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+VERY FULL WEEK IN LONDON,+ GOVERNOR SAYS
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THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE AT THE AIRPORT SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL FROM LONDON THIS (MONDAY) MORNING:

REPORTER: GOOD MORNING, SIR EDWARD, CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR MEETINGS IN LONDON.

SIR EDWARD: YES. I HAD A VERY FULL WEEK IN LONDON AND, AS YOU KNOW, I HAD SEEN THE PRIME MINISTER, AND I SAW THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND I HAD ALSO SEEN LORD BELSTEAD AND MR REES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND A LOT OF SENIOR OFFICIALS.

REPORTER: WHAT HAVE YOU DISCUSSED WITH?

SIR EDWARD: I HAD SOME VERY FULL DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, ON THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, AND ON A NUMBER OF OTHER QUESTIONS OF CURRENT INTEREST IN HONG KONG SUCH AS STUDENT FEES AND THE TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS AND THINGS OF THAT KIND.

REPORTER: WHAT HAVE YOU ADVISED MRS THATCHER ON HER VISIT TO PEKING?

SIR EDWARD: WELL, THE CONTENT OF THE TALKS I HAD THERE OF COURSE IS CONFIDENTIAL BUT I DID CONVEY TO LONDON A VERY FULL ACCOUNT OF THE SITUATION AS IT IS IN HONG KONG AND WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING HERE AND I SHOULD SAY THAT I WAS VERY ENCOURAGED INDEED BY THE INTEREST AND CONCERN WHICH LONDON IS SHOWING IN THIS QUESTION AND I THINK I CAN SAY THAT I WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHICH IS BEING GIVEN TO IT. THERE IS A VERY CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE QUESTION -- THE VERY VITAL INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN THIS QUESTION.

REPORTER: WHAT ARE THE MAJOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION WHEN MRS THATCHER VISITS PEKING?

SIR EDWARD: WELL SHE ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OR AT LEAST IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST WEEK THAT SHE WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT KEY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF THAT KIND.

REPORTER: WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE INTEREST OF PEOPLE HERE?

SIR EDWARD: WELL I DON'T THINK YOU NEED ME TO EXPLAIN THAT TO A GROUP OF REPORTERS, DO I?

REPORTER: SIR EDWARD, WILL YOU BE GOING TO PEKING IN SEPTEMBER?

SIR EDWARD: WELL THE COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY HASN'T YET BE DECIDED SO PERHAPS YOU ASK ME THAT QUESTION A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE VISIT.

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REPORTER: WHEN WILL IT BE KNOWN?

SIR EDWARD: WHEN WILL IT BE KNOWN? I DON'T KNOW. THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE USUALLY MADE IN LONDON RATHER THAN IN HONG KONG, THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PEKING

REPORTER: WHAT ABOUT THE QUESTION OF SCHOOL FEES FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM?

SIR EDWARD: WELL I HAD A FULL DISCUSSION WITH LORD BELSTEAD AND OTHERS ON THAT SUBJECT. AS YOU KNOW THERE ARE PROPOSALS NOW MADE BY THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS TRUST WHICH ARE BEING STUDIED THERE AND HAVE BEEN STUDIED AND WELCOMED IN HONG KONG AND I TOLD THEM THAT, SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WE WOULD BE MAKING SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM HERE AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO PAUSE TO CONSIDER THOSE WHEN THEY COME.

REPORTER: WILL THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG BE CLEAR AFTER MRS THATCHER'S VISIT?

SIR EDWARD: AS YOU KNOW I AM ONE OF THOSE WHO ARE CONFIDENT ABOUT THE FUTURE. YOU MUSTN'T THINK THAT EVERY THING IS GOING TO BE SETTLED ALL AT ONE GO. THIS IS A STEP BY STEP PROCESS BUT I AM SURE PROGRESS WILL BE MADE STEP BY STEP.

REPORTER: SO YOU DON'T EXPECT A SOLUTION WILL BE MADE WITH MRS THATCHER'S VISIT?

SIR EDWARD: WELL I THINK PERHAPS I HAVE SAID ENOUGH NOW FOR ONE PRESS CONFERENCE HAVING COME STRAIGHT OFF THE PLANE SO CAN I SAY FIRST OF ALL I AM SORRY I WAS LATE AND THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO GREET ME.

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WORK SOON ON GIN DRINKER'S BAY PARK

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SITE PREPARATION WORK WILL START SOON ON A PROPOSED PUBLIC PARK WHICH WILL OCCUPY THE FORMER CONTROLLED TIP AT GIN DRINKER'S BAY.

THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH FORMS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE SEALING OF THE TIP SURFACE, THE VENTING OF METHANE GAS GENERATED FROM EARLIER TIPPING ACTIVITIES AND THE FORMATION OF THE SITE TO NEW LEVELS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UPON COMPLETION OF THE SITE PREPARATION, WORK WILL START ON THE FIRST PHASE OF RECREATION FACILITIES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANT GROWTH.

+THE FIRST PHASE WILL COVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 20 HECTARES AND IS PLANNED TO BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR USE IN 1985,+ HE SAID.

WORK ON THE SITE FORMATION WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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KEEPING AN EYE ON FOOD THAT'S SOLD
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THE MAIN AIM OF FOOD CONTROL IN HONG KONG IS TO STOP THE SALE OF UNSOUND FOOD FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC, RATHER THAN TO PROSECUTE FOOD TRADERS CAUGHT WITH IT.

THIS WAS SAID BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FOOD SECTION, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT FOOD SUPPLIES, IMPORTED OR LOCALLY PRODUCED, COMPLY WITH THE STATUTORY HEALTH REQUIREMENTS.

LAST YEAR FOOD INSPECTORS CARRIED OUT 3 502 SAMPLE INSPECTIONS AND 2 905 LABORATORY TESTS ON IMPORTED FOOD, AS WELL AS ON CERTAIN FOODS FOR EXPORT, BEFORE RELEASING THEM FOR SALE. MORE THAN 90 TONNES OF FOOD FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION WAS DESTROYED.

FOOD ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXAMINED BEFORE DISTRIBUTION OR AT THE IMPORT STAGE ARE CHECKED AT RETAIL OUTLETS -- BAKERIES, CANTEENS, COOKED FOOD STALLS, FOOD FACTORIES, MARKET STALLS, SUPERMARKETS, RESTAURANTS, AND EVEN HOTELS AND REFUGEE CAMPS.

+FOOD INSPECTORS CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO INSPECT FOOD ITEMS AND TAKE SAMPLES FOR MONITORING PURPOSES, +THE ASSISTANT STAFF OFFICER OF THE FOOD SECTION, MR YUNG CHING HIN, SAID.

+WHEN THE FOOD IS FOUND TO BE UNSOUND, MOST OWNERS ARE WILLING TO SURRENDER IT FOR DESTRUCTION AT OUR REQUEST, + MR YUNG NOTED.

LAST YEAR, 172 CASES OF FOOD POISONING INVOLVING 664 PEOPLE WERE REPORTED IN HONG KONG. NOT ONE CASE WAS FATAL.

ONE MAJOR CAUSE OF FOOD POISONING IS SALMONELLA, THE TYPE OF BACTERIA RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST CASES OF FOOD POISONING HERE, WHICH COULD DEVELOP IN FOOD NOT PROPERLY HANDLED OR STORED.

+THE COMMON SYMPTOMS OF SALMONELLA FOOD POISONING ARE ABDOMINAL PAIN, DIARRHOEA, CHILLS, FEVER AND VOMITING, + MR YUNG SAID.

+SINCE FOOD SUPPLIES ARE MOSTLY FROM ABROAD, THE CONTROL OF IMPORTED FOOD BEFORE THEIR RELEASE FOR SALE IS THE FIRST STEP TO ENSURE FOOD SAFETY, + THE STAFF OFFICER (FOODS), MR LEE KAM SHING, POINTED OUT.

SUPPLYING COUNTRIES ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE, HARVEST, AND PROCESS FOOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRACTICES AND STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY SUCH INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AS THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

CONSIGNMENTS OF MEAT AND POULTRY ENTERING HONG KONG MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY IN THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN.

+EVEN SO FOOD INSPECTORS VISIT COLD STORAGES, WAREHOUSES, CARGO TERMINALS AND CONTAINER TERMINALS TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS AND TAKE SAMPLES, + HE SAID.

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SOME SCREENING TESTS ON FOOD AND FOOD PRODUCTS ARE DONE IN THE FOOD SECTION'S OWN LABORATORY WHILE THE MORE COMPLICATED ANALYSES ARE PERFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY OR THE PATHOLOGY INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHOSE REPORTS MAY BE PRODUCED AS EVIDENCE IN COURT, HE EXPLAINED.

BESIDES FOOD INSPECTIONS, WHICH ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OPERATIONS SUB-SECTION, THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUB-SECTION CARRIES OUT GENERAL DUTIES TO ESTABLISH THE OVERALL NEEDS OF THE SECTION AND TO STUDY THE ADEQUACY OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION ON FOOD.

+AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE PROPOSING THE NEW LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-PACKAGED FOODS AND HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD REGULATIONS WHICH, WE HOPE, WILL BE ENACTED BEFORE THE END OF 1982,+ MR LEE SAID.

+GENERALLY THE FUTURE LABELLING REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT THE CORRECT NAME, THE INGREDIENTS, THE LATEST CONSUMPTION DATES, NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS ON USE AND STORAGE, AS WELL AS THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANUFACTURER, BE INDICATED ON THE LABELS. THE REGULATIONS ON HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD SET DOWN THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED LIMITS OF CERTAIN SUBSTANCES IN CERTAIN KINDS OF FOOD,+ MR LEE SAID.

SOME EXISTING REGULATIONS ARE ALSO BEING REVISED TO KEEP FOOD QUALITY CONTROLS IN LINE WITH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, THE CURRENT LIVING STANDARDS AND THE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC.

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FUNDS APPROVED FOR CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR IMPROVING AND UPGRADING MEDICAL SERVICES AT THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE TO ENABLE IT TO FUNCTION AS AN ACUTE GENERAL HOSPITAL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALLOCATE \$14 MILLION TO THE MEDICAL CENTRE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT AND A NEW APPROACH ROAD TO THE HOSPITAL.

THE TOTAL COST OF THIS PROJECT WILL BE \$17 MILLION, WITH THE REMAINING \$3 MILLION TO BE RAISED BY THE CENTRE.

THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE, WHICH HAS 1 464 BEDS, BEGAN OPERATING A 24-HOUR CASUALTY SERVICE IN APRIL THIS YEAR, TAKING CARE OF AN INCREASING NUMBER OF ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CASES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AS THE DEMAND FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES INCREASES, THE HOSPITAL WOULD REQUIRE FULL INTENSIVE CARE FACILITIES TO COMPLEMENT ITS OTHER SERVICES FOR THE TREATMENT OF ACUTE CASES,+ HE SAID.

+SUCH PROVISION WILL HELP EASE THE WORKLOAD AT THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL,+ HE ADDED.

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+LIVING ROUTE+ RECREATION CAMP

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LISTENERS OF A PROGRAMME JOINTLY PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN A TWO-DAY CAMP AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE.

A TOTAL OF 180 PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE LISTENERS AND THEIR RELATIVES OR FRIENDS FOR TWO DAYS AND ONE NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE STARTING FROM OCTOBER 23.

THE 180 PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED TO 45 WINNERS OF A QUIZ COMPETITION.

EACH WINNER IS ENTITLED TO BRING ALONG THREE OTHER PERSONS TO THE CAMP.

THE QUIZ COMPETITION WILL BE AIRED ON TWO CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS BEGINNING ON AUGUST 16 OVER RADIO ONE +LIVING ROUTE+ PROGRAMME STARTING AT 2 PM.

LISTENERS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE REQUIRED TO SEND IN WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS ON THE BACK OF AN ENVELOPE.

IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO LIVING ROUTE RECREATION CAMP AND MAILED TO RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, BROADCASTING HOUSE, BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON.

ALL CORRECT ENTRIES RECEIVED WILL BE BALLOTTED AND THE NAMES OF THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED OVER THE SAME PROGRAMME ON AUGUST 30.

THE COST OF PARTICIPATING IN THE CAMP IS \$22 FOR LODGING (AIR-CONDITIONED BUNGALOWS) AND \$17.5 FOR MEALS PER PERSON PER DAY. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED.

DURING THE CAMP, ARTISTS AND DJ'S FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT AND WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES AND TELE-MATCHES.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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TUEN MUN ROAD FROM PUI TO ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO THE SIU LAM INTERCHANGE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 9 PM AND 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (AUGUST 4 AND 5) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC AIDS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

KMB ROUTES 60M, 66, 66M AND 68 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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SUMMER WORK CAMP YOUTHS BEAUTIFY ENVIRONMENT

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FIFTY SENIOR FORM STUDENTS FROM THE WAH YAN AND ST FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGES HAVE SPENT THE LAST THREE DAYS PLANTING SOME 300 TREES IN THE CLEARWATER BAY AREA OF SAI KUNG TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE STUDENTS COMPRISING BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS WERE TAKING PART IN A SUMMER TREE PLANTING WORK CAMP, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF SAI KUNG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BEAUTIFICATION PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE AIM OF THIS BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME IS TO GET THE YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT GREEN AND IN MAKING THE AREA A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN.

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