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PRINCE CHARLES VISITS SHA TIN ON MARCH 4

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE CHARLES, ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG EARLY NEXT MONTH, WILL BEGIN A SERIES OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS ON MARCH 4 BY TOURING SHA TIN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, PRINCE CHARLES WILL ARRIVE AT A LOOKOUT POINT AT SIU LEK YUEN.

ON ARRIVAL HE WILL BE GREETED BY MR. JOHN DON, DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON, SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, AND MR. FONG CHUN-NAM, SHA TIN PROJECT MANAGER.

FROM THERE, THE PRINCE WILL HAVE A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE AREA WHILE MR. FONG WILL BRIEF HIM ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN SHA TIN.

THE POPULATION OF SHA TIN AT PRESENT IS 48,000, BUT THE FIGURE IS PROJECTED TO REACH 550,000 BY 1986, WITH ABOUT 60 PER CENT LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING.

THERE ARE SEVERAL SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA, NOTABLY THE NEW RACE COURSE AND THE CLOSENESS TO BOTH URBAN AREAS AND SOME FINE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE FOCAL POINT OF THE WHOLE SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOWN CENTRE OCCUPYING A SITE OF 22 HECTARES BORDERED BY RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND THE RIVERSIDE PARK.

+IT WILL INCLUDE A MAJOR REGIONAL SHOPPING COMPLEX WITH MAJOR DEPARTMENT STORES AND OTHER SHOPS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE TOWN HALL AND THE RAILWAY STATION,+ HE SAID.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OVER THE SHOPPING AREAS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SCHEME, AND TOWER BLOCKS FOR SOME 40,000 PEOPLE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION WILL INITIALLY BE PROVIDED IN A 10-STOREY BLOCK ADJACENT TO THE RAILWAY STATION, BUT SITES HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR ADDITIONAL BLOCKS NEXT TO THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

THE TOWN HALL WILL INCLUDE A 1,500 SEAT AUDITORIUM -- CONCERT HALL, A RESTAURANT, LIBRARY AND REHEARSAL ROOMS UNDER GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT.

MR. HIGGINSON POINTED OUT COMMUNICATIONS WOULD BE IMPROVED BY THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BY 1981 WITH A HIGH FREQUENCY SERVICE TO KOWLOON AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE NEW STATIONS AT TAI WAI, THE TOWN CENTRE AND FO TAN.

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+A BUS SERVICE LINKED TO THE RAILWAY SYSTEM FORMS PART OF THE PLANNED INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AS IS A NETWORK OF SEPARATE CYCLE PATHS RUNNING THROUGH THE CITY AND OUT TO THE COUNTRY,+ HE ADDED.

THE TOWN CENTRE WILL BE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CAREFULLY-DEVISED CONTROL DRAWINGS AND LEASE CONDITIONS TO ENSURE HIGH STANDARDS.

OTHER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NEW TOWN WILL INCLUDE 41 GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 45 GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TWO SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES, A 1,400-BED TEACHING HOSPITAL, AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND HALLS.

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ROYAL VISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TO TOY FACTORY

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES TO A FACTORY HAVE BEEN FINALISED.

COPIES OF THE ARRANGEMENTS, NOMINATION FORM AND THREE DIAGRAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING FROM GIS PRESS BOXES ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. PAGE 15 OF THE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS PROGRAMME ISSUED ON TUESDAY SHOULD BE REPLACED WITH THE DETAILS RELEASED TODAY.

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ROYAL VISIT PRESS OFFICER, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, SIXTH FLOOR, BY 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY ARRIVES FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, THE RT. HON. ERIC VARLEY, MP, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT BEFORE LEAVING FOR PEKING.

MR. VARLEY WAS MET AT KAI TAK AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN, THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR. D.M. MARCH AND THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, MR. G.T. BURGESS.

ACCOMPANYING MR. VARLEY ON HIS VISIT TO PEKING WILL BE MR. GEORGE PARK, MP, PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY= MR. A. DUGUID, PRIVATE SECRETARY= LORD NELSON, CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SINO-BRITISH TRADE COUNCIL= MR. A.E. HAMMOND, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS AND PLUMBERS TRADE UNION= MR. A.J. LIPPITT, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY= MR. C. PRISTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND MR. R. MATHRANI, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, MR. VARLEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENTS.

HIS PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES A HELICOPTER TOUR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES.

SIR MURRAY WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY MR. VARLEY TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BOARD AND TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

MR. VARLEY WILL THEN MEET SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY LEADERS AND BRITISH BUSINESSMEN, VISIT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND GO ON A LAUNCH TRIP TO SEE THE HARBOUR, CONTAINER TERMINALS AND MODERN FACTORIES.

HE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY AT KAI TAK AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING FOR PEKING BY AIR.

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RHINO HORNS BANNED IN HONG KONG

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL NO LONGER ISSUE IMPORT LICENCES FOR RHINOCEROS HORNS, THEIR PARTS OR DERIVATIVES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS, SAID ALL SPECIES OF RHINOCEROS ARE UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE WHICH GIVES EFFECT LOCALLY TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION WAS IMMEDIATELY HAILED BY THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND INTERNATIONAL BASED IN SWITZERLAND.

ITS CONSERVATION DIRECTOR AND SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC ADVISER, DR. LEE TALBOT SAID IN A TELEX MESSAGE TO THE FUND'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, MR. DAVID MITCHELL WHO IS NOW IN TOKYO: +THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S NEW MOVE IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PRECEDENT. RHINOS TODAY ARE ONE OF THE MOST CRITICALLY ENDANGERED AND MOST RAPIDLY DECLINING SPECIES IN THE WORLD DUE TO THE HEAVY DEMAND FOR THEIR HORNS.+

DR. TALBOT SAID THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND, ESTABLISHED IN 1961, HAS BEEN CONCERNED FOR THE DEMAND FOR RHINO PRODUCTS PROVIDED BY HONG KONG AND ACCORDINGLY APPLAUDED THIS ACTION.

+WE TRUST THAT OTHER MAJOR CENTRES OF TRADE IN ANIMAL PRODUCTS WILL FOLLOW HONG KONG'S EXCELLENT LEAD AND WILL SIMILARLY BAN ALL TRADE IN RHINO HORNS,+ HE ADDED.

EARLIER IN THE WEEK MR. MITCHELL WAS HERE FOR TALKS WITH MR. NICHOLS AND HIS CONSERVATION OFFICERS ON HONG KONG'S ENACTMENT OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF ENDANGERED SPECIES AND THE LOCAL ORDINANCE.

MR. NICHOLS SAID SINCE THE ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1976, 15 LICENCES FOR IMPORTING RHINO HORNS AND ONE FOR RHINO HIDE HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

IN ALL CASES, HE CONTINUED, THE CONSIGNMENTS WERE SUPPORTED BY APPROPRIATE EXPORT PERMITS FROM THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN WHICH ARE PARTIES OR SIGNATORIES TO THE CONVENTION.

HE SAID THE BAN IS BEING INTRODUCED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON IVORY MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION LTD WHOSE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN THE MAJOR IMPORTERS OF RHINO HORNS.

+SUCH SUPPORT FROM THE TRADE IS MOST ENCOURAGING AND IT IS ONLY THROUGH TRADE CO-OPERATION THAT EFFECTIVE CONTROLS CAN BE ACHIEVED.+

MR. NICHOLS EMPHASISED THAT SUCH TOTAL BANS WILL APPLY ONLY TO SPECIES WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY RARE. A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER WILDLIFE PRODUCTS CAN STILL BE TRADED WITHOUT HINDERANCE PROVIDED IT WAS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONVENTION.

FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS IN RECENT PRESS REPORTS FROM TANZANIA THAT HONG KONG IS A MAJOR IMPORTER OF POACHED RHINO HORNS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM THE AUTHORITIES IN TANZANIA OR ELSEWHERE OF ANY SUCH CONSIGNMENTS.

+IF THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVES SUCH INFORMATION, THE MATTER WILL BE MOST CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED,+ HE SAID.

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR TSUEN WAN TOWN WELL UNDERWAY

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS IN THE FOREFRONT OF DEVELOPING COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR THE FAST GROWING SATELLITE CITY.

THE NEW TOWNS GENERALLY ARE PROGRESSING AT A RATE THAT MAKES VISITORS BLINK IN AWE, AND A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TSUEN WAN IS IN NO WAY EXCLUDED.

MANY COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE TOWN TOOK SHAPE DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR, HE POINTED OUT.

TWO PRIMARY AND FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS WERE COMPLETED, PILING TENDERS FOR THE URBAN CLINIC AT LEI MUK SHUE RECEIVED, AND PILING WORKS FOR THE KWAI CHUNG INDOOR GAMES HALL HAVE STARTED.

PLANS ALSO HAVE ALL BEEN UPGRADED FOR A COMMUNITY HALL AT SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN KWAI CHUNG, A MARKET-LIBRARY BUILDING AT SHEK YAM AND A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND LORRY PARKING AREA IN KWAI CHUNG.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION INCLUDED SEVEN SECONDARY AND TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS, QUARTERS FOR FIRE SERVICES PERSONNEL, A MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM, A CREMATORIUM AND COLUMBARIUM, A PERMANENT MARKET AND AN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING.

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$13.2 MILLION AIRPORT CONTRACT

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A $13.2 MILLION CONTRACT TO OKURA YUSOKI CO. LTD. TO SUPPLY AND INSTALL AN AUTOMATED DEPARTURE BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE CONTRACT IS BEING SUPERVISED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF PWD ON BEHALF OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT. THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY MR. GRAHAM OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER AND MR. N. OKURA, PRESIDENT OF OKURA LTD.

MR. OSBORNE SAID THE WORK CONSTITUTES THE SECOND AND FINAL STAGE OF A COMPUTERISED, CONVEYOR BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM, THE FIRST STAGE OF WHICH WAS ALSO UNDERTAKEN BY THE JAPANESE COMPANY.

THIS FINAL STAGE IS DESIGNED TO HANDLE 3,600 BAGS PER HOUR, AND IS TO BE COMMISSIONED IN TWO PHASES, THE FIRST IN JANUARY, 1980 AND THE SECOND IN SEPTEMBER, 1981.

THE HONG KONG AGENT FOR OKURA LTD. IS SUMITOMO CORPORATION LTD.

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NEW NURSERY OPENS IN SAU MAU PING

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS REGISTERED MORE THAN 200 CHILD CARE CENTRES SINCE THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE CAME INTO OPERATION IN JUNE 1976.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID THIS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUNG WAH NURSERY IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HIS WIFE LATER UNVEILED A PLAQUE, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF ITS FACILITIES.

MR. LEE SAID MORE THAN HALF OF THE REGISTERED CHILD CARE CENTRES ARE SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP PARENTS WHO CANNOT AFFORD SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO PRIVATE NURSERIES.

WITH THE RAPID COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, MORE MARRIED WOMEN ARE TAKING UP JOBS TO HELP BOOST FAMILY INCOME.

+WHILE SOME ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN TAKEN CARE OF BY FRIENDS OR RELATIVES, THERE ARE OTHER PARENTS OF SMALL FAMILIES WHO NEED CHILD CARE SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT A CHILD CARE CENTRE NOT ONLY PROVIDES CHILDREN WITH MEALS BUT ALSO TAKES CARE OF THEIR DAILY LIFE WITH EMPHASIS ON THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT.

HE PRAISED THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN VARIOUS SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF CHILD CARE.

THE SAU MAU PING NURSERY, WITH A CAPACITY OF 120, IS THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED DAY NURSERY RUN BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP, WHICH ALSO OPERATES A SELF-SUPPORTING NON-PROFIT MAKING NURSERY.

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3 WAN CHAI BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) DECLARED NOS. 2, 4 AND 6 TIK LUNG LANE, WAN CHAI, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, A BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE TWO-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOFS, HAVE BEEN UNDER REGULAR OBSERVATION SINCE 1966.

A RECENT INSPECTION REVEALED SERIOUS OUTWARD MOVEMENT OF THE KITCHEN BLOCKS TO NOS. 2 AND 4 AND THE MAIN FRONT WALL OF NO. 6 HAD OCCURRED.

THE STRUCTURAL TIMBERS ARE ALSO BADLY DECAYED IN MANY PLACES.

+AS THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON MARCH 22 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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TWO-DAY CAMP FOR S.W.D.'S DISABLED TRAINEES

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MORE THAN 200 DISABLED TRAINEES FROM ONE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION CENTRES TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TOOK PART IN A TWO-DAY CAMP IN TUEN MUN ORGANISED IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

MOST OF THE TRAINEES, FROM THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE, ARE STAYING OVERNIGHT AT THE CAMP SITE IN HOH FOK TONG CENTRE.

THEIR FUN-FILLED CAMPING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BARBARCUE, GROUP GAMES, RAFFLE DRAW AND VARIETY SHOW.

A LEADING TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY LEADER, MR. YUENG CHUN-PUI, HAS DONATED $10,000 TOWARDS THE CAMP, AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED BY THE REHABILITATION CENTRE.

RECEIVING THE DONATION FROM MR. YEUNG AT A CEREMONY AT THE CAMP SITE THIS AFTERNOON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS. EVELYN DOE, SAID ORGANISING THE CAMP WAS IN LINE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE YEAR OF THE CHILD, WHICH IS TO AROUSE WIDESPREAD CONCERN ON THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN.

MRS. DOE SAID THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OBJECTIVE, THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, HAD BEEN ORGANISING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO HELP PROMOTE THE WELL BEING OF CHILDREN.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN EQUALLY CONCERNED WITH THE WELL BEING OF THE DISABLED,+ SHE SAID.

AT PRESENT, SHE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT IS RUNNING 19 REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS CATERING FOR ABOUT 1,780 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND MENTALLY DISABLED PEOPLE.

OF THESE, THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE IS ONE, PROVIDING BOTH PRE-VOCATIONAL AND VOCATION TRAINING TO THE DISABLED AS WELL AS HELPING THEM TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A VARIETY OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, SHE SAID.

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FIRE WATCH SCHEME INAUGURATION CEREMONY

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A FIRE WATCH SCHEME WILL BE INAUGURATED AT A CEREMONY AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL, PAT HEUNG, YUEN LONG ON FRIDAY.

THE PILOT SCHEME IS A PART OF THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN PREVENTING FIRE.

IN THE INITIAL STAGE, RESIDENTS IN SQUATTER AREAS AND VILLAGES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO FORM FIRE PATROL TEAMS TO HELP PREVENT OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN HOMES.

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THESE TEAMS. THE FIRE SERVICES AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAVE WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER IN THE PAST MONTHS TO GET THE SCHEME STARTED.

DURING THE CEREMONY, REPRESENTATIVES FROM 26 NEWLY FORMED FIRE WATCH PATROLS FROM SQUATTER AREAS AND VILLAGES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WILL EACH BE PRESENTED WITH A SOUVENIR PLAQUE.

THE HONOURABLE CHARLES YEUNG, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY WITH FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A FIRE DRILL BY TRAINEES OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE AUDIENCE THE PROPER WAY OF USING DIFFERENT FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO COMBAT FIRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FIRE WATCH SCHEME INAUGURATION CEREMONY ON FRIDAY AT 2.30 P.M. AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL, PAT HEUNG, YUEN LONG. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL, AT 1.15 P.M. SHARP FOR YUEN LONG. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU WILL BE STOPPED FROM 9 P.M. ON FRIDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS CONNECTION AT ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD AND YUE KWONG ROAD.

IN ABERDEEN, AFFECTED PREMISES WILL BE FROM OLD MAIN STREET TO TIN WAN INCLUDING YUE KWONG , SHEK PAI WAN AND TIN WAN ESTATES, TIN WAN LICENSED AREA, DAIRY FARM IN TIN WAN AND HING WAI COLD STORAGE.

ALL PREMISES IN AP LEI CHAU, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC POWER STATION, WILL BE AFFECTED.

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