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NEW DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR CHOW CHE-KING, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED DR NIP KAM-FAN AS DIRECTOR.

DR NIP, AGED 59, RETIRED ON JULY 20, THIS YEAR.

HE JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER IN 1956 AND WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN 1981 AND TO DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT IN 1986.

IN 1989 HE WAS APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT.

ON HIS RETIREMENT, DR NIP HAS COMPLETED 35 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR CHOW, AGED 58, JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS A JUNIOR ASSISTANT ENGINEER IN 1955.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN 1980 AND TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER TWO YEARS LATER.

MR CHOW HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

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POLICE TO FACE CHALLENGES AHEAD

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL BRANCH, MR DON WATSON, TOOK THE SALUTE FROM 226 PASSING OUT POLICE OFFICERS AT THE WONG CHUK HANG POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

REVIEWING THE POLICE OFFICERS ON PARADE, MR WATSON SAID HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD COME MORE SHARPLY INTO FOCUS AND WOULD INCREASINGLY AFFECT THE WAY THEY CONDUCT THEMSELVES PROFESSIONALLY.

"POLICE POWERS AND PROCEDURES, LONG TAKEN FOR GRANTED, WILL BE CHALLENGED AND MAY BE REVOKED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT INADVERTENTLY VIOLATE THE SACRED RIGHTS OF EVERY CITIZEN," HE SAID.

MR WATSON SAID POLICE OFFICERS WOULD WITNESS HISTORIC CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN THIS TERRITORY AND BE EXPECTED BY THE COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE TO POLICE HONG KONG ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF LAW AND TO NO LESS THAN THE VERY HIGH STANDARDS OF IMPARTIAL POLICING.

"YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO DEAL WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF SITUATIONS WHICH WILL CALL UPON EVERY OUNCE OF TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, TACT AND COMMON SENSE YOU POSSESS," HE TOLD THE OFFICERS ON PARADE.

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"YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO ACT INSTANTLY, OFTEN IN LIFE-THREATENING SITUATIONS, AND YOU MAY BE CRITICISED ON OCCASIONS FOR TAKING, IN A SPLIT SECOND, A DECISION WHICH MAY TAKE DAYS, OR WEEKS, TO ANALYSE BY SOMEONE WHO HAS THE LUXURY OF TIME TO CONSIDER THE COMPLEX SITUATION IN WHICH YOU, UNDER PRESSURE, HAD TO REACT INSTINCTIVELY."

MR WATSON TOLD THE PASSING OUT OFFICERS THAT WITH MODERN TRAINING AND CONTINUED DEDICATION AS GUARDIANS OF JUSTICE THEY COULD MEET AND OVERCOME THESE CHALLENGES.

THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO GRADUATED TODAY COMPRISE SEVEN MALE INSPECTORS, 161 POLICE CONSTABLES AND 58 WOMAN POLICE CONSTABLES.

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EMPLOYER FINED FOR NOT PAYING COMPENSATION

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EMPLOYERS ARE LIABLE TO HEAVY FINES FOR NOT MAKING PERIODICAL PAYMENTS WITHIN A TIME LIMIT TO EMPLOYEES INJURED AT WORK, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HOUDINI HO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR HO GAVE THE ADVICE AFTER A CASE IN WHICH AN EMPLOYER WAS CONVICTED OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

THE CITY DRAINAGE CLEANING SERVICE WAS FINED \$1,000 BY A SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRATE FOR NOT PAYING AN INJURED EMPLOYEE HIS ENTITLED COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY INCAPACITY CAUSED BY A WORK ACCIDENT WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD AFTER THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AN INJURED EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO PERIODICAL PAYMENTS DURING HIS PERIOD OF INCAPACITY AT A RATE OF TWO-THIRDS OF HIS MONTHLY EARNINGS, AND THE PAYMENTS ARE PAYABLE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE EMPLOYEE'S NORMAL PAY DAY.

"WHERE AN EMPLOYER OBJECTS TO THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE STATING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION AND REQUIRING PAYMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN 21 DAYS," HE EXPLAINED.

ANY EMPLOYER FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

MR HO ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A NEW DIRECT SETTLEMENT SYSTEM HAS COME INTO OPERATION RECENTLY.

UNDER THE SYSTEM, AN EMPLOYER MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, EITHER WRITTEN OR VERBAL, WITH HIS EMPLOYEE ON COMPENSATION FOR WORK-RELATED INJURIES RESULTING IN NO PERMANENT INCAPACITY AND INVOLVING SICK LEAVE OF NOT MORE THAN SEVEN DAYS, HE ADDED.

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10 STUDENTS TO ATTEND CONVENTION IN JAPAN
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TEN PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOURTH ASIAN-PACIFIC CHILDREN'S CONVENTION WHICH WILL BE HELD IN FUKUODA LATER THIS YEAR.

CHILDREN FROM SOME 39 COUNTRIES WILL JOIN THE CONVENTION.

THE CONVENTION WOULD BROADEN AND ENRICH CHILDREN'S CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AND ALSO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR ROBERT LO, SAID WHEN OFFICIATING AT A CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE MARINER'S CLUB.

MR LO ALSO THANKED THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND A SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUNG PEOPLE.

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CURTAIN FALLS FOR YOUTH MUSIC CAMP
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A GRAND FINALE CONCERT WAS HELD AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE 1992 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

THE CONCERT, PRESENTED BY MORE THAN 200 LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MUSICIANS FROM BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, SINGAPORE AND OTHER COUNTRIES, WAS THE CULMINATION OF THE TWO-WEEK HARD WORK BY CAMP INSTRUCTORS AND CAMPERS.

IT PROVIDED THE CAMPERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC AND FOR AUDIENCE TO SEE HOW THEY HAD BEEN BENEFITED FROM THE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING GIVEN BY OVERSEAS INSTRUCTORS.

THE CAMP HAD BEEN HELD AT THE TSO KUNG TAM OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, TSUEN WAN, OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

THE TWO-HOUR CONCERT INCLUDED CHINESE AND WESTERN PIECES SUCH AS "THE BUTTERFLY LOVERS", "LOVERS AT TURBULENT TIMES", "O SING UNTO THE LORD", AND PETER I. TCHAIKOVSKY'S "SYMPHONY NO.5 IN E MINOR, OP. 64", BY THE MUSIC CAMP CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE CAMP SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CAMP CHOIR.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,988
REVERSAL OF LAF	-1,000
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	988
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-20
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	968
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	

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