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INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY  
ON THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL  
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THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY INTO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL IS PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT A SECOND SCHOOL BE ESTABLISHED. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION AND IS TAKING ACTION. THE GOVERNMENT, OF COURSE, ACCEPTS THE VIEW THAT PARENTS SHOULD HAVE THE CHOICE OF WHICH SCHOOL THEIR CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO DO THIS ARE BEING MADE. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT STATEMENTS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL ACCOUNTS AND OF THE CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP OF THE ST. TERESA SCHOOL SHOULD BE PUBLISHED. THESE WILL BE ISSUED LATER TODAY. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE STATEMENTS IS DRAWN FROM RECORDS THAT WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY. HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT COMMENT ON OTHER MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE INTERIM REPORT UNTIL THE FINAL REPORT IS RECEIVED.

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PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL  
INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
ON THE SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION  
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INTRODUCTION

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL IS FULLY SUBSIDIZED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UNDER THE CODE OF AID.

2. UNDER THE CODE OF AID EACH SCHOOL IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN TWO SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNTS: ONE FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF GOVERNMENT GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS, THE SECOND FOR THE RECEIPT OF NON-GRANT SCHOOL FUNDS (E.G. TONG FAI) AND THE DISBURSEMENT OF OTHER PERMITTED EXPENDITURE.

3. THE CODE OF AID ALSO REQUIRES EACH SCHOOL TO MAINTAIN SEPARATE LEDGER ACCOUNTS FOR EACH CATEGORY OF GRANT RECEIVABLE (E.G. SALARIES GRANT, CAPITATION GRANT, ADMINISTRATION GRANT, JANITOR STAFF AND CLEANING GRANT, ETC.), AND TONG FAI OR SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT.

/4. TRADING .....

4. TRADING OPERATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY A SCHOOL ARE SUBJECT TO A CODE OF PRACTICE ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL IN 1974. THIS PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO SCHOOLS IN RESPECT OF SALES TO PUPILS OF TEXTBOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS, UNIFORMS, STATIONERY, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THEIR COURSE OF STUDY. THE FOLLOWING FOUR GENERAL PRINCIPLES ARE IDENTIFIED:

- (A) NO SUPERVISOR, MANAGER, STAFF OR EMPLOYEE OF THE SCHOOL MAY DERIVE ANY ADVANTAGE, FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, FROM SUCH ACTIVITY WITHOUT THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION=
- (B) PROPER ACCOUNTS MUST BE MAINTAINED=
- (C) NO SALE SHOULD BE COMPULSORY (I.E. PARENTS AND PUPILS SHOULD BE AT LIBERTY TO MAKE THEIR PURCHASES ELSEWHERE)=
- (D) PRICES SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED AND KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

IN ADDITION, THE CODE OF AID (SEE PARAGRAPH 3) FURTHER PROVIDES THAT ANY PROFIT OR LOSS ARISING OUT OF ITEM (B) SHALL BE REFLECTED IN THE TONG FAI OR SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT.

5. THE INSPECTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ACCOUNTS TOOK PLACE FROM 19 APRIL TO 18 MAY 1977. THE PERIOD COVERED WAS FROM THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL IN 1973 TO 31 MARCH 1977. THE RESULTS OF THE FINDINGS WERE SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON 1 JUNE 1977.

6. THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FILE FOR THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, INCLUDING A COPY OF THE REPORT SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WAS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

7. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THOSE FINDINGS.

#### GENERAL

8. THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL WAS COMPLETED IN 1973 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$4,170,300.02, OF WHICH \$185,504.75 WAS IN RESPECT OF LIVING QUARTERS FOR THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD (THE SPONSORS) AND PAID FOR BY THEM. THE COST OF THE SCHOOL PORTION WAS THUS \$3,984,795.27. GOVERNMENT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE, COMPRISING BUILDING GRANT AND LOAN, TOTALLED \$3,701,400 AND THE DIFFERENCE OF \$283,395.27, BEING COST OF ABOVE-STANDARD FACILITIES PROVIDED (E.G. LIFE, SPECIAL FLOORING, ETC.), WAS ADVANCED BY THE SPONSORS SUBJECT TO REPAYMENT BY THE SCHOOL.

9. IN ADDITION TO THE TWO BANK ACCOUNTS REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE SCHOOL'S NAME UNDER THE CODE OF AID (SEE PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE), IT WAS FOUND THAT THERE WERE TWO OTHER BANK ACCOUNTS (ONE CURRENT AND ONE SAVINGS) AND TEN FIXED DEPOSITS, ALL IN THE NAME OF "PRECIOUS BLOOD SISTERS", OPENED BY THE FORMER PRINCIPAL AND SUPERVISOR, SISTER LEUNG, AND NOT REFLECTED IN THE SCHOOL'S BOOKS OF ACCOUNT.

10. THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 MARCH 1974, AND THE YEARS TO 31 MARCH 1975 AND 31 MARCH 1976, WERE AUDITED BY A FIRM OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. THERE WAS NO QUALIFICATION ON ANY OF THESE AUDIT CERTIFICATES. THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEARS TO 31 MARCH 1977 AND 31 MARCH 1978 HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

GOVERNMENT GRANT ACCOUNT

11. LEDGER ACCOUNTS OF GRANT TRANSACTIONS WERE MAINTAINED IN THE REQUIRED FORM (SEE PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE) BUT THE FOLLOWING ERRORS OR OMISSIONS WERE DISCOVERED:

(A) INCOME FROM HIRE OF SCHOOL PREMISES NOT CREDITED TO CAPITATION GRANT ACCOUNT	\$ 3,062.12
(B) AMOUNT INCORRECTLY CHARGED TO JANITOR STAFF GRANT ACCOUNT (SEE PARAGRAPH 20 BELOW)	63,980.00
(C) AMOUNT INCORRECTLY CHARGED TO ADMINISTRATION GRANT ACCOUNT	<u>18,210.00</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO GOVERNMENT GRANT ACCOUNTS	<u>\$85,252.12</u> =====

OTHER SCHOOL FUNDS

12. LEDGER ACCOUNTS OF ''TONG FAI'' RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS THEREFROM WERE MAINTAINED IN THE REQUIRED FORM (SEE PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE).

13. DURING EARLIER INSPECTIONS OF THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTS BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF ON 4 DECEMBER 1974 AND 25 JUNE 1976, THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES WERE ASKED, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS ON EACH OCCASION:

- (A) DID THE SCHOOL OPERATE SALES OF EXERCISE BOOKS, TEXTBOOKS OR SCHOOL UNIFORMS?
- (B) DID THE SCHOOL OPERATE A TUCKSHOP?

ON EACH OCCASION THE THEN PRINCIPAL AND SUPERVISOR, SISTER LEUNG, ALLEGED THAT EXERCISE BOOKS AND BADGES WERE SOLD BY THE SPONSORS AND NOT THE SCHOOL. SHE ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE TUCKSHOP WAS SIMILARLY OPERATED BY THE SPONSORS AND NOT THE SCHOOL, AND THAT ALL ELECTRICITY WAS SEPARATELY METERED AND PAID.

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14. IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUDIT OF THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 1974, 31 MARCH 1975 AND 31 MARCH 1976, RESPECTIVELY, THE THEN PRINCIPAL AND SUPERVISOR, SISTER LEUNG, FURNISHED A CERTIFICATE TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS ON EACH OCCASION PURPORTING TO SHOW THAT NO PROFIT OR LOSS AROSE TO THE SCHOOL FROM ANY SALE OF TEXTBOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS OR UNIFORMS, ETC. (SEE PARAGRAPH 10 ABOVE).

15. PRIOR TO THE INSPECTION OF THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTS IN 1977, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE POSITION INDICATED ABOVE. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO DID NOT HAVE THE POWER TO REQUIRE THE SPONSORS TO PRODUCE (OR TO MAINTAIN) ACCOUNTS OF ANY TRADING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY THEM. (NOTE: SINCE 21 JUNE 1978, UNDER THE CODE OF AID, THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT HAS THE POWER TO EXAMINE SPONSORS' ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS). NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXTRA BANK ACCOUNTS AND DEPOSITS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 8, AND THE ERRORS AND OMISSIONS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 11 ABOVE, THE INSPECTION TEAM PROCEEDED ON THE PREMISE THAT THE TRADING TRANSACTIONS HAD INDEED BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE SCHOOL INSTEAD OF THE SPONSORS. THE SPONSORS DID NOT DISSENT FROM THIS ASSUMPTION.

16. NO ACCOUNTS OR RECORDS WERE KEPT OF SALES OF TEXT-BOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS OR UNIFORMS (BADGES) ETC., SOLD BY THE SCHOOL, OR OF TRANSFERS OF MONEY BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE SPONSORS. HOWEVER, THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS RECONSTRUCTED BY THE SISTERS WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE INSPECTION TEAM. THESE RECONSTRUCTED ACCOUNTS TOGETHER WITH THE SISTERS' FURTHER EXPLANATIONS, ENTRIES IN THE VARIOUS BANK STATEMENTS, AND INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY A DELEGATION OF TEACHERS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ENABLE RELEVANT CONCLUSIONS TO BE DRAWN. THESE CONCLUSIONS ARE INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPHS 17-19 BELOW.

17. PAYMENTS OF TWO SUMS WERE MADE TO THE SPONSORS, NAMELY, \$70,000 IN 1975 AND \$60,000 IN 1976 (A TOTAL OF \$130,000), IN PART REPAYMENT OF THEIR ADVANCE OF \$283,395.27 TOWARDS THE SCHOOL'S BUILDING COST REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 8 ABOVE, LEAVING AN OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF \$153,395.27 (SEE PARAGRAPH 21 BELOW).

18. IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT AS AT 31 MARCH 1977 THE TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE EXTRA ACCOUNTS AND FIXED DEPOSITS. (SEE PARAGRAPH 9 ABOVE) BUT NOT BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT WAS \$319,879.40, THIS SUM BEING INCLUSIVE OF THE SUM OF \$85,252.12 DUE, AS SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 11 ABOVE, TO GOVERNMENT GRANT ACCOUNT. IT WAS FOUND THAT INCLUDED IN THIS \$319,879.40 WAS \$14,740.87 DUE TO THE SPONSORS. THIS WAS CALCULATED AS THE TOTAL OF SALARIES PAYABLE FROM SEPTEMBER 1973 TO MARCH 1977, LESS THE SUM ALREADY CORRECTLY REMITTED TO THE SPONSORS AND LESS SALARIES INCORRECTLY CLAIMED IN RESPECT OF TWO SISTERS SERVING AS TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOL ABOVE THE PERMITTED ESTABLISHMENT, AND WITH THE ADDITION OF PART OF A SPECIFIC DONATION FROM AN OVERSEAS BENEFACTOR WHICH WAS MEANT FOR OTHER SCHOOLS.

19. THE AMOUNT TO BE REFLECTED IN THE SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTS WAS THEREFORE AS FOLLOWS:

BALANCE OF FUNDS IN EXTRA ACCOUNTS AND FIXED DEPOSITS	\$319,879.40
ADD INTEREST EARNED IN RESPECT OF DEPOSITS	16,208.09
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	\$336,087.49
LESS AMOUNT DUE TO SPONSOR	14,740.87
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	\$321,346.62
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SUBSEQUENT ACTION

20. SISTER LEUNG, THE FORMER PRINCIPAL AND SUPERVISOR WAS PROSECUTED ON TEN CHARGES OF FALSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS INVOLVING A TOTAL OF \$27,930. THIS SUM WAS PART OF THE ERRORS INCLUDED UNDER ITEM (B) IN PARAGRAPH 11 ABOVE. SISTER LEUNG PLEADED GUILTY TO THESE CHARGES AND WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, SUSPENDED FOR TWO YEARS, AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRATE COURT ON 23 FEBRUARY 1978.

21. FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS AND COURT PROCEEDINGS ALL FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES WERE RECTIFIED ON 2 MARCH 1978 ON WHICH DATE REIMBURSEMENT WAS CREDITED TO THE VARIOUS ACCOUNTS OF THE SCHOOL IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

(A) GOVERNMENT GRANT ACCOUNTS	\$ 85,252.12
(B) SCHOOL'S SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT	236,094.50
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	\$321,346.62
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IN PAYING THE \$236,094.50 INTO THE SCHOOL'S SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCOUNT, THE SPONSORS WAIVED THEIR CLAIM TO THE \$153,395.27 WHICH WAS THE OUTSTANDING BALANCE OF THEIR ADVANCE TOWARDS THE BUILDING COST OF THE SCHOOL.

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PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL  
STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION  
ON CHANGE OF SPONSOR

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THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS STATEMENT IS DRAWN FROM RECORDS WHICH WERE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY.

2. IN A LETTER DATED 12 APRIL 1977, THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD INFORMED THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION THAT, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE SUPERIOR-GENERAL OF THE ORDER AND HER COUNCIL, THEY WISHED TO GIVE UP SPONSORSHIP OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RUNNING IT, AT THE END OF THE 1977 SCHOOL SESSION.

3. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BISHOP WU, HIS VICAR-GENERAL, AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SISTERS AGREED TO THE BISHOP'S REQUEST THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE SCHOOL UNDER A NEW SUPERVISOR, A RECONSTITUTED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE AN OFFICER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND A NEW PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL.

4. ON 18 APRIL 1977, THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SCHOOL WAS MADE UP AS FOLLOWS:-

SR. FAN LING-CHI, MANAGER AND SUPERVISOR

SR. TERESA CHOW YIN-HAR, MANAGER

SR. LUI YIN-KAM, MANAGER

MR. P.C. FUNG, MANAGER, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 41 OF THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE.

SR. AGNES SIU LAI-FONG WAS APPOINTED AS ACTING PRINCIPAL, TO HOLD OFFICE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST. SHE WAS SUCCEEDED AS ACTING PRINCIPAL, ON 2 AUGUST 1977, BY MISS HILDA KWAN WAI-YIN WHO HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY BISHOP WU, PROPOSED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

5. BY AGREEING IN APRIL 1977 TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WERE ABLE TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN TERMS OF THE CONTRACTS ALREADY SIGNED BY THE SCHOOL TEACHERS, TO OFFER OR NOT TO OFFER RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS TO THE TEACHERS IN RESPECT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 1977-78, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL WOULD OPEN IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

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6. ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF BISHOP WU, SUPPORTED BY THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WAS FURTHER RECONSTITUTED IN SEPTEMBER 1977, TO BE MADE UP AS FOLLOWS :-

SR. LORRAINE TURCOTTE, MANAGER AND SUPERVISOR  
(ORDER OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS  
OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS OF  
LENNOXVILLE)

SR. FAN LING-CHI, MANAGER

SR. TERESA CHOW YIN-HAR, MANAGER

SR. SIU LAI-FONG, MANAGER

MR. P.C. FUNG, MANAGER, APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 41 OF THE  
EDUCATION ORDINANCE

7. IN JANUARY 1978, THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD INFORMED BISHOP WU OF THEIR FIRM INTENTION TO RELINQUISH SPONSORSHIP OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1978, AND TO HAND IT OVER TO THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE TO SPONSOR.

8. BISHOP WU THEN APPROACHED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ASCERTAIN ITS ATTITUDE TO A CHANGE IN SPONSORSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL, AND IN PARTICULAR TO FIND OUT THE EFFECT ON EXISTING CONTRACTS WITH THE TEACHERS IN THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

9. AFTER TAKING ADVICE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION EXPLAINED TO BISHOP WU THAT IF ALL THE EXISTING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SCHOOL WERE TO RESIGN AT THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR, I.E. MID-JULY 1978, THE REGISTRATION OF THE SCHOOL WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE. THIS WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS IN CONTRACTS MADE BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN SEPTEMBER 1977, SINCE THE TEACHERS HAD TO BE INFORMED BY 31 MAY 1978, WHETHER OR NOT THEIR CONTRACTS WERE TO BE RENEWED. IT WOULD ALSO MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR A NEW SPONSOR TO ARRANGE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF A NEW SCHOOL WITH A NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND FOR STAFF TO BE APPOINTED IN TIME FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.

10. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE SCHOOL IN BEING AS A LEGAL ENTITY UNDER THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE, IT WAS PUT TO THE BISHOP FOR HIS CONSIDERATION THAT THE EXISTING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ENLARGED BY INCLUDING PERSONS RECOMMENDED BY THE BISHOP AND THE EXISTING MANAGERS. THIS ENLARGED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE COULD DEAL WITH TEACHERS' CONTRACTS, MATTERS RELATING TO THE CHANGE IN SPONSORSHIP, AND THE NAMING OF THE NEW SCHOOL BEFORE 31 MAY 1978. IT WAS FURTHER SUGGESTED TO THE BISHOP THAT A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN EARLY MAY.

11. ON 1 MAY 1978, AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE BISHOP, HIS ADVISERS, THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BISHOP WU INFORMED THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION THAT WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE WOULD TAKE OVER THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH EFFECT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1978.

12. IN ORDER TO EFFECT THIS CHANGE OF SPONSOR AND TO DEAL WITH TEACHERS' CONTRACTS, BISHOP WU AND THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL AGREED TO ASK THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO ENLARGE THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE BY ADDING TWO MORE MANAGERS TO IT.

13. ON 1 MAY 1978 THE SUPERIOR-GENERAL OF THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD ASKED THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THEIR RELINQUISHMENT OF THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE SCHOOL, IN FAVOUR OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE WITH EFFECT FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 1978, AND THE NAMING OF THE NEW SCHOOL AS THE ST. TERESA SECONDARY SCHOOL. SHE ALSO INFORMED THE DIRECTOR THAT SISTERS FAN, TERESA CHOW, AND SIU WOULD RESIGN AS MANAGERS WITH EFFECT FROM 31 AUGUST 1978.

14. THE TWO ADDITIONAL MANAGERS WERE REGISTERED ON 9 MAY 1978. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL THEN CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:-

SISTER LORRAINE TURCOTTE, MANAGER AND SUPERVISOR

SISTER FAN LING-CHI, MANAGER

SISTER TERESA CHOW YIN-HAR, MANAGER

SISTER SIU LAI-FONG, MANAGER

MR. P.C. FUNG, MANAGER APPOINTED BY DIRECTOR OF  
EDUCATION UNDER SECTION 41 OF THE  
EDUCATION ORDINANCE

MR. GEORGE HSUEH

REV. FATHER MATTHEW BROSAN.

15. IT WAS INTENDED TO MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP AND OF THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (WITH THE REASONS FOR IT) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE REGISTRATION OF THE ADDITIONAL MANAGERS, BUT EVENTS AT THE SCHOOL FROM 7 MAY ONWARDS OVERTOOK SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RE-OPENING OF THE SCHOOL UNDER ITS NEW SPONSORSHIP AND ITS NEW NAME WERE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CLOSURE OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ON 14 MAY 1978.

16. THE QUESTION OF THE CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP OF THE SCHOOL WAS RAISED AND RESOLVED BETWEEN JANUARY AND 1 MAY, BEFORE THE ONSET OF THE EVENTS WHICH WERE TO LEAD TO THE CLOSURE OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL ON 14 MAY 1978.

PRECIOUS BLOOD GOLDEN JUBILEE SECONDARY SCHOOL  
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FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING OF GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE HUANG COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A SECOND SCHOOL TO BE ESTABLISHED SO THAT PARENTS COULD HAVE THE CHOICE OF WHICH SCHOOL THEIR CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HAS GAINED THE AGREEMENT OF FIVE PEOPLE TO FORM A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND SCHOOL. THEY ARE:-

- (A) MR. CHAN PAK-MAN (SUPERVISOR)
- (B) MR. LAM SZE-HIN
- (C) MR. HUI YIN-FAT
- (D) MR. LI SZE-BAY
- (E) MR. YEUNG PO-KWAN.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS ASKED THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO FACILITATE RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS (WHOSE CONTRACTS WERE NOT RENEWED BY THE MANAGERS OF THE ST. TERESA SECONDARY SCHOOL) BY WITHDRAWING THE WARNING LETTERS ADDRESSED TO THESE AND OTHER TEACHERS IN JUNE 1977. AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL AND TO ENABLE TEACHERS TO MAKE A FRESH START, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HAS AGREED TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REQUEST.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HAS FURTHER PROPOSED THAT MIDDLE 1 STUDENTS ALLOCATED TO ST. TERESA'S SCHOOL UNDER THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACEMENT ALLOCATION SYSTEM SHOULD HAVE THE CHOICE, WITH THEIR PARENTS' AGREEMENT, OF ENTERING THE NEW SCHOOL IF THEY SO WISH. THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL.

THE NEW SCHOOL WILL BE FULLY AIDED AND THE PREMISES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL WILL BE IN THE HOK YUEN STREET BRANCH OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. CONVERSION WORK WILL BE PUT IN HAND IMMEDIATELY TO BRING THE SCHOOL UP TO A FULL STANDARD OF FACILITIES.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE NEW SCHOOL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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 NOTE TO EDITORS:  
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- (1) MR. CHAN PAK-MAN (ALSO KNOWN AS MR. PALMAN CHAN) IS THE  
 ----- PRINCIPAL OF MUNSANG COLLEGE.
- (2) MR. LAM SZE-HIN (ALSO KNOWN AS DR. DANIEL H. LAM) IS THE  
 ----- CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,  
 H.K. BAPTIST COLLEGE, SUPERVISOR OF  
 MUNSANG COLLEGE AND A MANAGER OF NINE OTHER  
 SCHOOLS.

/(3). MR. HUI YIN-FAT .....

- (3) MR. HUI YIN-FAT IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, AND SUPERVISOR AND MANAGER OF FOUR OTHER SCHOOLS.
- (4) MR. LI SZE-BAY (ALSO KNOWN AS MR. ALBERT S.B. LI) IS THE PRINCIPAL OF THE LOK SIN TONG YU KAN HING SCHOOL, AND MEMBER OF THE RED CROSS SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.
- (5) MR. YEUNG PO-KWAN IS THE PRINCIPAL OF MING YIN COLLEGE AND MANAGER OF YING WA GIRLS SCHOOL.

NEW PROCEDURES AND COMPENSATION RATES FOR LAND RESUMED IN NT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP ON NEW TERRITORIES URBAN LAND ACQUISITION ON NEW PROCEDURES AND RATES OF PAYMENT FOR LAND RESUMED IN THE NEW TOWN AND MARKET TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE:-

- \* OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL BE OFFERED COMPENSATION AT THE RATE OF \$27 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR HALF THE LAND THEY SURRENDER-
- \* FOR THE OTHER HALF, THE OWNERS WILL HAVE THE CHOICE OF EITHER \$27 PER SQUARE FOOT OR THE RIGHT TO A FUTURE LAND EXCHANGE AT A RATIO OF 5:2 IN WHATEVER PROPORTION THEY DESIRE. THE CREDIT VALUE OF THE EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT WILL BE \$13.50 PER SQUARE FOOT.
- \* OWNERS OF BUILDING LAND WILL CONTINUE TO BE OFFERED COMPENSATION BASED ON PROFESSIONAL VALUATION, BUT IN ADDITION WILL BE OFFERED \$55 PER SQUARE FOOT OR A 1:1 EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT.
- \* THE NEW RATES FOR BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND BUILDING LOTS ARE TO BE UPDATED HALF-YEARLY BY RELATING THEM TO AN INDEX OF AVERAGE LAND VALUES.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, ANNOUNCED THE SETTING UP OF THE WORKING GROUP -- HEADED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN -- IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 10 LAST YEAR.

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THE GROUP, WHICH COMPRISED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR ON APRIL 20 THIS YEAR AND THE NEW +PACKAGE+ OF PAYMENTS AND PROCEDURES WILL APPLY FROM THAT DATE. THE FIRST REVIEW OF THE RATES WILL BE ON OCTOBER 1.

THE NEW PACKAGE WILL REPLACE THE OLD SYSTEM WHICH OFFERED AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNERS THE CHOICE OF A LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT AT A 5:2 RATIO OR CASH COMPENSATION AT THE RATE OF \$17 PER SQUARE FOOT.

OWNERS OF BUILDING LAND WERE PREVIOUSLY OFFERED COMPENSATION BASED ON PROFESSIONAL VALUATION, BUT WITHOUT AN EX-GRATIA ELEMENT.

AS IN THE PAST, THOSE OWNERS DISSATISFIED WITH AN OFFER MAY TAKE THEIR CASE TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR ARBITRATION.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID TODAY THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS INTRODUCING THE NEW RATES, WOULD BE OFFERING TO BUY IN ANY LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS -- KNOWN AS LETTER B -- AT \$27 A SQUARE FOOT AND WILL BE PREPARED TO OFFER ANYONE WHO ACCEPTED LETTER B AFTER APRIL 20 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAND IT IN AND EXCHANGE IT FOR LETTER B UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM.

+THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE OFFERING THE BALANCE OF \$27 TO THOSE WHO HAVE ACCEPTED \$10 OR \$17 CASH COMPENSATION IN THE PAST INSTEAD OF LETTER B,+ HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT THE WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN SET UP BECAUSE THE SCALE OF LAND RESUMPTION BEING IMPLEMENTED AND REQUIRED IN THE FUTURE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD PLACED THE EXCHANGE SYSTEM UNDER SEVERE STRAIN.

+THE TIME HAD ARRIVED FOR WHAT THE GOVERNOR HAD DESCRIBED AS 'FRESH THINKING' ON THIS SUBJECT AND THE WORKING GROUP HAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED THIS,+ HE ADDED.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID LAND RESUMPTION ANYWHERE IS A COMPLEX MATTER, AND HE WAS VERY GLAD THAT THE WORKING PARTY HAD BEEN ABLE TO PRODUCE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD.

MEMBERS OF SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN'S WORKING GROUP WERE: THE HON. LI FOOK-WO, THE HON. PETER C. WONG, THE HON. CHARLES YEUNG SIU-CHO, ALL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL= SIR DONALD LUDDINGTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION= MR. CHAN YAT-SAN, MR. CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MR. TSANG LIN, MR. LAU WONG-FAT, ALL SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK= MR. J.W. CHAMBERS, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES= MR. G. BARNES, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT= MR. MICHAEL M.Y. SUEN, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (SECRETARY).

COPIES OF THE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$10 PER COPY.

## PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT) BILL

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO FACILITATE PROOF OF OFFICIAL EMOLUMENTS OF A PUBLIC SERVANT CHARGED UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978, IF ENACTED, WILL ENABLE OFFICIAL EMOLUMENTS PAID TO A CIVIL SERVANT TO BE PROVED BY THE PRODUCTION OF A CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

SUCH A CERTIFICATE COULD ALSO RELATE TO THE CIVIL SERVANT'S LENGTH OF SERVICE AND POSTS DURING HIS CAREER IN GOVERNMENT.

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDING LEGISLATION, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID SECTION 10 OF THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE MAKES IT AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON WHO IS, OR HAS BEEN A CIVIL SERVANT, TO MAINTAIN A STANDARD OF LIVING NOT COMMENSURATE WITH, OR POSSESS PROPERTY DISPROPORTIONATE TO, HIS OFFICIAL EMOLUMENTS.

+BUT IN MOST SECTION 10 CASES, THE ACCUSED HAS BEEN A CIVIL SERVANT FOR VERY MANY YEARS AND, NOT INFREQUENTLY, IN THE EARLY PART OF HIS SERVICE HIS EMOLUMENTS WERE PAID IN CASH,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE ADDED, IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE PROSECUTION TO CALL A WITNESS TO TESTIFY, FROM THEIR OWN KNOWLEDGE, AS TO THE AMOUNT OF OFFICIAL EMOLUMENTS RECEIVED BY THE ACCUSED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF HIS GOVERNMENT SERVICE TO THE DATE OF THE CHARGE, AS REQUIRED BY THE LAW OF EVIDENCE.

WITH THE AMENDMENT BILL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ANY COURT WOULD BE BOUND TO ACCEPT AS TRUE ANY FACTS STATED IN A CERTIFICATE UNLESS THE DEFENCE COULD PROVE TO THE CONTRARY.

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IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR  
RETIRED GOVERNMENT TELEPHONE OPERATOR

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A GOVERNMENT TELEPHONE OPERATOR WHO RETIRED IN MAY THIS YEAR AFTER 30 YEARS SERVICE, HAS BEEN AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL BY THE QUEEN.

HE IS MR. CHAN WING-SAM AGED 57.

MR. CHAN JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A TELEPHONE OPERATOR IN 1948. HE WORKED IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE TO WORK AS TELEPHONE OPERATOR UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT.

MR. CHAN WAS ALSO A CONSTABLE IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE FOR 20 YEARS. HE RETIRED FROM THE FORCE TWO YEARS AGO.

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## GOVERNMENT INCREASES SUBVENTIONS TO REHABILITATION AGENCIES

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THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE EXPANSION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED CAN BE DEMONSTRATED BY THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN SUBVENTIONS FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. IAN STRACHAN SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE JOINT COUNCIL FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED, MR. STRACHAN SAID SOCIAL REHABILITATION SUBVENTIONS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SUBVENTIONS HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT AND 47 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN 1978 AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

+EXPANSION WILL CONTINUE, THOUGH PERHAPS NOT WITH THESE DRAMATIC INCREASES, IN ORDER THAT OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES CAN BE MET,+ MR. STRACHAN SAID.

HOWEVER, MR. STRACHAN SAID THAT PRE-SCHOOL CARE FOR THE DISABLED CHILDREN HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT NEGLECTED.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH IT IS PROPOSED TO PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 120 PLACES FOR LESS SEVERELY DISABLED YOUNG CHILDREN IN SUBVENTED DAY CARE CENTRES IN 1979 AND TO EXPAND SPECIAL CENTRES FOR THE VERY SEVERELY DISABLED, MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE OVER THE NEXT DECADE ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG MODERATELY RETARDED CHILDREN.

+I HOPE THAT MANY AGENCIES WILL BE PREPARED TO OPEN THEIR DOORS TO INTEGRATE THE LESS SEVERELY DISABLED CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR CENTRES AND THAT THEY WILL ALSO BE WILLING TO PROVIDE NEW SPECIAL CENTRES, IN PARTICULAR FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED,+ MR. STRACHAN SAID.

MR. STRACHAN ALSO REVEALED THAT SCHOOL PLACES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN THE NEXT YEAR WITH THOSE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED GROUP TO BE DOUBLED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

MR. STRACHAN SAID A LARGER PROVISION OF CARE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE DISABLED HAS BEEN PROPOSED DURING THIS YEAR'S REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME PLAN, IN PARTICULAR FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY RETARDED.

HE SAID A NEW PROPOSAL IS THE PROVISION OF LONG-STAY NURSING HOME AND BOARDING HOUSE CARE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL.

FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, MR. STRACHAN SAID, IT IS PROPOSED TO EXPAND CARE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE SEVERELY RETARDED BOTH IN RESIDENTIAL AND DAY CARE.

HE ALSO REVEALED THAT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE COMPUTERISATION OF A CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR THE DISABLED POPULATION WILL START IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

ON MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CARE FOR THE DISABLED, MR. STRACHAN SAID A GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY HAS BEGUN REVIEWING HOW TO EXPAND SUCH CARE IN HONG KONG AND THAT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR FOR CONSIDERATION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF PROGRAMME PLAN FOR THE DISABLED IN THE COMING YEAR WILL COVER THE NEEDS OF HOUSING FOR THE DISABLED, TRANSPORT, THE ROLE OF SHELTERED WORK, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, AND THE EXPANSION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

BUT HE ADDED THAT THE MAIN CONSTRAINT TO PROVIDING SUCH CARE IS A LACK OF SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

+SO I AM PLEASED THAT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WILL COMMENCE LOCAL TRAINING COURSES IN OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSIOTHERAPY LATER THIS YEAR. OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS I BELIEVE MORE HONG KONG BASED TRAINING COURSES IN REHABILITATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED,+ MR. STRACHAN SAID.

+IF WE WILL WORK TOGETHER, AND IF WE CAN ACCEPT THAT NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR CAN INDEPENDENTLY FULFIL THE ASPIRATIONS OF DISABLED PEOPLE, THEN I BELIEVE THAT THE FUTURE OF REHABILITATION IN HONG KONG IS EXCELLENT,+ HE ADDED.

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#### HOUSING CHIEF INVITED TO VISIT ITALY

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THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. DONALD LIAO, WILL LEAVE THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING FOR ITALY FOR A WEEK'S VISIT AS GUEST OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A SENIOR HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HAS EVER BEEN INVITED TO VISIT THE COUNTRY.

MR. LIAO WILL BE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. ALAN SCOTT, AND THE CONSUL GENERAL OF ITALY, DR. MICHELANGELO PISANI MASSAMORMILE.

IN ROME, MR. LIAO WILL MEET HIGH-RANKING ITALIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MR. PIETRO PADULA, THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS WHO IS ALSO THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN HOUSING INSTITUTE (CASA POPULARI).

BESIDES MEETING OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING POLICIES, MR. LIAO WILL ALSO BE SEEING VARIOUS HOUSING PROJECTS.

HIS ITINERARY INCLUDES VISITING +MILANO 2+ IN MILAN -- A NEW TOWN CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT -- AND INSPECTING RELATED BUILDING INDUSTRIES IN THE REGION.

+I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT TO SEE WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE HOUSING FIELD IN ITALY IN RECENT YEARS,+ MR. LIAO SAID.

ON THE CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT, MR. LIAO WILL SPEND A BRIEF HOLIDAY ON THE CONTINENT.

MR. B.V. WILLIAMS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ADMINISTRATION), WILL BE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOUSING DURING MR. LIAO'S ABSENCE.

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RECLAMATION IN NORTH POINT  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM ABOUT 4.4 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED BETWEEN WATSON ROAD AND OIL STREET, NORTH POINT.

THE RECLAMATION IS PART OF THE HONG KONG EASTERN CORRIDOR HIGHWAY PROJECT.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED TODAY.

ANYONE WHO OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SO AS TO REACH HIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 14.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, 1ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SCHEME TO IMPROVE JUNCTION OF BLUE POOL ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD  
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD A GRADE SEPARATED INTERSECTION AT THE JUNCTION OF BLUE POOL ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE MAINLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DECKING ON THE NORTH OF THE EXISTING JUNCTION TO PROVIDE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTION OF TAI HANG ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD.

IN ADDITION, A ONE-WAY FLYOVER ABOVE BLUE POOL ROAD RUNNING EASTWARD FROM THE NEW DECKING TO JOIN WITH THE EAST-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI HANG ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

THE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL ROADS WILL BE MODIFIED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AT PRESENT TRAFFIC AT THE JUNCTION OF BLUE POOL ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD BECAME SATURATED DURING PEAK HOURS, RESULTING IN LONG QUEUES OF VEHICLES ON BLUE POOL ROAD AND TAI HANG ROAD.

+INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUNCTION CONSISTING OF MINOR LOCAL WIDENING TO PROVIDE VEHICLE 'WAITING SPACE' AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS WERE IMPLEMENTED IN EARLY 1977,+ HE SAID.

+NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED STACKING LANES AT THE APPROACHES AND STEEP GRADIENT OF BLUE POOL ROAD, THESE INTERIM WORKS ONLY CONTRIBUTE A LITTLE TO RELIEVING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UPON COMPLETION OF THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION WOULD BE GREATLY RELIEVED.

THE PROPOSED WORKS WILL INVOLVE ALTERATIONS TO THE ALIGNMENT AND WIDTH OF THE SECTIONS OF TAI HANG ROAD AND BLUE POOL ROAD AT THE APPROACHES TO THE JUNCTION.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

ANY ONE WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SUBMIT HIS OBJECTIONS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SO AS TO REACH HIS OFFICE NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 14.

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KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL, TSUI PING ROAD AT 4 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY MORE THAN 100 LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRES, YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THERE WILL BE OVER 900 EVENTS IN THE PROGRAMME INCLUDING CAMPING, GAMES, TRAINING COURSES, AND VARIOUS COMPETITIONS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT OVER 50,000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG WILL TAKE PART IN THE EVENTS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW WILL BE JOINTLY OFFICIATED BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KOWLOON EAST), MR. HAROLD KWOK= THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, MRS. EVELYN DOE= THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, MR. WONG LAM= AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG), MR. LEUNG CHIN-MAN.

AQUATIC GAMES COMPETITIONS AND SWIMMING AND DIVING DEMONSTRATIONS WILL FOLLOW THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL, TSUI PING ROAD AT 4 P.M. SATURDAY.

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CLEAN UP OF CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER

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TEAM OF 24 URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WORKERS WILL CLEAN UP THE EMBANKMENT OF CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AS A FOLLOW-UP OPERATION TO THE CLEAN HONG KONG VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD THIS EVENING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS. GRACE HO AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR. H.M.A. BRISTOW WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE CLEAN UP OPERATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CLEAN UP OPERATION AT CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER.

MARINE LAUNCH NO.58 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT QUEEN'S PIER, CENTRAL, TO TAKE REPORTERS AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO CAUSEWAY BAY. THE LAUNCH WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER AT 10 A.M. SHARP TOMORROW.

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SCHOOLS DANCE TEAM GIVES FAREWELL PERFORMANCES

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THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS CHINESE DANCE TEAM SCHEDULED TO TAKE PART IN THE COMMONWEALTH CARNIVAL IN EDMONTON, CANADA, NEXT MONTH WILL PERFORM AT AN EVENING OF ORIENTAL DANCE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE SPECIAL TWO-HOUR SHOW ALSO WILL FEATURE TOP TEAMS WHICH TOOK PART IN LAST YEAR'S HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CITY HALL PERFORMANCE, THE CANADA BOL TEAM WILL STAGE A SPECIAL SHOW AT THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BALL.

THESE WILL BE THE LAST PERFORMANCES BY THE TEAM BEFORE THE CANADIAN VISIT.

THE TEAM, MADE UP OF 15 GIRLS AND FIVE BOYS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 20, WILL LEAVE FOR EDMONTON, ALBERTA, ON JULY 21 TO TAKE PART IN THE COMMONWEALTH CARNIVAL, A MAJOR CULTURAL EVENT ORGANISED TO COINCIDE WITH THE 11TH COMMONWEALTH GAMES.

ABOUT 400 ARTISTS FROM MORE THAN 20 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE CARNIVAL.

THE VISIT IS THE THIRD OVERSEAS TRIP MADE BY A HONG KONG DANCE TEAM IN THE PAST THREE YEARS. IN 1976 AND 1978, HONG KONG DANCE TEAMS MADE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TOURS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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DRAGON DANCE ON WHEELCHAIRS  
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HONG KONG'S FIRST DRAGON DANCE ON WHEELCHAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 A.M. AT BLOCK 25, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, KWUN TONG.

AFTER THE NEW HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY OPENED, GROUPS OF ABOUT 30 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS AND CHILDREN WILL DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS AND STAMINA IN WEIGHT-LIFTING, FENCING AND TABLE-TENNIS -- ON WHEELCHAIRS.

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH A GRANT OF \$70,00 FROM THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND ARRANGED THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

FORMED IN 1972, THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN DEVOTED SOLELY TO FOSTERING SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (JULY 15) AT BLOCK 25, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, KWUN TONG.

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