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NEW ONE DOLLAR COIN TO BE ISSUED IN AUGUST

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A NEW ONE DOLLAR COIN WILL COME INTO CIRCULATION IN HONG KONG ON AUGUST 14.

THE NEW COIN IS THE SAME SHAPE AS THE EXISTING ONE DOLLAR COIN, BUT IT IS SMALLER, LIGHTER AND THINNER.

COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE OLD AND THE NEW COINS ARE:

	OLD	NEW
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DIAMETER -	30.0 MM	25.5 MM
THICKNESS -	2.235 MM	1.95 MM
WEIGHT -	11.664 GRMS	7.1 GRMS
EDGE -	MILLED	MILLED
ALLOY -	CUPRO-NICKEL	CUPRO-NICKEL

THE DESIGN AND DIMENSIONS OF THE NEW COIN WERE ADOPTED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1973 COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND IT WAS PRODUCED BY THE ROYAL MINT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE EFFIGY OF THE QUEEN IS IDENTICAL TO THAT USED ON THE 5, 10, 20, 50¢ AND 20¢ COINS WHICH HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AT VARIOUS STAGES SINCE 1975.

A GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN SAID 13.6 MILLION OF THE NEW COINS WERE ALREADY IN HONG KONG, BUT THIS NUMBER WOULD BE INCREASED TO ABOUT 24 MILLION BY AUGUST 14.

HE SAID A TOTAL OF 120 MILLION COINS WAS ON ORDER AND THEY WERE ALL EXPECTED TO BE HERE BY DECEMBER.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE EXISTING ONE DOLLAR COIN WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN 1960 WOULD CONTINUE TO BE LEGAL TENDER UNTIL IT IS DECIDED TO +DE-MONETISE+ IT. HE SAID IT WAS THE INTENTION TO REPLACE OLD COINS WITH NEW COINS AS THEY ARE PAID INTO THE BANKS.

HE SAID THE COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT 10¢ AND 5¢ COINS SHOULD BE REPLACED BUT NO DATE HAS YET BEEN DECIDED WHEN THIS WILL HAPPEN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. D.J. KEELER, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, AND MR. RAYMOND CHAN, SENIOR ACCOUNTING OFFICER, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 4 P.M. TODAY FOR PRESS RADIO AND TV INTERVIEWS ABOUT THE NEW COIN.

YOUR STAFF SHOULD GO TO MR. KEELER'S OFFICE WHICH IS ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE (WEST WING).

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CLOSURE ORDERS ON BUILDINGS OF WELLINGTON AND WING LOK STREETS
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS POSTED NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS ON A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS IN WELLINGTON STREET, CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE HEARD IN THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 2.30 P.M. TODAY.

MR. CHENG WAI-DART, CHIEF BUILDING SURVEYOR, DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DIVISION OF THE B.O.O. SAID THAT THE BUILDINGS AFFECTED ARE:-

- * NO. 89 WELLINGTON STREET WHICH HAS PARTIALLY COLLAPSED AND WHICH WILL BE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED=
- * NO. 91 WELLINGTON STREET, THE BASEMENT, GROUND, FIRST AND 2ND FLOORS WHERE DEMOLITION MAY NOT BE NECESSARY=
- * NO. 83, WELLINGTON STREET, THE WHOLE BUILDING, WHERE DEMOLITION MAY NOT BE NECESSARY=
- * NO. 81 WELLINGTON STREET, THE WHOLE BUILDING, WHERE DEMOLITION MAY NOT BE NECESSARY= AND
- * NO. 112 WELLINGTON STREET, THE SHOP ON THE GROUND FLOOR, WHICH WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

MR. CHENG SAID THAT GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS HAVE MOVED ON TO THE SITE AND HAVE STARTED TEMPORARY SHORING AND WILL THEN COMMENCE THE NECESSARY WORKS.

HE SAID THAT THE CONTRACTORS WILL WORK INTO THE NIGHT UNTIL THE SITUATION HAS BEEN STABILISED.

LATER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO POSTED NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS ON FOUR BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO NO.91 WING LOK STREET WHERE A WALL COLLAPSED THIS MORNING.

THE BUILDING AT NUMBER 91 WING LOK STREET WAS SUBJECT TO AN EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER ON JULY 10, AND ON B.O.O. ADVICE, WING LOK STREET HAD BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) BECAUSE OF THE THREAT OF COLLAPSE.

THE APPLICATIONS FOR CLOSURE ORDERS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR NOS. 93 AND 95 WING LOK STREET, AND NUMBERS 65 AND 67 BONHAM STRAND.

A GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR WILL BEGIN WORK TODAY TO SHORE UP THE UNSUPPORTED FLOORS OF NO. 91 WING LOK STREET.

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AGNES BOOSTS WATER STORAGE

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AGNES HAS ADDED MORE THAN 24 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER TO HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS IN THE LAST THREE DAYS.

AT 9 A.M. TODAY, THE RESERVOIRS HELD 264,258 MILLION CUBIC METRES, OR 45.7 PER CENT OF TOTAL CAPACITY.

AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR THE AMOUNT OF WATER IN STORAGE WAS 161.516 MILLION CUBIC METRES OR 27.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

UP UNTIL TEN O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AGNES HAD PRODUCED 236.9 MM OF RAIN SINCE THE NUMBER 1 SIGNAL WENT UP ON TUESDAY.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. TOM TOMLINSON, SAID TODAY THAT CONSIDERING THE LONG DRY SPELL THAT HONG KONG HAD ENDURED HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE YIELD.

HE ADDED THAT ADDITIONAL YIELD COULD BE EXPECTED FROM CONTINUING RUN OFF AND FROM THE RAIN FORECAST BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS.

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AIRCRAFT EN-ROUTE NAVIGATION CHARGES

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS TO INTRODUCE THE SECOND STAGE OF EN-ROUTE NAVIGATION CHARGES FOR AIRCRAFT PASSING THROUGH THE HONG KONG FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION BUT NOT LANDING AT KAI TAK.

FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1978, THE NEW CHARGES WILL APPLY TO EVERY OVERFLIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, BUT EXCLUDING MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

THE SECOND STAGE OF EN-ROUTE NAVIGATION CHARGES WILL COVER THE FULL RATES WORKED OUT AND AGREED UPON LAST YEAR AFTER LENGTHY CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, PARTICULARLY ITS AIRPORT CHARGES WORKING GROUP.

THE FIRST STAGE OF CHARGES AT 50 PER CENT OF THE FULL RATES WAS IMPLEMENTED IN NOVEMBER 1977.

THE CHARGES WILL APPLY ON A SLIDING SCALE TO AIRCRAFT IN RELATION TO THEIR MAXIMUM AUTHORISED WEIGHT.

FOR AIRCRAFT OF LESS THAN 22,680 KGS. THE CHARGES WILL BE \$1,350, AND FOR THOSE OF MORE THAN 22,680 KGS. BUT LESS THAN 54,431 KGS. THE CHARGES WILL BE \$1,460. AIRCRAFT OF OVER 54,431 KGS. BUT UNDER 136,078 KGS. WILL BE CHARGED AT \$1,600 AND FOR OTHERS OF MORE THAN 136,078 KGS. CHARGES WILL BE LEVIED AT \$1,730.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE CHARGES WERE NECESSARY TO COVER THE OPERATING COSTS IN PROVIDING THE EN-ROUTE FACILITIES BY THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND AVIATION METEOROLOGY SECTIONS, FOR AIRCRAFT FLYING THROUGH THE HONG KONG FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION.

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INFORMAL TALKS HELD WITH EEC ON TEXTILES

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MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, SAID TODAY THAT HE HAD JUST COMPLETED THREE DAYS OF INFORMAL TALKS IN HONG KONG WITH THREE OFFICIALS FROM THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES -- MR. JOHN ZECK, MR. FRANCOIS NIZERY AND MR. FRITZ SCHODER.

THE TALKS HAD COVERED SEVERAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HONG KONG TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH THE EEC.

+IN PARTICULAR WE DISCUSSED EEC LEGISLATION REGARDING THE CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN OF PRODUCTS. ONE PROBLEM HERE IS THAT FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS THE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES CARRIED OUT IN HONG KONG ARE INSUFFICIENT, UNDER EEC REGULATIONS, TO CONFER HONG KONG ORIGIN WHILST HONG KONG CONSIDERS THESE PROCESSES TO BE SUBSTANTIVE AND ORIGIN CONFERRING,+ MR. MILLS SAID.

+WE HAVE WORKED OUT A TEMPORARY SOLUTION TO THE DIFFICULTIES THESE DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH GIVE RISE TO FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR AND DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY. DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING TO FIND A DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT OF THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH OUR OFFICE IN BRUSSELS HEADED BY MR. CLAUDE BURGESS AND I EXPECT THAT A HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL HAVE TO VISIT BRUSSELS LATER IN THE YEAR TO FINALISE ANY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE DRAWN UP,+ MR. MILLS ADDED.

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HONG KONG DANCERS SCORE SUCCESS IN CANADA
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THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS CHINESE DANCE TEAM TODAY ADDED A DASH OF COLOUR TO THE FESTIVAL CITY OF EDMONTON IN CANADA WHICH IS CELEBRATING ITS ANNUAL KLONDIKE DAY IN REMEMBRANCE OF ITS PIONEERING GOLD RUSH ERA.

THE DANCE TEAM GAVE A RARE TREAT OF ORIENTAL CULTURE TO AN APPRECIATIVE CROWD OF OVER 1,200 DURING THE 2-1/2 HOUR SHOW.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED SUCH TRADITIONAL ITEMS AS THE WATER SLEEVES, RICE POUNDING AND DRUM DANCES, BUT THE DANCE THAT MOST ENTHRALLED THE SPECTATORS WAS THE SONG OF THE SUNFLOWERS, WHICH RECEIVED THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE FOR ITS GRACE AND CHARM.

+I AM EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH THE FINESSE OF THE HONG KONG TEAM. I NEVER EXPECTED A STUDENT TEAM TO ACHIEVE SUCH HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS+, REMARKED MR. ALLAN LUND, A RENOWNED CHOREOGRAPHER AND THE STAGING DIRECTOR OF FESTIVAL 78.

THE HONG KONG TEAM GAVE ITS FIRST FULL PROGRAMME ON WEDNESDAY, FOR THE DANCE AND CHILD CONFERENCE, PERFORMING TO A FULL HOUSE IN THE STUDENTS UNION THEATRE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA. A SIZEABLE CROWD OF LATE-COMERS HAD TO BE TURNED AWAY.

THE AUDIENCE REACTED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE VERY RICH VARIETY OF CHINESE CLASSICAL AND FOLK DANCE. THE HUMOROUS LION DANCE AND THE COLOURFUL AND SPECTACULAR GRAND FINALE RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION AND FOUR CURTAINS CALLS.

AT THE END OF PERFORMANCE, A GROUP OF CHINESE STUDENTS FROM HONG KONG WAITED FOR HALF AN HOUR TO GREET THE DANCERS AND CHAT WITH THEM. THEY ENQUIRED ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF THE DANCERS AND EXCHANGED INFORMATION ON CANADA AND HONG KONG.

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COMBINED EFFORT NEEDED TO MEET NEEDS OF
ELDERLY, SAYS AKERS-JONES
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HONG KONG'S GROWING SOCIAL DEMAND FOR SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY CAN ONLY BE MET BY COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY AT THE 9TH TERM INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHUNG SHAK HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED HELD AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID: +THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ENDEAVOURING TO MEET THIS DEMAND. IT INTRODUCED AN OLD AGE ALLOWANCE WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE OVER 75-YEARS-OLD AND THERE ARE CURRENTLY PROPOSALS TO REDUCE THE AGE LIMIT BY FIVE YEARS TO 70.

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+AN OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT ALLOWANCE WAS INTRODUCED IN APRIL THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE OVER 60-YEARS-OLD WHO ARE IN NEED.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST FEW YEARS FAMILY STRUCTURE IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN SUBJECT TO GREAT CHANGES.

+THE LARGE TRADITIONAL FAMILY IN WHICH SEVERAL GENERATIONS LIVE TOGETHER HAS NOW GIVEN WAY TO SMALLER FAMILY UNITS AND WITH THIS TREND THE PRIVATE RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY WITHIN THE FAMILY IS RAPIDLY DIMINISHING.

+AT THE SAME TIME, IMPROVED MEDICAL FACILITIES AND SOCIAL STABILITY HAS ENABLED PEOPLE TO LIVE LONGER AND THEREFORE THE NUMBER OF OLD PEOPLE IS INCREASING,+ HE SAID.

THE 1971 CENSUS INDICATED THAT THERE WERE 104,000 PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF SEVENTY WHICH REPRESENTED 2.6 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION. THIS ROSE TO 142,000 IN 1976 AND, BY 1986, IT WILL REACH 244,000 -- 4.7 PER CENT OF THE THEN TOTAL POPULATION.

MR. AKERS-JONES PRAISED THE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTORS OF THE CHUNG SHAK HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED FOR THEIR +DEDICATION AND UNTIRING EFFORTS.+

HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO WITNESS THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THE HOME FOR THE AGED FROM MODEST BEGINNING NINE YEARS AGO TO AN INSTITUTION PROVIDING HAPPINESS AND HOME TO MORE THAN 130 OLD PEOPLE TODAY.

MR. AKERS-JONES PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO DIRECTORS OF THE HOME OF THE AGED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 8TH TERM OF THE HOME FOR THE AGED, MRS. SIU HON-SUM, IN HER WELCOMING ADDRESS, SAID THE HOME OF THE AGED WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 30 BEDS BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE HOME FOR THE AGED HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE BETTER ALL-ROUND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, MRS. SIU SAID.

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POPAI'S GO TO THE BEACH FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S POPAI'S -- PUPPETS OF PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION -- WILL GO TO THE BEACH FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SUNDAY (JULY 30) TO HELP SPREAD THE CLEAN-BEACH MESSAGE.

SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW PUBLICITY MEDIUM LAST MONTH, CROWDS OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS HAVE FLOCKED TO SEE THE PUPPETS WHENEVER THEY PERFORMED IN HOUSING ESTATES, PLAYGROUNDS OR PARKS.

TWO WELL-KNOWN TELEVISION ARTISTES, MISS CHUI KWAI-HEUNG AND MR. MAK DAI-SHING WILL ENTERTAIN BEACHGOERS WITH POPULAR HIT SONGS WHEN THEY APPEAR WITH THE POPAI'S AT SHEK O.

SIXTEEN GIRL ENTRANTS OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME WILL HELP CLEAN UP THE SEA SHORE AND DISTRIBUTE LITTER BAGS AND BEACH SECURITY LEAFLETS TO BATHERS TO ENCOURAGE CLEANLINESS AND TO PREVENT CRIME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CLEAN BEACH PUPPET SHOW AT SHEK O FROM 2.30 P.M. TO 4 P.M. ON SUNDAY (JULY 30).

A COACH WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SHEK O, LEAVING QUEEN'S PIER AT 12.45 P.M. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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GRADUATION OF AMBULANCE AND FIREMEN
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ELEVEN SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN AND 59 FIREMEN TODAY TOOK PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, SEK KONG TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAINING.

THE AMBULANCEMEN HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST PART OF THEIR TRAINING LASTING 13 WEEKS AND THE FIREMEN 26 WEEKS.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, THE CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR. GORDON DOORE, SAID THE SERVICE NEED THEM IN ORDER TO KEEP PACE WITH THE INCREASE IN DEMAND WHICH AVERAGED OVER 42 FIRES AND SPECIAL SERVICES AND 450 AMBULANCE CALLS A DAY LAST YEAR.

HE ADDED THAT FIREMEN AND AMBULANCEMEN WILL USE THE FINEST FIRE FIGHTING AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT THAT ARE AVAILABLE TODAY, +BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT THE BEST EQUIPMENT IN THE WORLD IS NO USE WITHOUT THE EXPERTISE OF THE USER, NOT ONLY IN KNOWING HOW TO HANDLE THE EQUIPMENT BUT TO BE FIT, AGILE AND STRONG ENOUGH TO GET THE BEST RESULTS.+

MR. DOORE WARNED THEIR JOB WOULD NOT BE AN EASY ONE AS IT IS SOMETIMES UNCOMFORTABLE AND DANGEROUS.

HE EMPHASISED, HOWEVER, THAT THE TRAINING THEY HAVE RECEIVED WILL MINIMISE THE DANGER TO THEMSELVES AND OTHERS, AND THE UNCOMFORTABLE CONDITIONS WILL BE OVERCOME BY THE COMRADESHIP OF THEIR TEAM-MATES.

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UK YOUTH ORCHESTRA TEAMS UP WITH LOCAL MUSICIANS

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THE COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA WILL COMBINE WITH YOUNG LOCAL MUSICIANS TO GIVE A CONCERT AT THE CITY HALL ON AUGUST 2 AS PART OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC EXCHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE IS AIMED AT PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG YOUTH TO TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

THE CITY HALL CONCERT WILL BE PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES +A NIGHT ON THE BARE MOUNTAIN+ BY MOUSSORSKY= +RONDINO FOR FULL ORCHESTRA+ BY DAVID GWILT= +PORGY AND BESS+ BY GEORGE GERSHWIN= +ON HEARING THE FIRST CUCKOO IN SPRING+ BY DELIUS AND +SYMPHONY NO. 1 IN C+ BY BALAKIREV.

THE COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA HAS BECOME ONE OF THE LEADING YOUTH ORCHESTRA IN BRITAIN SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1974 WITH 100 PLAYERS AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 19.

TICKETS FOR THE CITY HALL CONCERT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY HALL BOX OFFICE, THE TOM LEE PIANO COMPANY AND THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE FOR \$3 (STUDENTS ONLY), \$5 AND \$7. FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE, CALL 5-283257.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SINGAPORE AIRLINES FLIGHT NO. SQ 8 ETA 1.05 P.M. TOMORROW (JULY 29).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE ARRIVAL AND A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE GIVEN AT THE PRESS ROOM OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT AT 1.45 P.M.

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FLOATING HOLIDAY REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DESIGNATED A DATE FOR THE FLOATING HOLIDAY AND HAVE NOT GIVEN THEIR EMPLOYEES A DAY OFF ON JULY 1, THEY SHOULD GIVE THEIR EMPLOYEES THE DAY OFF ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST, THAT IS, AUGUST 7.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE FLOATING HOLIDAY MUST BE DESIGNATED BY THE EMPLOYERS AND NOTIFIED TO EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BY THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR. IF THE EMPLOYER DOES NOT DESIGNATE THIS HOLIDAY, THEN IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY FALL ON THE FIRST WEEK DAY IN JULY OR THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST OF THE YEAR.

MR. HENDERSON EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED TO EMPLOYEES IN ALL AREAS INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYER WANTS AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND GIVE HIM AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF HE INTENDS TO GIVE THE EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIM 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IF IT IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST INFORM THE EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60= KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= AND TUEN MUN 12-818443.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

BRITISH SPEECH EXPERT TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

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MR. BOB FAWCUS, A BRITISH EXPERT WHO HAD JUST FINISHED SERVING AN INITIAL TWO-MONTH CONSULTANCY WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE ON A TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SPEECH THERAPISTS AND TO HELP FORMULATE A LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR HONG KONG CHILDREN WITH DELAYED OR DISORDERED SPEECH, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN ROOM 5, SECOND FLOOR OF THE ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL AT 28, HOSPITAL ROAD, WESTERN. AFTER THE CONFERENCE, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WILL BE INVITED TO WATCH SPEECH THERAPISTS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM SPEECH DISORDERS.

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