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ACTING GOVERNOR ADDRESSES SCOUT RALLY
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THE IMPORTANCE OF SCOUTING TO A CROWDED URBAN COMMUNITY CANNOT BE OVER-ESTIMATED, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SIR DENYS, ADDRESSING THE ST. GEORGE'S DAY RALLY OF THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, SAID SCOUTING PROVIDED HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THOUSANDS WHO LIVED IN CRAMPED CONDITIONS.

+IT GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW PHYSICAL AND MENTAL SKILLS. IT HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN DEVELOPING THOSE QUALITIES OF SELF-RELIANCE, SELF-DISCIPLINE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE TO WHICH THE MOVEMENT ATTACHES SUCH IMPORTANCE.+

FURTHERMORE, SIR DENYS ADDED, SCOUTS DEVELOPED A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE THAN THEMSELVES AND AN APPRECIATION OF THE NEED TO HELP THEM IN PRACTICAL WAYS. +IN ENCOURAGING THESE VIRTUES, THE MOVEMENT MAKES AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COMMUNITY, WHERE THERE IS A LONG AND ADMIRABLE TRADITION OF VOLUNTARY HELP TO YOUR FELLOW MEN.+

SIR DENYS RECALLED THAT LAST YEAR THE CHIEF SCOUT HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD JUST EMBARKED ON A SCHEME TO PROVIDE PROPERLY EQUIPPED REGIONAL BUILDINGS, TRAINING CENTRES, AND CAMPSITES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES, FOR USE NOT ONLY BY SCOUTS BUT BY OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL. SINCE THEN, PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE -- A NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR HONG KONG ISLAND WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND SHOULD BE READY FOR USE BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

SIR DENYS SAID IT HAD ONLY BEEN POSSIBLE TO CONSTRUCT THIS NEW BUILDING WITH ITS MANY MODERN FACILITIES AND AMENITIES BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY AND PUBLIC SPIRIT OF SIR SHIU-KIN TANG AND MR. LEO LEE, ADDING THAT THANKS WERE ALSO DUE TO THE MANY OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE MOVEMENT WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE PROJECT.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE ADDITIONAL SITES, ON WHICH YOU ARE TO ESTABLISH TRAINING CENTRES, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BEFORE LONG, SO THAT YOUR ASSOCIATION CAN ADAPT THEM FOR THIS PURPOSE, PROVIDING A MUCH NEEDED FACILITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

+THE REMARKABLE EXPANSION OF YOUR SCOUT TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND OF YOUR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, WHICH THE EXTRA BUILDINGS, TRAINING CENTRES AND CAMPSITES WILL MAKE POSSIBLE, WILL MAKE SCOUTING AN EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE OUTLET FOR THE ENERGY, INITIATIVE AND SENSE OF ENJOYMENT OF OUR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN.+

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TWO MORE COUNTRY PARKS GAZETTED

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THE GAZETTING OF TWO MORE COUNTRY PARKS AT PAT SIN LENG AND NORTH LANTAU HAS WIDENED THE PROTECTION AREA OF HONG KONG'S COUNTRYSIDE TO MORE THAN 106 SQUARE MILES.

THE PAT SIN LENG COUNTRY PARK IS WEST OF THE TAI MEI TUK/LUK KENG ROAD ADJOINING THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK. THE NORTH LANTAU PARK ADJOINS THE SOUTH LANTAU PARK, BUT EXCLUDES NGONG PING, KEUNG SHAN, TUNG CHUNG AND TAI O.

ACCORDING TO THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR. MARTIN LEWIS, THE GAZETTING AND DESIGNATION OF THE FIVE-YEAR COUNTRY PARKS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS 66 PER CENT COMPLETE. SOUTH LANTAU IS EXPECTED TO BE DESIGNATED ON FRIDAY (APRIL 28).

MR. LEWIS EXPLAINED THAT PROTECTION OF A PROPOSED COUNTRY PARK TAKES EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF GAZETTING. AFTER 60 DAYS OF SUCH NOTICE, OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES ARE HEARD AND AFTER MODIFICATIONS TO THE PLANS, THE AREA IS THEN DESIGNATED.

INCLUDING SOUTH LANTAU, DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARKS COVER A LAND MASS OF 22,203 HECTARES= NORTH LANTAU COUNTRY PARK HAS AN AREA OF 2,220 HECTARES AND PAT SIN LENG 3,150 HECTARES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN PARKS OR SPECIAL AREAS, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 15,000 HECTARES WILL BE DESIGNATED BEFORE THE END OF 1981 -- THE TARGET DATE FOR THE PROGRAMME.

IN EACH OF THE COUNTRY PARKS, MANAGEMENT CENTRES WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND EACH WILL HAVE ITS OWN STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION. A UNIFORM PARK RANGER SERVICE IS BEING SET UP FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND CONTROL OF VISITORS.

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SPECIAL FERRY SERVICE FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL OPERATE A SPECIAL FERRY SERVICE FROM WAN CHAI TO JOSS HOUSE BAY ON APRIL 28 AND 29 FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL.

THIS YEAR THE FESTIVAL FALLS ON SATURDAY (APRIL 29) AND LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO GO TO JOSS HOUSE BAY TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE GODDESS TIN HAU, PATRON SAINT OF SEAFARERS.

TRIPLE-DECK FERRIES WILL BE USED ON THE SPECIAL SERVICE. THE FIRST FERRY WILL LEAVE WAN CHAI FERRY PIER AT 10 A.M. ON APRIL 28. AN ALL-NIGHT SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN 12.30 A.M. AND 6.30 A.M. ON APRIL 29 AT 90-MINUTE FREQUENCY.

THE LAST FERRY FROM JOSS HOUSE BAY WILL SAIL FOR WAN CHAI AT 5 P.M. ON APRIL 29.

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