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CHINESE FESTIVAL TAKES HONG KONG +LIVE+ TO LONDON
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+HONG KONG IN LONDON+, A CHINESE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN BATTERSEA PARK THIS WEEKEND (SEPTEMBER 20-21) PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST UNUSUAL AND COLOURFUL EVENTS TO BE STAGED IN BRITAIN.

AND IT WILL CERTAINLY BE UNIQUE. VISITORS WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO THE EXOTIC WORLD OF THE ORIENT WHERE THEY CAN SAVOUR ALL ITS CHARM AND FLAVOUR IN 7.6 HECTARES OF THE PARK WHICH ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A TYPICAL HONG KONG MARKET TOWN AT FESTIVAL TIME.

MORE THAN 100 ARTISTS, PERFORMERS AND CRAFTSMEN ARE BEING FLOWN SPECIALLY FROM HONG KONG FOR THE OCCASION. THREE CHINESE DANCE TROUPES WILL GIVE DAILY PERFORMANCES ON THE MAIN STAGE OPPOSITE THE GRAND VISTA IN THE PARK. MUSICIANS, ACROBATS AND SOME OF HONG KONG'S BEST-KNOWN TELEVISION ENTERTAINERS WILL ALSO PERFORM ON STAGE DURING THE FESTIVAL WHICH OPENS EACH DAY AT 11 AM. AT LEAST FOUR ONE-HOUR VARIETY PERFORMANCES WILL BE PRESENTED ON EACH DAY OF THE FESTIVAL ON THE SPECIALLY-BUILT STAGE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE MARCHING DISPLAYS AND CONCERTS BY MILITARY BANDS ON THE TWO DAYS OF THE FESTIVAL. THE VOLUNTEER BAND OF HMS COLLINGWOOD - THE +BLUEJACKETS+ - WILL PERFORM ON SATURDAY, AND THE BAND AND BUGLES OF THE BRIGADE OF GURKHAS WILL PERFORM ON SUNDAY.

TO HEIGHTEN THE ATMOSPHERE OF A CHINESE FESTIVAL, THE VARIOUS FEATURES OF THE TWO-DAY EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AROUND A MARKET-PLACE WHERE ALL THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF HONG KONG WILL COME ALIVE.

HERE, CHINESE +DIM SUM+ (SNACKS), AND HONG KONG ARTS AND CRAFTS WILL BE ON SALE FROM ABOUT 100 PURPOSE-BUILT STALLS. A DOZEN CRAFTSMEN FROM HONG KONG WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TRADITIONAL SKILLS, MAKING CHINESE DOLLS FROM RICE FLOUR, NOODLES, AND A UNIQUE STYLE OF CHINESE SWEET CALLED +DRAGON'S BEARD CANDY+.

THERE WILL BE A CHINESE PALMIST, GLASSBLOWER, QUICK SKETCH ARTIST, CALLIGRAPHER, SILHOUETTE CUTTER, STROLLING MUSICIANS AND JUGGLERS TO AMUSE THE CROWDS.

ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A PUPPET THEATRE. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LONDON, THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES OF CANTONESE ROD PUPPETS BY THE HAN WAH NIEN TROUPE, LED BY MAK SIU-TONG, WHO HAS BEEN A PUPPETEER FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS.

MARTIAL ARTS IN THE FORM OF KUNG FU DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN, WHILE WEAVING AND SNAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE CROWDS WILL BE THE POPULAR DRAGON AND LION DANCERS - THE DRAGON BEING 24 METRES LONG.

ANOTHER NOVEL FEATURE OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE INCLUSION OF AN UNICORN DANCE - RARELY SEEN IN BRITAIN. THE UNICORN, ACCORDING TO CHINESE LEGEND, IS THE GUARDIAN OF CHILDREN, AND AN AUSPICIOUS BEAST.

THE +HONG KONG FESTIVAL QUEEN+ CONTEST SHOULD PROVE AN EYE-CATCHER. CHOSEN FROM AMONG SOME OF THE PRETTIEST GIRLS IN THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY IN THE UK, THE CONTESTANTS WILL PARADE IN TRADITIONAL 'CHEONGSAMS' ON THE MAIN STAGE ON SATURDAY. THE WINNER WILL BE CROWNED BY MISS HONG KONG 1980, WENDA TAI YUET-NGOR, ANOTHER OF THE CELEBRITIES DUE IN LONDON FOR THE FESTIVAL. THE LUCKY WINNER'S PRIZE IS A HOLIDAY FOR TWO IN HONG KONG, SINGAPORE AND MANILA.

DURING THE CONTEST, ATTRACTIVE AIR HOSTESSES FROM HONG KONG'S FLAG-CARRIER, CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS, WILL MODEL THEATRICAL COSTUMES WHICH HAVE BEEN WORN IN EPIC CHINESE FILMS PRODUCED BY STUDIOS OWNED BY THE FILM MAGNATE, SIR RUN RUN SHAW.

ONE OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE DRAGON BOAT RACES ON THE THAMES. THE BOATS THEMSELVES ARE TRADITIONAL CRAFT SPECIALLY IMPORTED FOR THE OCCASION AND IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE BOATS - WITH THEIR 27-MEN CREWS - WILL HAVE BEEN SEEN IN ACTION IN BRITAIN, OR ANYWHERE ELSE IN EUROPE.

CREWS FROM CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN BRITAIN WILL PIT THEIR STRENGTH AGAINST CREWS RAISED FROM THE ROYAL NAVY, ROWING AND CANOE CLUBS, AND BUSINESS HOUSES WITH HONG KONG CONNECTIONS. THEY WILL BE COMPETING OVER THE TWO DAYS OF THE FESTIVAL FOR TROPHIES DONATED BY C.Y. TUNG SHIPPING GROUP.

THE CENTREPIECE OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE SAILING JUNK +KEYING II+, WHICH WILL BE MOORED ON THE THAMES AT CHELSEA REACH. BUILT IN A HONG KONG BOATYARD, IT WILL BE THE SECOND CHINESE SAILING JUNK TO BE SEEN IN BRITISH WATERS IN NEARLY 150 YEARS. THE ORIGINAL KEYING ARRIVED IN BRITISH WATERS IN 1848 AND CAUSED QUITE A STIR AMONG LONDONERS. QUEEN VICTORIA WENT ABOARD IT AND CHARLES DICKENS WROTE ABOUT IT IN THE EXAMINER.

+KEYING II+, THOUGH NOT AN IDENTICAL TWIN OF ITS ILLUSTRIOUS PREDECESSOR, IS OF A CLASS OF JUNK THAT HAS NOT BEEN BUILT IN HONG KONG FOR 30 YEARS. IT WAS BUILT WITH A DONATION FROM HONG KONG SHIPPING MAGNATE SIR Y.K. PAO, AND WAS SHIPPED TO SOUTHAMPTON FROM WHERE SHE SAILED AROUND THE SOUTH COAST TO LONDON.

SINCE +HONG KONG IN LONDON+ HAS BEEN TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL IN THE BRITISH TERRITORY, ONE OF ITS MOST SYMBOLIC EVENTS WILL BE ENACTED AT BATTERSEA PARK ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE FESTIVAL. HUNDREDS OF CHINESE AND BRITISH CHILDREN AT THE FESTIVAL WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A LANTERN PARADE. CARRYING AUTHENTIC CHINESE LANTERNS THE CHILDREN WILL WALK ALONG THE MAIN PARADE OF THE PARK AT DUSK, LED BY MISS HONG KONG 1980 AND THE FESTIVAL QUEEN.

AND, TO ROUND OFF THE FESTIVAL IN TRUE CHINESE STYLE, A SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL BE HELD ON THE FINAL EVENING.

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS HOUSES IN BRITAIN.

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SIR MURRAY TO VISIT NEW YORK

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE, WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, FOR A SHORT VISIT TO NEW YORK.

IN NEW YORK HE AND THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, MR HUGH CAREY, WILL SPEAK AT THE CENTENARY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

DURING HIS TWO DAY STAY, HE WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE OFFICES OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION. ON THE WAY, SIR MURRAY WILL SPEND ONE DAY IN LONDON DURING WHICH HE WILL CALL AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

SIR MURRAY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 18.

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HOME OFFICE MINISTER VISITS NEW TERRITORIES

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE HOME OFFICE, MR TIMOTHY RAISON, WHO IS ON A ONE-WEEK VISIT TO HONG KONG, WAS GIVEN A HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES THIS AFTERNOON (THURSDAY).

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WHO BRIEFED HIM ON DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE RAPIDLY CHANGING RURAL AREAS INTO MAJOR NEW TOWNS.

MR RAISON WAS TOLD THAT, FROM A LARGELY RURAL POPULATION OF 400 000 IN 1961, MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE WILL BE LIVING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

AFTER FLYING OVER YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN AND SAI KUNG, MR RAISON LANDED AT SHA TIN WHERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, BRIEFED HIM ON THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FROM A VANTAGE POINT AT SUI WO COURT, THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

LATER, MR RAISON, ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, VISITED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, A SQUATTER AREA AND THE SHUN CHI COURT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECT IN CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, MR LIAO TOLD THE MINISTER OF THE IMPACT BEING MADE ON THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME BY THE INFLUX OF IMMIGRANTS.

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IN THE MORNING, MR RAISON WENT TO THE BORDER BY HELICOPTER.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT OPERATIONS BY THE COMMANDER GURKHA FIELD FORCE, BRIGADIER I.A. CHRISTIE AND THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR M.C. ILLINGWORTH.

AFTER GOING ON A TOUR OF MAN KAM TO AND SHA TAU KOK, THE MINISTER HAD LUNCH WITH OFFICERS OF THE GURKHA FIELD FORCE.

HE WILL SPEND TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WITH THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AND ON SATURDAY MORNING WILL VISIT KAI TAK NORTH AND KAI TAK EAST REFUGEE CAMPS.

THE MINISTER LEAVES HONG KONG ON SUNDAY

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THAI OFFICIALS VISIT HIGH-RISE PENAL INSTITUTION
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A GROUP OF 13 THAI PUBLIC PROSECUTORS HEADED BY THEIR DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, MR SOMCHAI PATHAMASUKHON, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED THE LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE -- ONE OF THE FEW HIGH-RISE PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD.

MR PATHAMASUKHON IS ALSO THE SECRETARY OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY OF THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR OF THAILAND.

THE MAXIMUM SECURITY INSTITUTION, WHICH WAS OPENED IN NOVEMBER 1977, HAS TWO NINE-STORY CELLULAR BLOCKS AND AN ADJOINING EIGHT-STORY DORMITORY BLOCK, AN ADMINISTRATION WING AND A HOSPITAL. IT CAN ACCOMMODATE 960 INMATES.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR TOM ECOB, THE VISITORS TOURED THE CENTRE AND WERE BRIEFED BY THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE, MR RAYMOND LAI, ON ITS PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES.

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VOLUNTEER SCHEME TO HELP THE ELDERLY
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A THREE-MONTH VOLUNTEER SCHEME, +CARING FOR THE AGED+, UNDER WHICH OLD PEOPLE ARE VISITED, BEFRIENDED AND HELPED AT HOME.

THE SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AS PART OF ITS COMMUNITY PROJECTS FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE SCHEME AIMS AT REACHING OUT TO OLD PEOPLE, HELPING THEM WHERE NECESSARY AND STUDYING THEIR SOCIAL NEEDS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

UNDER THE SCHEME, 32 STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP THEIR FREE TIME TO PAY REGULAR VISITS TO 100 OLD PEOPLE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE, HE SAID.

THE MAJORITY OF THE OLD PEOPLE COVERED BY THE SCHEME LIVE ALONE AND ARE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE VISITS, THE VOLUNTEERS MAKE FRIENDS WITH THE ELDERLY, PROVIDE HOME HELP WHERE NECESSARY AND GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR LIFE.

+ON COMPLETION OF THE SCHEME BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE INFORMATION COLLECTED DURING THE VISITS WILL BE ANALYSED.

+THE ANALYSIS WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR REVIEWING AND PLANNING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF THE ELDERLY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WAS IMPORTANT, SINCE IT WAS ONLY THROUGH A CONTINUOUS INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY LIFE THAT OLD PEOPLE COULD RETAIN THEIR SELF-ESTEEM, RESPECT AND SENSE OF BELONGING.

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EDUCATION SUNDAY TO MARK NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED EDUCATION SUNDAY TO MARK THE START OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES BEING ORGANISED TO MARK THE OCCASION.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, AND IN KOWLOON AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH AND HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

THE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM AND SERVICES AT THE OTHER THREE CHURCHES WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM.

ALL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SERVICES WHICH ARE HELD TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN THE TASK THAT LIES AHEAD IN THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

MR KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL ATTEND THE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, AND MR A.J. REEVE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER) WILL ATTEND THE SERVICE AT ST. TERESA'S CHURCH.

SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING THE OTHER SERVICES.

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FIRE OFFICER RETIRES

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THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED A SILVER SALVER TO DIVISIONAL OFFICER, LEUNG SHUN-YIU, WHO HAS RETIRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT AFTER MORE THAN 33 YEARS SERVICE.

PRIOR TO JOINING THE FIRE SERVICES AS A SUB-OFFICER IN 1947, MR LEUNG WAS A MECHANIC WITH THE GENERAL POST OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO STATION OFFICER IN 1959 AND TO ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER IN 1961. HE ROSE TO PRESENT RANK IN 1970. MR LEUNG WAS AWARDED COLONIAL POLICE SERVICE MEDAL IN 1967 AND FIRST CLASP TO COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADE LONG SERVICE MEDAL IN 1972.

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RUNWAY LIGHTS CONTRACT SIGNED

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A \$2.1 MILLION CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO PROVIDE CENTRE-LINE RUNWAY LIGHTS AT KAI TAK AIRPORT TO FACILITATE TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO THE CHINA ENGINEERS LTD AND WAS SIGNED BY MR G.J. OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MR L.T. TAO, DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMPANY.

THE CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR RUNWAY CENTRE-LINE LIGHTS AND ASSOCIATED SWITCHING PANELS, TRANSFORMERS AND CABLES AND MODIFICATION WORK ON ALL EXISTING FLUSH MOUNTED LIGHTING ON THE RUNWAY TO SUIT THE NEW RE-SURFACED AND GROOVED LEVEL.

THE MODIFICATION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RESURFACING AND GROOVING PROGRAMME OF THE RUNWAY WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PWD SAID THE PROVISION OF RUNWAY CENTRE-LINE LIGHTING WOULD REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT TO THE VISUAL NAVIGATIONAL AID SYSTEMS AVAILABLE TO MODERN HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT WHEN LANDING, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH HIGH LANDING SPEEDS AND ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT AND DURING PERIODS OF POOR VISIBILITY.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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INSTRUCTORS TO PLAY AT BRITISH COUNCIL'S MUSIC HOUR

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THE CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL INSTRUCTORS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL'S FRIDAY MUSIC HOUR TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 5.30 PM.

THE CONCERT WILL BE THE LAST OF THE SERIES OF +FRIDAY MUSIC HOUR+ PROGRAMMES PRESENTED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND THE MUSIC OFFICE SINCE MID-JUNE. THIS CONCERT WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SERIES.

PERFORMING AT THE CONCERT WILL BE CHUNG CHING-KWONG, CHAN KI-CHAM AND CHEN TE-JEN.

CHUNG CHING-KWONG IS AN ESTABLISHED ER-HU PLAYER AND EXCELS IN MUSIC COMPOSITION. WITH HIS EXPERTISE IN ER-HU PERFORMANCE, CHUNG HAS MADE A DEFINITE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS RE-MODELLING THE INSTRUMENT. AT THE CONCERT, HE WILL PLAY HIS WORK +IN PRAISE OF SPRING+ WHICH WAS AWARDED FIRST PRIZE IN THE 1978 SICHUAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL.

BORN INTO A MUSICAL FAMILY, CHAN KI-CHAM IS A RENOWNED YANG-CHIN PLAYER. GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION AT THE GUANGZHOU COLLEGE OF MUSIC, HE HAS VAST EXPERIENCE IN THE PERFORMANCE AND TEACHING OF THE YANG-CHIN AND HAS ALSO MADE MANY RECORDINGS.

CHEN TE-JEN LEARNED THE SHIAO, SHO-NA AND SHENG UNDER FAMOUS MUSICIANS, WU TIN-CHUEN AND LI SAI-YIN. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE FU-JIAN DANCE AND SONG ENSEMBLE FOR 12 YEARS. THE PIECE HE WILL BE PLAYING, +IN REMEMBRANCE+, IS ONE OF HIS COMPOSITIONS BASED ON THE FOLK TUNES OF FU-JIAN.

APART FROM PLAYING THEIR OWN COMPOSITIONS, THE PERFORMERS WILL ALSO PLAY SOME FAMOUS WESTERN PIECES SUCH AS THE +HORA DANCE+ AND +THE LARK+ ON CHINESE INSTRUMENTS.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND ALL ARE WELCOME. ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL, 4TH FLOOR, 255 HENNESSY ROAD, AND THE MUSIC OFFICE AT 9TH FLOOR, ARTS CENTRE, WAN CHAI. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 5-283257.

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