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TALL BUILDINGS ARE VITAL COMPONENTS TO GREAT CITY: GOVERNOR

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THE TALL BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG ARE VITAL WORKING COMPONENTS IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF A GREAT HARBOUR-CITY, AND THEY WORK WELL, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TONIGHT (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE BANQUET OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONGRESS ON TALL BUILDINGS, SIR DAVID SAID: "THAT, AND NOT THEIR HEIGHT, IS THEIR REAL CLAIM TO RECOGNITION."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SAME STANDARDS WOULD HAVE TO APPLY TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF YET TALLER BUILDINGS WHICH WERE GOING TO BE BUILT OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

"THEY WILL HAVE TO WORK STILL MORE EFFICIENTLY; MORE ECONOMICALLY; MORE 'INTELLIGENTLY'. ALL THIS BECAUSE THE DEMANDS ON SPACE IN HONG KONG, AND THE USE OF THAT SPACE, WILL CONTINUE TO GROW," HE SAID.

"SO TOO WILL THE DEMAND FOR THE SERVICES THAT HONG KONG PROVIDES," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES HONG KONG'S PROFESSIONALS WOULD CONSTANTLY HAVE TO TRY OUT NEW IDEAS AND LOOK FOR NEW SOLUTIONS: "THEY HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES GOOD AT THIS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE VIEW FROM HIS STUDY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE DEMONSTRATED THIS. "FROM MY WINDOW I CAN SEE EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING AND ADVANCED ARCHITECTURE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT SOME PEOPLE DOUBTED HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO FULFIL ITS PLAN FOR THE FUTURE, SIR DAVID SAID: "BUT CONSIDER WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR."

"IN 1970 OVER 80 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION LIVED ON HONG KONG ISLAND OR IN CROWDED KOWLOON, MANY IN WOODEN SHACKS ON THE HILLSIDES. THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE LARGELY UNDEVELOPED," HE SAID.

"TODAY, THANKS TO SOME BRAVE DECISIONS MADE IN THE EARLY 1970'S, THOSE SAME NEW TERRITORIES ARE HOME TO TWO AND A QUARTER MILLION PEOPLE, 40 PER CENT OF OUR POPULATION, HOUSED IN FIVE NEW TOWNS ENJOYING ALL THE AMENITIES OF MODERN LIFE," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID VISITORS WHO WALKED AROUND ONE OF THE NEW TOWNS WOULD HAVE A CHANCE NOT ONLY TO SEE THE TALL BUILDINGS WHICH WERE SUCH A MARKED FEATURE OF THESE NEW TOWNS, BUT ALSO TO GET A FEEL FOR THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY WHICH EXISTED THERE.

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"HONG KONG HAS NOT JUST CARRIED OUT ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST AMBITIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMMES; IT HAS ALSO GONE THROUGH A SOCIAL REVOLUTION -- ONE WHICH HAS HAPPENED SO SMOOTHLY THAT FEW OF THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED THROUGH IT APPRECIATE HOW FAR-REACHING IT HAS BEEN," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THERE ARE NOT MANY COMMUNITIES WHICH HAVE MANAGED TO REHOUSE AND RELOCATED OVER A QUARTER OF THEIR POPULATION IN SO SHORT A TIME, WITH SO LITTLE FUSS, AND WITH SO MUCH SUCCESS IN BUILDING A NEW SENSE OF BELONGING," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE, WHICH FEW APPRECIATED FULLY AT THE TIME, WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RE-OPENING OF CHINA'S ECONOMY TO THE WORLD IN THE EARLY 1980'S.

"IT RESTORED HONG KONG'S ROLE AS AN ENTREPOT. IT ENABLED OUR MANUFACTURERS TO RELOCATE LABOUR-INTENSIVE PROCESSES OVER THE BORDER.

"THE DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG'S KNOW-HOW AND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND CHINA'S RESOURCES OF LAND AND LABOUR, HAS BEEN ENORMOUSLY SUCCESSFUL.

"THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT IT WILL GO ON GROWING FAST AND BENEFITTING BOTH SIDES," SIR DAVID SAID.

"TO REALISE THE POTENTIAL OF ITS UNIQUE POSITION AND ITS BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH CHINA, AND TO PLAY ITS FULL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN CHINA, WE IN HONG KONG NEED TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE WITH FORESIGHT AND CONVICTION," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"THAT IS WHY WE ARE PLANNING NOW FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW AIRPORT. AND WHY WE NEED TO START NOW ON EXPANDING OUR PORT FACILITIES.

"OF COURSE WE MUST PLAN AND BUILD WITH THOUGHT AND CARE. WE MUST NOT PROFLIGATE WITH OUR RESOURCES; NOR RESOURCES; NOR SHOULD WE BE MISERS," SIR DAVID SAID.

"IT IS NO GOOD WAITING UNTIL THE TRANSPORT BOTTLENECKS ARE STIFLING THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG BEFORE WE START PLANNING AND BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE," HE ADDED.

"SIMILARLY WITH BUILDINGS. WE ARE PLANNING AND BUILDING NOW FOR THE FUTURE. THIS WILL MEAN, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, SOME VERY SOPHISTICATED TALL BUILDINGS," HE SAID.

"IT WILL MEAN MAKING BETTER USE OF THE INCREASINGLY WIDE VARIETY OF BUILDING MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE DESIGN AND INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY," HE ADDED.

"WE WILL BE TESTING THE LIMITS OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY. WE WILL NEED TO DRAW ON A WIDE RANGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE.

"THERE WILL BE SOME FASCINATING CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE YEARS AHEAD FOR EXPERTS," SIR DAVID SAID.

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CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT SYSTEM PLANNED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLANS TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM AS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S WHITE PAPER ON TRANSPORT PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO FURTHER UPGRADE THE FACILITIES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL TODAY (THURSDAY).

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THESE PLANS INCLUDED A THIRD HARBOUR CROSSING AND A MAJOR NEW EXPRESSWAY ON THE FUTURE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AND BROADBRUSH PLANS TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE RAIL SYSTEMS.

"THESE ARE ALL DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CITY WHICH HONG KONG HAS BECOME," HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE TUNNEL MARKED ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O NEW TOWN, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS ALSO ANOTHER LANDMARK IN THE PROVISION OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

"THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL IS THE SIXTH MAJOR TUNNEL WHICH WE HAVE IN HONG KONG. TOGETHER WITH THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE TATES CAIRN TUNNEL, TO BE OPENED NEXT YEAR, THE WHOLE EASTERN REGION OF THE TERRITORY FROM HONG KONG ISLAND TO NEW KOWLOON, TSEUNG KWAN O AND SHA TIN, WILL BE EXTREMELY WELL INTER-CONNECTED.

COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE MUCH IMPROVED, AND THE FLOW OF PEOPLE AND CARGO WILL BE MUCH FASTER AND SMOOTHER IN FUTURE," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL FITTED INTO GOVERNMENT'S STRATEGY TO CONTINUALLY UPGRADE THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE TO SERVE HONG KONG.

"IN THE PAST 10 YEARS WE HAVE BUILT 338 KILOMETRES OF NEW ROADS REPRESENTING A 29 PER CENT INCREASE IN TOTAL ROAD SPACE.

"THESE INCLUDE SUCH MAJOR PROJECTS AS THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR AND THE TOLO HIGHWAY.

"THEY ALSO INCLUDE COMPLETION OF FOUR NEW TUNNELS - THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, THE AIRPORT TUNNEL, THE SHING MUN TUNNELS AND THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST 10 YEARS HONG KONG HAD COMPLETED AN ADDITIONAL 28 KILOMETRES OF MTR TRACK - THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION AND THE ISLAND LINE - AND THE COMMISSIONING OF A 23 KILOMETRES LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM IN THE NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

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THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT ON ROADS IN THE PAST DECADE WAS $12 BILLION AND THE TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE 1980'S WAS ABOUT $30 BILLION, HE SAID.

THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL HAS TAKEN FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE AT A COST OF $600 MILLION AND ITS 900-METRE LONG TWIN TUBE TUNNEL PROVIDES TWO TRAFFIC LANES IN EACH DIRECTION.

"ITS OPENING TODAY MARKS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF MAJOR WORKS IN THE TSUI LAM AREA OF THE NEW TOWN. DEVELOPMENT OF THE REST OF TSEUNG KWAN O IS GOING ON AT A RAPID PACE," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE SAID RECLAMATION WORK FOR THE FUTURE TOWN CENTRE STARTED IN JUNE AND MORE OPEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY FACILITY PROJECTS WERE BEING CONSTRUCTED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INCREASING POPULATION.

"LAND FORMATION WILL SOON BEGIN TO ENABLE THE THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND AN EXTENSION TO THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO PROCEED," HE SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY PAID TRIBUTE TO ALL WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUNNEL, ADDING THAT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT OWED MUCH TO THE SKILL AND HARD WORK OF THE ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS.

THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL ROAD IS ONE OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE ROAD SYSTEM COMPRISES A 900-METRE-LONG TUNNEL, A 200-METRE-LONG VIADUCT ABOVE A VALLEY AND ANCILLARY APPROACH ROADS.

THE TUNNEL IS DESIGNED AS A TWIN TUBE, EACH HAVING TWO LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO PROVIDE AN ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 3,700 VEHICLES PER HOUR IN EACH DIRECTION. THE DESIGN SPEED FOR THE TRAFFIC IN THE TUNNEL AND FOR THE APPROACH ROADS IS 75 KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

THE TUNNEL WILL SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL ROAD CONNECTION LINKING KWUN TONG IN THE KOWLOON URBAN AREA AT THE WESTERN END, WITH THE NEW TOWN AT THE EASTERN END.

IT ALSO PROVIDES A ROUTE FOR ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION, TELEPHONE LINES, GAS SUPPLY AND TWO VERY LARGE WATER MAINS SUPPLYING EAST KOWLOON FROM THE PAK KONG TREATMENT WORKS IN SAI KUNG.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR KENNETH KWOK; THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR MICHAEL LEUNG; THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN; AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, SOUTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES, DR CHOI YU-LEUK.

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GOVT COMMITTED TO REDUCING INFLATION
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THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO REDUCING INFLATION IN HONG KONG AND TO MAINTAINING A VERY TIGHT CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE TSEUNG KWAN O TUNNEL, SIR DAVID SAID THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIGH LEVEL OF WAGES CURRENTLY IN THE MARKET.

"THAT IS HAVING AN IMPACT UPON INFLATION, IT'S ALSO HAVING AN IMPACT UPON HONG KONG'S COMPETITIVENESS.

"NOW WE IN THE GOVERNMENT ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO REDUCING INFLATION IN HONG KONG. AND WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING A VERY TIGHT CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE," HE SAID.

"SO AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND, I WOULD CERTAINLY EXPECT TO SEE NEXT YEAR A VERY MODEST PAY INCREASE INDEED.

"AND BY MODEST, I MEAN A FIGURE WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO THE COST OF LIVING INDEX FOR NEXT YEAR," THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON THE PAY CLAIM BY POSTAL WORKERS, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMISSION AND THEY WOULD BE REPORTING TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

"I THINK IT'S UNREASONABLE FOR ANYONE TO SET ANY DEADLINE ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THAT CONSIDERATION," HE SAID.

IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN NORMAL TERM, SIR DAVID STRESSED.

"WE DON'T LIKE TO BE THREATENED BY HAVING DEADLINES IMPOSED UPON US," SIR DAVID SAID.

"I THINK THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TAKEN A FIRM LINE WITH THE POSTMEN. AND I THINK THAT'S ENTIRELY A REASONABLE POSITION FOR US TO TAKE," HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT TRADE UNIONS WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT PROVIDES A VERY GOOD CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION FOR US. WE HAVE COUNCILS IN WHICH THEY CAN MADE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN."

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THEY WERE VERY USEFUL FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A WHOLE.

"I CERTAINLY WOULD NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING TO DISCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF TRADE UNIONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD TRADITION THERE," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN MTR EXTENSION TO TSEUNG KWAN O, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE TRANSPORT BRANCH.

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"IT DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON OTHER COMMITMENTS FOR THE MTR, AND HOW MUCH THEY ARE TAKING ON IN OTHER AREAS, INCLUDING OF COURSE THE AIRPORT, TOO," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT IN TSEUNG KWAN O WERE NOT NECESSARILY LINKED, SIR DAVID SAID: "WHAT IS IMPORTANT ABOUT THE MTR DEVELOPMENT HERE IS THAT IT SHOULD BE VIABLE.

"IT CAN ONLY COME IN WHEN THE POPULATION HAS BUILT UP TO A CERTAIN LEVEL. THAT'S THE KEY QUESTION WHICH HAS TO BE ANSWERED TOGETHER WITH THE MTR'S CAPACITY TO BUILD IT HERE," HE SAID.

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NEW SCIENCE MUSEUM DEDICATED TO HK COMMUNITY

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THE $340 MILLION NEW HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WHICH OPENS NEXT APRIL WAS DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

DURING THE CEREMONY, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OCCASION AT THE MUSEUM'S UPPER PIAZZA BEFORE MANY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

SPEAKING AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONY, URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, SAID THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM PROJECT UNDERLINES THE COUNCIL'S ENDEAVOUR TO PROVIDE A BALANCED RANGE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

"ITS 500 EXHIBITS, MASTERMINDED BY A TEAM OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS, WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF AN INTEREST IN, AND A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES," MR FORSGATE SAID.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, AND HER HUSBAND, THE HONORABLE SIR ANGUS OGILVY, TOURED THE MUSEUM AND TRIED OUT SOME OF THE EXHIBITS. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MR AND MRS FORSGATE; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S MUSEUMS SELECT COMMITTEE, DR PHILIP KWOK, AND MRS KWOK; AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JAMES SO, AND MRS SO.

THE ROYAL COUPLE WERE SHOWN THE EXHIBITS IN THE COMPUTER AND ROBOTICS SECTION AND THE TRANSPORTATION AREA, INCLUDING A 1942 DC-3, "BETSY", WHICH WAS CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS' FIRST AIRCRAFT.

LATER, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA SWITCHED ON A 20-METRE HIGH "ENERGY MACHINE", THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD, WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE CONVERSION OF ENERGY IN AN INTERESTING WAY. STANDING AT THE CENTRE OF THE ATRIUM OF THE MUSEUM BUILDING, IT IS THE MOST PROMINENT EXHIBIT IN THE MUSEUM.

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THE ROYAL COUPLE ALSO VIEWED SOME OF THE EXHIBITS IN THE COMMUNICATION SECTION, INCLUDING A "TALKING LASERS" WHICH DEMONSTRATES HOW LIGHT TRANSMITS MESSAGES.

DURING THE TOUR, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WAS ALSO INTRODUCED TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM SPONSORS OF THE MUSEUM PROJECT AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASSISTED IN THE PROJECT WERE PRESENTED TO THE ROYAL COUPLE.

THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM OCCUPIES A SITE AREA OF 27,000 SQUARE METRES ON A PRIME SITE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. THE FOUR-STOREY MUSEUM BUILDING HAS A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 13,500 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 7,250 SQUARE METRES ARE EXHIBITION GALLERIES.

EXHIBITS IN THE MUSEUM, OF WHICH SOME 60 PER CENT WILL BE "HANDS-ON" EXHIBITS, COVER FIVE MAJOR AREAS, NAMELY ORIENTATION, SCIENCE, LIFE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND A KID ZONE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN THREE AND SEVEN.

EXHIBITS IN THE TECHNOLOGY AREA ARE FURTHER SUBDIVIDED INTO SECTIONS COVERING COMPUTERS AND ROBOTICS, ENERGY, COMMUNICATION, CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORTATION, FOOD SCIENCE AND HOME TECHNOLOGY.

NEARLY HALF OF THE EXHIBITS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE BEST AROUND THE WORLD, THE OTHER HALF BEING ORIGINAL DESIGNS CREATED JOINTLY BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXPERTS. EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON EXHIBITS DESIGNED WITH SPECIAL RELEVANCE TO HONG KONG AND CHINA.

ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE $340 MILLION BUDGET FOR THE MUSEUM IS FOR EXHIBIT FABRICATION AND INSTALLATIONS.

THE MUSEUM HAS ALSO RECEIVED STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT MANIFESTED IN SPONSORSHIP IN CASH AND IN KIND TOTALLING SOME $24 MILLION.

THE SPONSORS INCLUDE APPLE COMPUTER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED; CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS LIMITED; CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED; HONG KONG TELECOM FOUNDATION; IBM CHINA/HK CORPORATION; PHILIP CHINA HONG KONG GROUP; ROLLS-ROYCE; ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB; SHELL HONG KONG LIMITED; AND ZUNG FU COMPANY LIMITED.

THE MUSEUM WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN APRIL 1991, AFTER A COMMISSIONING PERIOD DURING WHICH SCHOOL GROUPS WILL BE INVITED TO TEST THE EXHIBITS FOR THE DESIGN AND PLANNING OF EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL BE A REGULAR AND IMPORTANT PART OF THE MUSEUM'S ACTIVITIES.

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BILLS CONCERNING IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF
ARRESTED PERSONS TO BE INTRODUCED

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TWO BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CLARIFYING THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE FINGER-PRINTS AND OTHER IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF PERSONS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE OR THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THEM OR DESTROYED.

THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS, PRINTS AND MEASUREMENTS OF AN ARRESTED PERSON SHOULD BE DESTROYED OR HANDED OVER TO THAT PERSON IF HE IS DISCHARGED BY A MAGISTRATE OR ACQUITTED UPON TRIAL.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE WORDING "DISCHARGED BY A MAGISTRATE" WAS AMBIGUOUS AS IT COULD BE TAKEN TO MEAN DISCHARGED AT THE COMMITTAL STAGE PRIOR TO CONVICTION OR DISCHARGED CONDITIONALLY OR ABSOLUTELY AFTER CONVICTION.

THE POLICE FORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 COMPELS THE POLICE TO DESTROY OR RETURN THE IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF PERSONS WHO ARE DISCHARGED BEFORE CONVICTION OR ARE ACQUITTED AT THEIR TRIAL OR ON APPEAL. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THIS PRACTICE SHOULD ALSO APPLY WHEN IT IS DECIDED NOT TO CHARGE AN ARRESTED PERSON.

THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1990 APPLIES THE SAME CONDITIONS TO PERSONS ARRESTED BY THE ICAC.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOR CRIME CONTROL PURPOSES, IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR EXCEPTION TO BE MADE IN CERTAIN CASES. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE POLICE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN THE IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF AN ARRESTED PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A PREVIOUS OFFENCE, AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT WHO IS SUBJECT TO A REMOVAL ORDER WHETHER OR NOT HE IS PROSECUTED AND JUVENILES UNDER THE AGE OF 17 WHO HAVE BEEN CAUTIONED UNDER THE SUPERINTENDENTS' DISCRETION SCHEME INSTEAD OF BEING PROSECUTED.

FOR CAUTIONED JUVENILES, THEIR IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS WILL BE DESTROYED ONCE THEY REACH THE AGE OF 17 WITHOUT BEING CONVICTED OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

THE PROPOSED EXCEPTION FOR ICAC ARRESTS WOULD APPLY ONLY TO PERSONS WITH A PREVIOUS CONVICTION FOR OFFENCES UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE ICAC ORDINANCE.

THE PROPOSALS ALSO INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT TO THE WORDING OF THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE THE TAKING OF PALM-PRINTS, SOLE-PRINTS AND TOE-PRINTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGER-PRINTS AND HEIGHT AND WEIGHT MEASUREMENTS OF ARRESTED PERSONS WAS A TRADITIONAL PRACTICE IN POLICE WORK AND THE TAKING OF OTHER TYPES OF PRINTS WAS AN INVALUABLE AID TO CRIME DETECTION.

"TAKEN TOGETHER, THE PROPOSALS ARE AIMED AT KEEPING THE MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS TO THE MINIMUM NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATIONS AND TO REDUCE CRIME IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

BILL TO REFLECT NEW KCRC MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

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A BILL AMENDING THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THE NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE CORPORATION WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

A TRANSPORT BRANCH SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THAT AT PRESENT, THE KCRC ORDINANCE PROVIDED FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR RESPECTIVELY, BOTH OF WHOM SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGING BOARD OF THE CORPORATION.

"SINCE THE NEW FULL-TIME CHAIRMAN IN HIS OTHER CAPACITY AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL ASSUME THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGING DIRECTOR, IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEPARATE APPOINTMENT OF A MANAGING DIRECTOR TO THE CORPORATION," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUBJECT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S ENDORSEMENT, THE KCRC (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990 WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 24 THIS YEAR WHICH COINCIDED WITH THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE TERM OF THE OFFICE OF THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR KEVIN HYDE TO THE NEW POST WAS ANNOUNCED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

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NO DECISION YET ON PENSION PROPOSALS

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COMMENTING ON PRESS REPORTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING SETTING ASIDE A $15 BILLION FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE FIVE YEAR ROLL FORWARD PENSION FUND WAS ONE OF VARIOUS SUGGESTIONS MADE BY STAFF TO MEET CONCERNS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THEIR PENSIONS.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE A HIGHER COMMUTATION OF PENSIONS AND A PROVIDENT FUND.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF THESE SUGGESTIONS IS STILL AT A PRELIMINARY STAGE AND NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE AS TO WHAT IF ANY ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN," THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED.

"CONSIDERATION OF ANY SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE TO HAVE REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF RESOURCES," HE ADDED.

"THE SUM OF $15 BILLION IS SIMPLY AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST IMPLICATIONS OF THE SUGGESTED FIVE YEAR ROLL FORWARD PENSION FUND," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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EXTENSION OF VBP/II CONTROLS
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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE ASKED TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION OF CURRENT MEASURES DEALING WITH VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHICH ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31.

THE TWO SETS OF PROVISIONS WERE INTRODUCED IN 1979 TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE ARRIVAL OF LARGE NUMBERS OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA AND MACAU.

THE FIRST SET, WHICH APPLIES TO VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS, REMOVES THE TWO MONTHS LIMIT WITHIN WHICH PERSONS REFUSED PERMISSION TO LAND IN HONG KONG MUST NORMALLY BE REMOVED UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

THE OTHER PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF $5 MILLION AND IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE, IN ADDITION TO THE FORFEITURE OF VESSELS, FOR OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF CONVEYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AS WELL AS VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TO HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ORIGINALLY HOPED THAT THE NEED FOR THESE PROVISIONS WOULD BE TEMPORARY, BUT CIRCUMSTANCES HAD MADE IT NECESSARY TO EXTEND THEM EACH YEAR UNTIL NOW.

"IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED INFLUX OF UNAUTHORISED IMMIGRANTS FROM BOTH VIETNAM AND CHINA, WE NEED TO RETAIN THE CONTROLS FOR A FURTHER YEAR," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHILE THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAD LESSENED FROM THE DRAMATICALLY LARGE NUMBERS OF 1988 AND 1989, THERE WERE STILL ALMOST 6,000 ARRIVALS IN THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR IN ADDITION TO 2,500 BIRTHS, AS AGAINST 6,400 WHO WERE RESETTLED OVERSEAS AND OVER 4,000 WHO RETURNED TO VIETNAM.

SOME 23,700 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HAVE ARRIVED FROM CHINA, NEARLY TWICE THE FIGURE FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR AND THE HIGHEST NUMBER SINCE 1981.

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REVIEW OF REHABILITATION POLICY AND SERVICES BEING PLANNED

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THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH IS AT PRESENT WORKING OUT THE MECHANISM AND TIMING FOR THE REVIEW OF REHABILITATION POLICY AND SERVICES AS DIRECTED BY THE GOVERNOR WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A GREEN PAPER ON REHABILITATION, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL, MR FUNG SAID MUCH OF THE CONTENTS OF THE EXISTING WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION, WHICH WAS WRITTEN MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO, HAD BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

"IN ADDITION, THERE HAVE BEEN RADICAL CHANGES IN THINKING ON THE INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION SCENE AS TO HOW FAR DISABLED PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO INTEGRATE WITH THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY.

"WE THINK THAT SUCH CHANGES SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE POLICY DOCUMENT, AND VIEWS SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM THE COMMUNITY AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD FOLLOW THESE NEW LINES OF THINKING AND THUS TURN AWAY FROM THE MORE TRADITIONAL CONCEPTS OF DEALING WITH THE DISABLED."

THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THAT A GREEN PAPER RECOMMENDING THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE POLICY ON ASSISTANCE TO DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE 1990'S WOULD BE PREPARED.

MR FUNG SAID IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT THE GREEN PAPER WOULD BE DRAFTED BY A WORKING PARTY COMPRISING BOTH OFFICIALS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AS WELL AS A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF UNOFFICIALS.

"THE TASK WILL BE CENTRALLY CO-ORDINATED BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH.

"THE WORKING PARTY WILL PROBABLY BE SET UP BEFORE MID-1991, WITH THE AIM OF ISSUING A GREEN PAPER IN 1992 FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION," HE SAID.

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HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION TO BE SET UP

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A NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION, KNOWN AS THE HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION, IS EXPECTED TO BE SET UP BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR TO COMPLEMENT GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS AGAINST AIDS.

A PROPOSAL TO THIS EFFECT WAS ENDORSED AT A MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AIDS (ACA) TODAY (THURSDAY).

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SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACA, DR S.H. LEE, SAID ALTHOUGH HONG KONG HAD ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMMES FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AIDS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES SHOWED THAT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ALONE WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN AND DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

"IN THE FIELD OF AIDS, NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE OFTEN IN A BETTER POSITION THAN THE GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT MORE PERSONAL, FLEXIBLE AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES, ESPECIALLY IN REACHING THE HIGH-RISK GROUPS," HE SAID.

THE ROLE OF THE FOUNDATION WILL INCLUDE RESEARCH, HEALTH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION, PUBLICITY AND COUNSELLING WORK RELATED TO AIDS AND HIV INFECTION.

"THE ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE FOUNDATION WILL NOT BE DUPLICATING THOSE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT," DR LEE SAID. "INSTEAD, THEY WILL PLAY A SUPPLEMENTARY AND COMPLEMENTARY ROLE."

FURTHERMORE, HE ADDED, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUNDATION WOULD NOT ONLY SERVE TO MOTIVATE BETTER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, BUT WOULD ALSO PROMOTE GREATER COMMUNITY TOLERANCE TOWARDS AND LESSER DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THOSE WHO WERE INFECTED, THUS FOSTERING A SYMPATHETIC, SUPPORTIVE AND CARING COMMUNITY.

ON THE LEGAL AND ETHICAL ASPECTS ON AIDS AND HIV INFECTION, DR LEE SAID A WORKSHOP ON THIS SUBJECT WAS ORGANISED BY THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION IN JULY.

THE WORKSHOP, AT WHICH HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED, DREW UP GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING AND ELABORATING LEGAL MEASURES IN AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

WHILE POINTING OUT THAT INAPPROPRIATE AND INEFFECTIVE LEGAL MEASURES MAY UNDERMINE THE EFFORTS IN AIDS PREVENTION AND CONTROL, THE GUIDELINES SUGGEST THAT LEGAL MEASURES MAY BE USEFUL IN OTHER AREAS.

IN THIS RESPECT, DR LEE SAID HONG KONG HAD BEEN DOING VERY WELL. BUT HE ADDED THAT THERE MIGHT BE A NEED FOR THE ACA TO MONITOR THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AREAS AND TO SEE WHETHER SUCH LEGAL MEASURES WERE ACHIEVING THE INTENDED OBJECTIVES ELSEWHERE.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS, MRS PEGGY LAM, ANNOUNCED A SERIES OF HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD WORLD AIDS DAY ON DECEMBER 1.

THE PROGRAMME WILL START WITH AN AIDS EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL ON NOVEMBER 30. LADY FORD WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST. THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOVED TO THE CULTURAL CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON DECEMBER 7 FOR A FOUR-DAY DISPLAY.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE AN AIDS CONCERT, A WOMEN'S WORKSHOP, A YOUTH CAMP, A WORKSHOP FOR RECOVERING DRUG ABUSERS, A SEMINAR FOR REHABILITATION WORKERS AND A SERIES OF HEALTH TALKS FOR CLIENTS OF THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE.

MRS LAM SAID PUBLICITY MATERIALS, INCLUDING A LEAFLET ON "AIDS AND TRAVELLER", A BOOKLET ON "WOMEN AND AIDS" AND A COMIC BOOK ON AIDS WOULD ALSO BE PRODUCED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP ON AIDS (SWG), DR E.K. YEOH, ALSO REPORTED ON THE WORK OF THE GROUP.

ON PREVENTION OF TRANSMISSION OF HIV IN HEALTH CARING SETTING, DR YEOH SAID THE SWG HAD UPDATED GUIDELINES ON PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

AS A MEASURE TO PROMOTE GOOD LABORATORY PERFORMANCE, A PROGRAMME INVOLVING THE PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE LABORATORIES WAS BEING PLANNED, HE SAID.

IN ANTICIPATION OF THE FUTURE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF AIDS AND HIV-INFECTED PATIENTS, DR YEOH SAID THE GROUP RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING TO HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN THE CARE OF SUCH PATIENTS.

HE SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, THE SWG WOULD LIAISE WITH THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING SUCH TRAINING TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

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234 VBP RETURN TO VIETNAM

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A GROUP OF 234 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE TODAY (THURSDAY) RETURNED TO VIETNAM UNDER THE UNHCR'S VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAMME.

COMPRISING 79 MEN, 65 WOMEN, 49 BOYS AND 41 GIRLS, THEY WERE THE 38TH BATCH TO GO BACK UNDER THE PROGRAMME.

SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 5,133 VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HAVE RETURNED VOLUNTARILY.

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CSD STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE OPEN DAYS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE WORK AND THE TRAINING OF STAFF OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BY VISITING THE CSD STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE ON ITS OPEN DAYS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 10 AND 11), FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IS AT 47 TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY.

THERE WILL BE EXHIBITIONS ON THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES IN VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS -- INCLUDING PRISONS, TRAINING CENTRES, DETENTION CENTRE, DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE AND PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE; DEPARTMENTAL FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CENTRES.

VARIOUS FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTE, SUCH AS THE INDOOR FIRING RANGE, MUSEUM, TRAINING COURT ROOM AND TRAINING CELLS WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO VISITORS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF HANDCUFFING TECHNIQUE, ANTI-RIOT CONTROL, MULTI-GYM EXERCISE, JUDO AND SELF-DEFENCE EXERCISES.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT'S TACTICAL RESPONSE SQUADRON AND DOG UNIT, AND MARCHING DISPLAY BY THE INMATE SCOUTS.

A CSD SPOKESMAN SAID THE OPEN DAY IS AN ANNUAL EVENT AIMED AT INTRODUCING THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IT IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN.

"EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT THE OPEN DAY WAS A POPULAR EVENT FOR STUDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN FORM FOUR OR ABOVE, WHO FOUND THE VISIT TO THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE INTERESTING AND BENEFICIAL," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE FROM ABOUT 50 ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, YOUTH CENTRES AND JUNIOR POLICE CALLS, HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S OPEN DAYS.

"THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET MADE ARRANGEMENTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO VISIT THE INSTITUTE ON THE OPEN DAYS," HE ADDED.

VISITORS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT. THEY CAN TAKE CMB ROUTES 6 OR 260 (FROM CENTRAL), 73 (FROM WAH FU ESTATE), 63 (FROM NORTH POINT) OR 14 (FROM SAI WAN HO).

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TWO GOVT LOTS TO LET BY TENDER
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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF TWO LOTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND FOR FEE-PAYING PARKING AREAS.

THE FIRST LOT IS A 1,035-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF HOLY CROSS PATH AND HING MAN STREET, SHAU KEI WAN.

IT IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC PARKING AREA FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (EXCLUDING CONTAINER VEHICLES) AND/OR A WORKS AREA WITH ASSOCIATED VEHICLE PARKING AND/OR AN OPEN STORAGE AREA (EXCLUDING CONTAINERS).

THE TENANCY IS FOR TWO YEARS, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE OTHER LOT, LOCATED NEAR SHING TAI ROAD, CHAI WAN RECLAMATION, CHAI WAN, MEASURES ABOUT 2,820 SQUARE METRES.

IT IS FOR A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC PARKING AREA FOR LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES AND/OR AN OPEN STORAGE WITH VEHICLE PARKING, INCLUDING PARKING OF GOODS VEHICLES AND TOURIST COACHES BUT EXCLUDING CONTAINERS AND DANGEROUS GOODS.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 23.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG EAST, 19TH FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG; THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES KOWLOON, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CARPARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

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CLEAN TYPHOON SHELTER CAMPAIGN IN EASTERN
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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVEN FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS WILL TAKE THE "KEEP THE HARBOUR CLEAN" MESSAGE TO BOAT DWELLERS IN TYPHOON SHELTERS ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

THE PARTY WILL VISIT CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER, ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND CHAI WAN CARGO HANDLING BASIN ON MOTORISED SAMPANS, AND DISTRIBUTE T-SHIRTS AND SOUVENIRS TO THE BOAT DWELLERS.

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IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A JOINT CLEAN-UP OPERATION BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL MOBILISE ITS VESSEL, "WATER WITCH", TO COLLECT FLOATING REFUSE WHILE AN URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CLEANSING SQUAD WILL REMOVE RUBBISH ON THE BREAKWATERS AND WATERFRONT AREAS.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SANITATION AND CLEANLINESS IN HONG KONG WATERS.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SANDY CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG; SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (HONG KONG) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR WONG SHIU-KWONG; AND MARINE OFFICER (HONG KONG EAST) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR YOUNG BING-SHUNG.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT CLEAN TYPHOON SHELTER EXERCISE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 11). THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 9 AM AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER SITTING-OUT AREA.

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SHAM SHUI PO EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN STARTS TOMORROW

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A MONTH-LONG EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

AN OFFICER OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL TALK ON GENERAL EYE-CARE INCLUDING THE CAUSES OF DIFFERENT DISEASES AND RELATED PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

ABOUT 400 ELDERLY PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE TALK.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT EYE-CARE CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, 55 FAT TSEUNG STREET.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR FLOWER SHOW

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FLOWER-LOVERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES TO THE FOURTH NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW TO BE HELD DURING CHRISTMAS.

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND THE ADJACENT FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE FROM DECEMBER 21 TO 26.

LADY WILSON WILL OFFICIATE AT ITS OPENING.

A COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FOR SIX CATEGORIES OF FLOWERS AND PLANTS - POT PLANTS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, BONSAI-TYPE PLANTS, EXOTIC ORCHIDS, AS WELL AS ORIENTAL AND LOCAL ORCHIDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS DECEMBER 5.

TROPHIES, CERTIFICATES AND CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY.

ENTRY FORMS AND REGULATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING; THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN CHO YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI; AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES IN SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI AND IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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