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PROSPECTS FOR TRADE RECOVERY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID HE WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SOME RECOVERY IN WORLD TRADE THIS YEAR +AND ABOUT HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO BENEFIT FROM IT,+ - IF THE WORLD COULD BE SPARED FURTHER SHOCKS TO ITS ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

SIR MURRAY MADE THE COMMENTS AT THE OPENING OF THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE IN SHA TIN TODAY (THURSDAY).

+HONG KONG IS JUSTLY NOTED FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY AND OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE IS THE ENVY OF OTHER COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

+BUT ITS POSITION AS A BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CENTRE CAN ONLY BE CONSOLIDATED AND ITS INDUSTRIAL GROWTH MAINTAINED, IF THOSE WHO ENTER OUR PLACES OF BUSINESS HAVE A SOUND THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL GROUNDING.+

SIR MURRAY DESCRIBED THE SCHOOL AS BEING +A TYPICAL HONG KONG PROJECT TO HANDLE A PUBLIC NEED+ AND THE HANG SENG BANK AS A +TYPICAL HONG KONG INSTITUTION+.

THE GOVERNMENT GAVE THE SITE FOR THE SCHOOL, THE BUILDING WAS GIVEN PRINCIPALLY BY THE BANK AND ITS DIRECTORS AND IT WAS BUILT IN RECORD TIME.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

I AM IMMENSELY PLEASED TO BE HERE FOR THE OPENING OF THIS IMPRESSIVE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

THE GOVERNMENT GAVE THE SITE- THE BUILDING WAS GIVEN PRINCIPALLY BY THE HANG SENG BANK AND ITS DIRECTORS: THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN RECORD TIME. IT HAS BEEN A TYPICAL HONG KONG PROJECT TO TACKLE A PUBLIC NEED, WITH, IN THE LEAD, A TYPICAL HONG KONG INSTITUTION - THE HANG SENG BANK.

THERE IS NOTHING NEW ABOUT THE HANG SENG BANK'S INTEREST IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING. ITS COURSES OF ELEMENTARY BANKING HAVE ALREADY BENEFITTED NEARLY 70 000 YOUNG PEOPLE. FROM THESE BEGINNINGS THE IDEA OF THIS SCHOOL WAS CONCEIVED MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BANK, DR S.H. HO. HE ENVISAGED A NON-PROFIT-MAKING INSTITUTION OFFERING FULL-TIME COMMERCIAL TRAINING AT POST-FORM V LEVEL.

NOW, THIS FINE BUILDING IS COMPLETED AND THE WORK OF TEACHING HAS STARTED, AND IN 1982 THE FIRST GRADUATES FROM THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE WILL TAKE THEIR PLACE IN HONG KONG'S BUSINESS WORLD. THE COMBINATION OF ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, WHICH IS THE KEY-NOTE OF THIS SCHOOL, WILL SURELY GIVE ITS STUDENTS A FLYING START.

HONG KONG IS JUSTLY NOTED FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY, AND OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE IS THE ENVY OF OTHER COUNTRIES. BUT ITS POSITION AS A BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CENTRE CAN ONLY BE CONSOLIDATED AND ITS INDUSTRIAL GROWTH MAINTAINED, IF THOSE WHO ENTER OUR PLACES OF BUSINESS HAVE A SOUND THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL GROUNDING.

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IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE SCHOOL TO PROVIDE THIS- AND IN THEIR WISE PERCEPTION OF THE PUBLIC INTEREST THEY HAVE NOT ONLY BUILT AND EQUIPPED THE SCHOOL BUT ALSO, THROUGH THE TRUST FUND, HAVE PROVIDED FOR ITS RECURRENT COSTS. I HEAR THAT OVER 30 CANDIDATES APPLIED FOR EACH PLACE AVAILABLE. WHAT BETTER PROOF COULD THERE BE OF THE SOUNDNESS OF THE FOUNDERS' JUDGEMENT OF WHAT IS NEEDED?

THIS OPENING CEREMONY IS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR. IF THE WORLD CAN BE SPARED FURTHER SHOCKS TO ITS ECONOMIC SYSTEM I AM CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SOME RECOVERY IN WORLD TRADE THIS YEAR AND ABOUT HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO BENEFIT FROM IT. WHEN THE FIRST STUDENTS GRADUATE AND ENTER BUSINESS IN 1982 THEY WILL NO DOUBT FIND THAT THEY DO SO ON HONG KONG'S USUAL RISING TIDE OF PROSPERITY. TO THEM, TO THE SCHOOL, ITS FOUNDERS AND ITS TEACHERS, I OFFER MY BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS.

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KOWLOON SITE SOLD FOR \$395 MILLION

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A 3 149 SQUARE METRE SITE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WAS SOLD AT AN AUCTION TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR \$395 MILLION OR \$125 436.65 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SITE WAS BOUGHT BY BRISBANE TRADING CO LTD, BAUGHEN INVESTMENTS LTD AND VARITRADE CO LTD.

IT IS FOR A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND OTHER NON-INDUSTRIAL USE, EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

ANOTHER SITE OF 2 312 SQUARE METRES WAS SOLD TO GLORY COURT LTD FOR \$51 MILLION OR \$22 058.82 PER SQUARE METRE.

IT IS SITUATED NEAR SUN YIP STREET, CHAI WAN AND IS FOR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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JOINT CONSULTATION HELPS MANAGEMENT
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS SET UP A PROMOTION UNIT IN ITS LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE TO ADVISE AND ASSIST ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESSES TO SET UP MORE JOINT CONSULTATION MACHINERY.

THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE UNIT IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES, A LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE, MR MAK SAI-YIU, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) WHILE ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT CLUB OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION.

HE SAID THE UNIT KEEPS ITS METHODS OF PROMOTING EMPLOYEE RELATIONS FLEXIBLE AND TAILORS ITS APPROACH TO SUIT THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COMPANIES.

JOINT CONSULTATION, MR MAK EXPLAINED, IS A PROCESS OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN, PROVIDING A RECOGNISED TWO-WAY FLOW OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE ORGANISATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT JOINT CONSULTATION SERVE SEVERAL FUNCTIONS.

FIRST, IT PROVIDES A MANAGEMENT WITH AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF USEFUL INFORMATION AND SAFETY-VALVE WHERE COMMUNICATION IS ABOUT TO BREAK DOWN.

SECONDLY, IT PROVIDES A MEANS FOR MANAGEMENT TO TRANSMIT TO EMPLOYEES INFORMATION AND EXPLANATION WHICH WILL HELP THE LATTER TO FORM A MORE BALANCED ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE JOB OR THEIR MANAGEMENT.

MR MAK SAID JOINT CONSULTATION IS ALSO ONE MEANS BY WHICH EMPLOYERS COULD OBTAIN A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE ASPIRATIONS, OPINIONS AND ATTITUDES OF THE STAFF.

HE SAID ALL COMPANIES NEED INFORMATION FOR ITS DECISIONS, SUCH AS OPINIONS AND ATTITUDES OF THE WORK FORCE.

MR MAK SAID IN MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR WELL-BEING, EMPLOYEES HAVE A LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO AN OPINION. COMING FROM THE SHOPFLOOR, THE STAFF HAVE INFORMATION WHICH IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO TOP MANAGEMENT.

HE WARNED THAT MANAGEMENT THAT DID NOT USE THIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION DID SO AT ITS OWN PERIL.

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ORIGIN CERTIFICATION -- NEW ARRANGEMENTS

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THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT NEW OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORIGIN CERTIFICATION AND ORIGIN LABELLING PURPOSES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON FEBRUARY 23, 1981.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE TWO ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THIS SCHEME. ARRANGEMENT (A) IS TO FACILITATE THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF HONG KONG ORIGIN FOR PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE HAD MINOR PROCESSING OUTSIDE HONG KONG, BUT ON WHICH THE MAIN, OR ORIGIN-CONFERRING PROCESS HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT IN HONG KONG. THIS ARRANGEMENT IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO MANUFACTURERS REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN.

ARRANGEMENT (B) IS TO FACILITATE THE RE-IMPORTATION OF GOODS WHICH HAVE HAD MINOR PROCESSING OUT OF HONG KONG AND ARE RE-IMPORTED WITH LABELS INDICATING HONG KONG ORIGIN. THIS IS AN OPTIONAL SCHEME FOR MANUFACTURERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF HONG KONG ORIGIN AND IS AVAILABLE TO ANY LOCAL COMPANY. AT PRESENT, SUCH GOODS WOULD BE LIABLE TO DETENTION ON IMPORTATION BY THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR INVESTIGATION OF A POSSIBLE TRADE DESCRIPTION OFFENCE.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL COMMENCE ON FEBRUARY 23, 1981. HOWEVER, THOSE CONCERNED MAY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT APPLY TO REGISTER THEIR GOODS AND MANUFACTURING PROCESSES WITH THE OUTWARD PROCESSING SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON FIRST FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

DETAILS OF THE OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS ARE PUBLISHED IN CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN CIRCULAR NO. 2/81 DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1981. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTIONIST COUNTER OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, GROUND FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE.

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AIRPORT TEST WITH 190 000 TRAVELLERS

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CROWD CONTROL AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WAS PUT TO THE TEST DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD WHEN MORE THAN 190 000 PEOPLE MOVED THROUGH ITS DEPARTURE AND ENTRY GATES.

AND A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) DESCRIBED THE OPERATION AS BEING +SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT+.

HE ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS TO THE CO-OPERATION OF TRAVELLERS BY CHECKING-IN EARLY AND KEEPING FRIENDS DOWN TO A MINIMUM, AND TO THE INTRODUCTION OF TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AIRPORT WHICH INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL CHECK-IN FACILITIES FOR CHINA-BOUND TRAVELLERS.

DURING THE NEW YEAR +TRAVELLING PERIOD+ (FEBRUARY 1 TO 9) SOME 120 000 LEFT HONG KONG BY AIR AND 70 000 ARRIVED VIA THE AIRPORT.

THE HOLIDAY RUSH STARTED ON FEBRUARY 3 WHEN 15 000 PEOPLE FLEW OUT WITH ANOTHER 17 000 ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND ABOUT 18 000 ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

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HEAVY DEMAND ON FACILITIES IN THE ARRIVAL HALL STARTED ON FEBRUARY 7 WHEN SOME 10 000 PASSENGERS CHECKED THROUGH THE COUNTERS. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY THERE WERE ANOTHER 13 500 ARRIVALS AND ON FEBRUARY 9 THERE WERE 12 500 AIR PASSENGERS RETURNING TO HONG KONG.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KAU WAH KENG ROAD

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PART OF KAU WAH KENG ROAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME TO THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO TAI PO ROAD (PIPER'S HILL) WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE MONTHS FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 16) TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN LAYING WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TUEN MUN TO HOLD DISTRICT RACE

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ABOUT 400 PEOPLE WILL COMPETE IN A DISTRICT RACE IN TUEN MUN ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THE RACE IS CONNECTED WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK WHICH RUNS FROM FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 1.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS FOR MEN AGED 17 OR OVER, FOR BOYS AGED 12 TO 16 AND FOR WOMEN AGED OVER 12.

TO ENCOURAGE MEN OVER 35 TO TAKE PART, THERE WILL BE TWO SECTIONS FOR THOSE AGED FROM 35 TO 39 AND FOR THOSE AGED OVER 40.

THE RACE IS OPEN TO ALL TUEN MUN DISTRICT RESIDENTS. LOCAL COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, AND ASSOCIATIONS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO ORGANISE TEAMS TO TAKE PART.

AMONG THOSE ENTERING IS TUEN MUN DIVISIONAL POLICE SUPERINTENDENT, MR S.J. MCDERMOTT.

THE 5.64-KILOMETRE RACE WILL START AND FINISH AT TUEN MUN TEMPORARY SOCCER PITCH. IT WILL BE STARTED AT 10 AM BY HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

THE FIRST THREE RUNNERS TO FINISH IN EACH SECTION AND THE FIRST THREE TEAMS WILL EACH RECEIVE A TROPHY. ALL ENTRANTS COMPLETING THE WHOLE COURSE WILL RECEIVE A 'T' SHIRT.

THE TUEN MUN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK PROGRAMME INCLUDES A FUN FAIR, AN EXHIBITION, A CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY AND A CULTURAL EVENING.

IT IS BEING ORGANISED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK ORGANISING COMMITTEE, WITH DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD SPONSORSHIP.

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TAI PO NEW YEAR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION
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ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION DESIGNED TO PROMOTE NEW YEAR FESTIVITY IN TAI PO.

ANYONE LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE DISTRICT CAN ENTER.

PHOTOGRAPHS CAN SHOW EITHER NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS OR PROGRESS IN THE NEW TOWN.

THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON SIZES OF ENTRIES WHICH CAN BE IN COLOUR OR BLACK-AND-WHITE.

CAMERAS AND FILMS WILL BE AWARDED AS PRIZES TO THE FIRST EIGHT WINNERS, WHOSE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE USED IN FUTURE PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS.

ENTRIES MUST BE SENT TO TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TING KOK ROAD, BEFORE FEBRUARY 27.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MARCH 4. PRIZE-WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY LETTER.

THE COMPETITION IS PART OF 17 DAYS OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS IN TAI PO WHICH BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 3.

ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING WEEK INCLUDE A GAMES DAY AT YU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA ON SATURDAY= PICNICS TO BRIDE'S POOL AND VICTORIA PEAK ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY= A FUNFAIR AT PLOVER ROAD PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY= AND A LANTERN EXHIBITION AND VARIETY SHOW AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE CARPARK ON THURSDAY.

TAI PO DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS PROVIDED \$100 000 FOR THE CELEBRATIONS.

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SPRING MUSIC FOR SAI KUNG
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THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL PRESENT A 'SPRING MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS' CONCERT ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 14) AT 3 PM IN THE HALL OF THE NEWLY OPENED CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL AT CHUK KOK, SAI KUNG.

THE CONCERT, BEING HELD ON VALENTINE DAY, WILL HAVE REPERTOIRE OF LOVE TUNES AND LIGHT CLASSICS, INCLUDING BEATLES' 'I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND', 'YESTERDAY', ELVIS PRESLEY'S GOLDEN HITS, RICHARD ROGERS' 'THE SOUND OF MUSIC', JOHNSON'S 'I WRITE THE SONG', MANCINI'S 'PINK PANTHER', AND BLISS' 'JUBILANT FANFARE'.

THE MUSIC OFFICE SYMPHONIC BAND WILL BE PERFORMING UNDER THE BATON OF MR JOHN CHENG.

THE CHOIR AND DANCE TEAM OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO PERFORM IN THE CONCERT TO ADD GLAMOUR TO THIS HAPPY OCCASION.

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THE CONCERT WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEES.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICE, SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES.

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NEW YEAR CONCERT AT TAI O

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THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE Y.W.C.A. TAI O COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE WILL PRESENT A LUNAR NEW YEAR CONCERT ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 15) AT 2.30 PM AT THE TAI O BUDDHIST FAT HO MEMORIAL COLLEGE, LANTAU ISLAND.

IT WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (ISLANDS).

THE CONCERT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER HELD AT TAI O, WILL BE GIVEN BY THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA OF THE YOUTH MUSIC ASSOCIATION. SOPRANO MISS WONG WAI-WAN AND BARITONE MR CHOW WAN-JIN WILL GIVE SOLO PERFORMANCES. THERE WILL ALSO BE TRADITIONAL DANCES.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE Y.W.C.A. TAI O COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE (TAI O), THE TAI O BUDDHIST FAT HO MEMORIAL COLLEGE, AND THE MUSIC OFFICE, 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

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