HELP COMBAT SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

MRS. DOE SAID THAT IN THE FACE OF RAPID SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES, IT WAS ALL TOO EASY FOR FAMILIES TO BE UNWITTINGLY ENGROSSED IN VARIOUS CONFLICTS LEADING FINALLY TO A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN.

SHE SAID THE FACTORS OF URBANISATION, INDUSTRIALISATION AND COMMERCIALISATION, ALONG WITH THE MERGING OF MODERN AND TRADITIONAL CULTURES, WERE BOUND TO HAVE A STRONG IMPACT ON THEIR QUALITY AND MODE OF LIFE.

UNFORTUNATELY, SHE SAID, NOT ALL FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO ADJUST TO THESE SOCIAL CHANGES, AND FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT STAND THE ALIEN INFLUENCES, MISUNDERSTANDING CREEPS IN AND RELATIONSHIP BEGINS TO STRAIN AMONG MEMBERS.

+IT IS NOT INFREQUENT THAT WE HAVE HEARD OF OR EVEN SEEN CASES OF FAMILY TRAGEDIES AS A RESULT OF THE CULMINATION OF LONG-STANDING DOMESTIC TROUBLES OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER,+ SHE SAID.

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MRS. DOE SAID THE COMMON CAUSES INCLUDED IRRESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD, WRONG CONCEPT ON MARRIAGE, INADEQUATE CARE FOR CHILDREN, DEMANDING GRAND-PARENTS, DISRESPECT FOR THE OLD AND A LACK OF SENSIBLE DIALOGUE BETWEEN GENERATIONS.

+THESE GIVE RISE TO SUCH PROBLEMS AS GENERATION GAP, UNMARRIED MOTHERHOOD, MARITAL DISCORD, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, DRUG ADDICTION AND OLD PEOPLE FEELING UNWANTED,+ SHE ADDED.

SHE STATED THAT TO HELP TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS WOULD REQUIRE A SUSTAINED EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WHICH HAD BEEN ONE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE FORM OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

BROADLY SPEAKING, SHE SAID, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT ON HUMAN QUALITIES, FOSTERING STRONGER FAMILY TIES AND PROMOTING SELF-UNDERSTANDING AS A PREVENTIVE MEASURE AGAINST FAMILY DISENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

MRS. DOE SAID THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH CONCENTRATED ON PROMOTING THE CONCEPT OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AMONG THE COMMUNITY, WAS LAUNCHED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

+THIS INITIAL PHASE HAS MADE A GOOD START, WHICH CAN BE REFLECTED BY THE IMPRESSIVE RATINGS OF THE SPECIAL TV DRAMA SERIES 'UNDER THE SAME ROOF'.

+A PROFESSIONAL AUDIENCE SURVEY SHOWS THAT THE TOTAL AUDIENCESHIP OF THIS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SERIES IS ABOUT 15 MILLION. THE SERIES WERE PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG BASED ON CASES PROVIDED BY OUR DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES,+ SHE SAID.

THE NEXT PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN BEING LAUNCHED IS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS THE PROBLEMS AND THEIR POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL TARGET GROUPS WITHIN A FAMILY SETTING -- PARENTS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, THE YOUTH AND THE ELDERLY.

MRS. DOE SAID SEPARATE PUBLICITY DRIVES DEALING WITH EACH OF THESE PARTICULAR GROUPS WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON A MONTHLY BASIS BY MEANS OF ILLUSTRATIVE CARTOON BOOKLETS, RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, POSTERS, EXHIBITIONS AND SEMINARS.

A WIDE RANGE OF PROMOTIONAL EVENTS GEARED TO THE THEME OF A PARTICULAR TARGET GROUP WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED AT DISTRICT LEVELS IN THE COMING MONTHS, SHE SAID.

THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD UNTIL JANUARY NEXT YEAR, SHE SAID, THE OBJECTIVE IS TO HELP INDIVIDUAL FAMILY MEMBERS REALISE THEIR OWN ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES BY INSTILLING RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE IN THEM SO THAT THEY CAN ADOPT THE PROPER ATTITUDE AND ACQUIRE THE SKILLS TO HANDLE TACTFULLY VARIOUS PROBLEMS.

+AS A START, WE AIM AT THE TARGET GROUP OF PARENTS THIS MONTH. PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE DIRECTED AT OLD PEOPLE DURING NEXT MONTH= HUSBAND AND WIFE IN NOVEMBER= AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

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+WE DEAL WITH PARENTS FIRST AS THEY ARE CONSIDERED THE NUCLEUS OF THE FAMILY AND THE PROBLEMS THEY MAY ENCOUNTER ARE OF SIGNIFICANCE TO THE FAMILY AS A WHOLE,+ SHE SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE, SHE SAID, MANY PARENTS ARE STILL PUZZLED BY THE VARIOUS PATTERNS OF CHILD REARING, AND THERE ARE ALSO PARENTS WHO ARE ENTIRELY IGNORANT OF THE NEED TO ACQUIRE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF CHILD HANDLING AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOUR, AND THIS HAS CREATED FOR THEM A MAJOR PROBLEM.

+OUR ULTIMATE AIM IS TO SEE THAT EACH FAMILY IS MORE CAPABLE OF ENJOYING A STRONGER FAMILY TIE AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE MEMBERS,+ SHE SAID.

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S.W.D. SETS UP +HOT LINE+ TO HANDLE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE ENQUIRIES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A +HOT LINE+ AT ITS HEADQUARTERS TO ANSWER PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE FOR WHICH THE QUALIFYING AGE WILL BE LOWERED TO 70 WITH EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1.

THE +HOT LINE+, 5-794673, WILL COME INTO OPERATION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND THROUGH IT ELIGIBLE OLD PEOPLE MAY APPLY FOR THE ALLOWANCE BY GIVING HIS NAME AND ADDRESS.

THE INFORMATION SO SUPPLIED WILL BE RECORDED AND THE APPLICANT WILL BE CALLED IN DUE COURSE FOR AN INTERVIEW TO VERIFY HIS CLAIM FOR THE ALLOWANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE +HOT LINE+ WAS TO HELP PEOPLE BETTER UNDERSTAND THE NEW IMPROVEMENT TO THE SCHEME AND TO FACILITATE THEM IN MAKING APPLICATIONS.

HE SAID SINCE THE EXTENDED PROVISION WAS ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 31, THERE HAD BEEN LARGE NUMBERS OF APPLICATIONS MADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S 26 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS.

+UP TO YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY), THERE WERE MORE THAN 11,155 APPLICATIONS, AND WE EXPECT MORE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD TO APPLY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IF AN APPLICANT WAS FOR ANY REASONS UNABLE TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES, HE COULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT AND A SOCIAL WORKER WOULD CALL AT HIS HOME TO PROCESS HIS APPLICATION.

+IN PROCESSING APPLICATIONS, PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE MOST IN NEED, THAT IS THOSE ALREADY ON OUR LIST OF 48,000 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS,+ HE SAID.

THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE, WHICH IS $100 A MONTH, IS NON-MEANS TESTED AND IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OLD PEOPLE WITH SOME DEGREE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ENABLE THEIR FAMILIES TO CONTINUE CARING FOR THEM.

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NEW TIPPING AREA FOR REFUSE
AT JUNK BAY
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO SET UP SHORTLY A NEW CONTROLLED TIP FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AT JUNK BAY.

THIS WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTROLLED TIPS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO EIGHT.

MR. WONG WAN-MING, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT WORK ON THE FIRST PHASE OF STAGE ONE WOULD BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

HE SAID THAT THE SITE AT JUNK BAY WAS RECOMMENDED BY CONSULTANTS IN THEIR 1974 REPORT ON DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE IN HONG KONG AS A MAJOR CONTROLLED TIP TO OVERCOME THE LACK OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

+STAGE ONE OF THE TIPPING SITE COVERS AN AREA OF SOME 32 HECTARES AND PROVIDES A CAPACITY OF SIX MILLION TONNES OF SOLID WASTE,+ MR. WONG SAID.

+PHASE ONE OF THIS STAGE FORMS THE INITIAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIP AND COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT FIVE HECTARES. IT HAS A CAPACITY OF JUST UNDER ONE MILLION TONNES OF SOLID WASTE AND IS EXPECTED TO BE FILLED IN TWO YEARS.+

THE REMAINING PART OF THE TIP AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED LATER.

MR. WONG SAID THAT AS THE TIP WAS SITUATED ALONG THE FORESHORE, THE 'LAGOON METHOD' OF OPERATING A MARINE SITE WOULD BE ADOPTED TO GUARD AGAINST SEA POLLUTION.

+BEFORE TIPPING OF SOLID WASTES BEGINS, THE PHASE 1 AREA WILL BE ENCLOSED BY AN EARTH BUND PROTECTED ON THE SEAWARD SIDE BY 2-1/2-METRE-THICK OF RUBBLE AGAINST TIDAL WAVE EROSION OF THE TIP,+ HE SAID.

+A NETWORK OF EARTH BUNDS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED, DIVIDING THE POCKET OF ENCLOSED SEA INTO A SERIES OF LAGOONS.

+THESE LAGOONS WILL BE FILLED ONE BY ONE BY THE TIPPING OF SOLID WASTE AND WHEN ABOUT THE CREST OF EARTH BUND IS REACHED, THE SOLID WASTE DEPOSITED WITHIN THE LAGOON WILL BE SEALED ON TOP BY A BLANKETING LAYER OF SOFT EARTH FILLING.

+FURTHER CONTROLLED TIPPING WILL THEN CONTINUE OVER THE FLAT AREA SO FORMED IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO AN INLAND SITE. A RUBBLE MOUND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED LATER TO ENCLOSE THE ENTIRE STAGE 1 OF THE TIP.+

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MR. WONG SAID THAT THE CONTROLLED TIPPING METHOD HAD BEEN AN ESTABLISHED PRACTICE IN MANY TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES.

ON COMPLETION OF TIPPING, THE AREA WILL BE RESTORED AND DEVELOPED AS DISTRICT OPEN SPACE.

AT THE BORROW AREA NEARBY, WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE COVERING MATERIAL FOR THE TIPPING OPERATION, PLATFORMS WILL BE FORMED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

LANDSCAPING CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE PLANNING FOR THE TIP AND ITS BORROW AREA SO THAT THE LAND SO FORMED WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

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C.D.O. SUB-OFFICE FOR TUNG TAU

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A SUB-OFFICE OF THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OPENED TODAY AT TUNG TAU AS PART OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE NEW TUNG TAU SUB-OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF BLOCK 9, TUNG TAU ESTATE, TEL. NO. 3-832353.

ITS OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 8.45 A.M. TO 5.15 P.M., MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON ON SATURDAY.

THE SUB-OFFICE, LIKE OTHER C.D.O. BRANCHES, WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF SERVICES TO RESIDENTS, INCLUDING PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION OF STATUTORY DECLARATIONS.

THE POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY THE TUNG TAU SUB-OFFICE IS WELL OVER 160,000 AND THEY INCLUDE THOSE LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN TUNG TAU, LOK FU, WANG TAU HOM, MEI TUNG AND THE FOUR TEMPORARY HOUSING AND SQUATTER AREAS IN THE DISTRICT.

THIS IS THE SECOND C.D.O. SUB-OFFICE TO BE OPENED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IN A MONTH. A SUB-OFFICE AT LAM TIN IN KWUN TONG WAS OPENED ON AUGUST 16.

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ESCALATORS FOR CENTRAL FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY SIGNED A $2.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SEVEN ESCALATORS FOR THE CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO MESSRS. MARRYAT AND SCOTT (HK) LTD.

INSTALLATION WORK WILL BEGIN AROUND NOVEMBER NEXT YEAR, PHASED IN WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COVERED FOOTBRIDGES. IT WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE ESCALATORS WILL CARRY ABOUT 9,000 PERSONS AN HOUR.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 8 P.M. ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 10), THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM CANAL ROAD EAST ONTO QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED FOR TEN HOURS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL ROAD EXTENSION.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, BUS ROUTES NO. 5, 10, 72 AND 113 WILL BE DIVERTED TO WONG NEI CHUNG ROAD BEFORE JOINING QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SUPPLEMENT

Thursday, September 7, 1978

SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1978

Once again it is my pleasure to lay the foundation stone of a building made possible by the generosity of Sir Shiu-kin Tang. The extent of his contribution to education, medical and health and other social services in Hong Kong has been massive. This present project has been made possible by a further very generous donation of four million dollars.

This new school appropriately will be known as the Tang Shiu Kin Secondary Technical School. It will have 24 classrooms and 16 special rooms and will run the full range of classes from Form One to Form Upper Six. It will rehouse the Victoria Technical School, increase its size, and modernise its equipment and facilities, and it will also make the existing premises of the Victoria Technical School available to relieve congestion in the Technical Teachers' College and the Morrison Hill Technical Institute.

The year 1978 may well be regarded as a landmark in the history of education in Hong Kong because it will be the year in which nine years of education was first provided for all. I hope it will also be remembered

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as a significant year in the development of technical education. The need for it was stressed in both the 1974 White Paper and the recent Green Paper on senior secondary and tertiary education; it is a prerequisite for the development for economic life; and a technical or vocational education can be stimulating and satisfying to young people and provides a sound basis for whatever they decide to do in adult life. It is a good education in its own right. The object of Sir Shiu Kin's generosity is therefore particularly and typically well-chosen.

Finally it gives me great pleasure to thank all those concerned with the planning and construction of this building which will be ready for operation in September, next year. The Education Department, the Public Works Department, the contractors and many others will, I am sure, work in close co-operation in order to meet this tight schedule. We all look forward to the completion of the new school building and the valuable contribution it will make to our provision of technical education.

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