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GOVERNOR STRESSES COMMITMENT TO TECHNICAL TRAINING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS (MONDAY) EVENING REAFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO AND INVESTMENT IN THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+THIS IS A COMMITMENT FROM WHICH WE SHALL NOT FALTER,+ HE SAID AT A DINNER COMMEMORATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

SIR EDWARD SAID 1982 MARKED A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLYTECHNIC WHICH HAD SEEN A RAPID RATE OF ADVANCE BOTH IN NUMBERS AND QUALITY.

+THESE CAN BE NO BETTER EVIDENCE OF THE HIGH DEGREE OF COMMITMENT WHICH HAS BEEN SHOWN BY ALL THOSE CONCERNED- AND OF THE SUCCESS OF THEIR EFFORTS.+

THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND POLYTECHNIC, APPOINTED THIS YEAR AND CHAIRED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG, HAD ALREADY MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE POLYTECHNIC WILL DEVELOP.

THE TWO POLYTECHNICS ARE WELL ON COURSE, HE SAID, AND WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE A CAPACITY OF 27 000 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PLACES.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOU THIS EVENING TO COMMEMORATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

+I NOTE THAT AT THE RECENT GRADUATION CEREMONY YOU, SIR S.Y., LIMITED SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TO AN ORATION OF TEN MINUTES ONLY, MINDFUL OF THE MERITS OF BREVITY, PARTICULARLY AT SUCH A PLEASANT DINNER, I SHALL BE EVEN BRIEFER.

+1982 MARKS A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLYTECHNIC. YOU HAVE VIVIDLY DESCRIBED ITS RAPID RATE OF ADVANCE BOTH IN NUMBERS AND QUALITY. THESE CAN BE NO BETTER EVIDENCE OF THE HIGH DEGREE OF COMMITMENT WHICH HAS BEEN SHOWN BY ALL THOSE CONCERNED- AND OF THE SUCCESS OF THEIR EFFORTS. THIS YEAR HAS ALSO SEEN THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND POLYTECHNIC, UNDER YOUR DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMANSHIP, SIR S.Y. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE NEW POLYTECHNIC WILL DEVELOP.

+SO THE TWO POLYTECHNICS ARE WELL ON COURSE. THEY COULD EVENTUALLY HAVE A CAPACITY OF 27 000 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PLACES.

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+WE LIVE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD AND TO CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN IT, AS I AM SURE HONG KONG WILL BE, WE WILL NEED AN INCREASINGLY WELL TRAINED AND TECHNICALLY PROFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND WORK FORCE ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO NEW IDEAS, SYSTEMS, PROCESSES, AND EQUIPMENT. THE POLYTECHNIC HAS BECOME A PRIME SOURCE OF THAT TRAINING AND PROFICIENCY, AND IN SO DOING HAS WON ITSELF A HIGH REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES.

+THE GROWTH OF THE TWO POLYTECHNICS ALSO REFLECTS THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO AND INVESTMENT IN THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. THIS IS A COMMITMENT FROM WHICH WE SHALL NOT FALTER, AND ONE WHICH I KNOW IS SHARED BY THE POLYTECHNIC COUNCIL.

+I CONGRATULATE YOU WARMLY ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR FIRST VERY SUCCESSFUL DECADE. I WISH YOU ALL EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE AND I INVITE YOU NOW TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.+

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SAFEGUARDING HONG KONG'S TRADING INTEGRITY

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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, TODAY (MONDAY) STRESSED THAT THE MISDEMEANOURS OF THE TINY PERCENTAGE OF HONG KONG'S TRADING COMMUNITY WHO COULD BRING THE TERRITORY'S TRADING REPUTATION INTO DISREPUTE MUST BE CONSTANTLY COUNTERED.

ADDRESSING THE LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, MR JORDAN SAID THAT THE PROPORTION OF FAKE GOODS IMPROPERLY PRODUCED IN HONG KONG WAS +INFINITESIMAL+ COMPARED WITH THOSE PRODUCED IN LEGITIMATE TRADE.

+NEVERTHELESS WHEN COUNTERFEIT GOODS ARE DISCOVERED AND THERE IS CONSEQUENT PUBLICITY EITHER HERE OR ABROAD, HONG KONG'S TRADING REPUTATION AS A WHOLE IS PLACED IN JEOPARDY.

+LIKEWISE WHEN THE OCCASIONAL SHARP OPERATOR EVADES QUOTA CONTROL, OR FALSELY OBTAINS CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN OF HIS GOODS, HE BRINGS THE SYSTEM AND ALL DECENT TRADERS OF HONG KONG INTO DISREPUTE,+ HE SAID.

VIEWING TRADING INTEGRITY AS ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS, HE STRESSED THAT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WOULD USE ITS VERY BEST ENDEAVOURS TO PROTECT THIS INTEGRITY AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF DECENT TRADERS WHO DEPENDED UPON IT.

EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF A CUSTOMS SERVICE IN A FREE PORT, MR JORDAN SAID MOST GOODS MOVED UNINHIBITED BY REVENUE RESTRICTIONS AND WITH ONLY LIMITED DOCUMENTATION.

+SOME DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL GOODS, WHETHER OR NOT DUTIABLE, IS NECESSARY FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. NOT THE LEAST OF THESE IS THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT MUST PROVIDE ITSELF AND THE TRADING COMMUNITY WITH STATISTICS ABOUT ITS TRADE,+ SAID MR JORDAN.

WHERE HONG KONG WAS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, OR WHERE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG WAS CONCERNED THERE WERE SOME RESTRICTIONS, BUT THESE WERE KEPT AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR APPLICATION.

CERTIFICATES OF HONG KONG ORIGIN OR THOSE PROVIDED TO ENABLE PREFERENTIAL DUTY TO BE CLAIMED IN IMPORTING COUNTRIES WERE ALSO ISSUED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

+BUT OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT VISIT FACTORIES, INSPECT GOODS AND VERIFY THE AUTHENTICITY OF APPLICATIONS FROM BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE HONG KONG EXPORTERS,+ MR JORDAN POINTED OUT.

HE SAID THAT THE SYSTEM USED IN CERTIFICATION OF ORIGIN, IN PARTICULAR, WAS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD AND BY ITS INTEGRITY GREATLY FACILITATED THE TRADE OF HONG KONG.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AND THE COPYRIGHT PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

+WITH THE FORMER WE ARE CONCERNED WITH DEFEATING ATTEMPTS TO COUNTERFEIT GOODS BY FALSE DESCRIPTION, AND WE ACT BOTH IN THE INTERESTS OF TRADE AND OF THE PURCHASER WHETHER THE OFFENDER PARTIES ARE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG OR NOT. WITH THE LATTER WE ARE PROTECTING COPYRIGHT PROPERTY OF THE NATURE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO CASSETTES AND OCCASIONALLY LITERARY WORKS,+ HE SAID.

+THE CITIZENS OF HONG KONG ARE GENERALLY LAW-ABIDING PEOPLE. THEY ARE HONEST IN TRADE JUST AS THEY ARE IN THEIR DAILY LIVES AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS HERE, AS THERE IS EVERYWHERE ELSE, A MINISCULE FRACTION OF THE COMMUNITY WHO WOULD ENDEAVOUR TO DEFEAT THE LAW FOR THEIR OWN NEFARIOUS GAINS.

+THE MOST DESPICABLE, OF COURSE, ARE THOSE WHO WOULD TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HONG KONG'S 40 000 TO 50 000 ADDICTS,+ HE SAID.

IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FIELD, THE PROFESSIONAL ENFORCEMENT FORCE OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAD RECEIVED INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM FOR THEIR SUCCESSES, MR JORDAN ADDED.

+THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAS ALSO ACHIEVED ACCLAIM FOR THE SUCCESS IT HAS ATTAINED AGAINST PIRATED CASSETTE TAPES, AND IT MUST BE UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH NOT ONE BUT TWO GOLDEN DISCS BY THE RECORDING INDUSTRY IN RECOGNITION OF ITS EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD,+ HE CONTINUED.

THE WHOLE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAD UNDERGONE DRASTIC REORGANISATION TO MATCH THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG OF THE PRESENT AND OF THE FUTURE.

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+WE ARE CURRENTLY INTRODUCING NEW OR ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES SUCH AS X-RAY MACHINES AND METAL DETECTORS FOR USE AT THE ENTRY POINTS.

+WE HAVE PLANS TO RENEW AND EXPAND OUR LAUNCH FLEET AT AN EARLY DATE AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE.

+IN EVERY WAY WE ARE SEEKING TO MEET XZHET ARE WIDE AND EVER-INCREASING DEMANDS ON US TO PROVIDE SERVICE BOTH TO TRADE AND TO SOCIETY GENERALLY IN HONG KONG,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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GOVERNOR LOOKS AT TELEVISION SCENE

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IN A THREE-PART PROGRAMME, THE GOVERNOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (MONDAY) TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT THE COMPLEXITIES OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR LEISURE ACTIVITY — TELEVISION.

HE STARTED HIS PROGRAMME BY MEETING THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY, MR N.J.V. WATT, AND MEMBERS OF THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD TO HEAR SOME OF THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF TELEVISION IN HONG KONG. PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE MR WATT, CHAIRMAN, MRS MAISIE WONG, DR PETER LEE, MR MERVYN LAW, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE, POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR S. WILKINSON, DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR P. SINGH, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD AND TWO MEMBERS OF THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY STAFF, MISS ROSE MAY LI AND MISS MUNETTA WU.

THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAMME THE GOVERNOR WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LADY YOUDE.

FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE ATTENDED LUNCH AT THE JOCKEY CLUB AS GUESTS OF THE BOARD.

AFTER LUNCH THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY, DROVE TO BROADCAST DRIVE WHERE THEY SPENT ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS VISITING THE TWO COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATIONS, TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD. AND ASIA TELEVISION LTD.

THEY WERE WELCOMED BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE TWO COMPANIES, SIR RUN RUN SHAW OF TVB AND MR DEACON CHIU OF ATV, AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

THEY SUBSEQUENTLY TOURED THE FACILITIES IN BOTH STATIONS, WATCHED PROGRAMMES IN REHEARSAL AND DISCUSSED PRODUCTION PROBLEMS WITH ENGINEERING AND PROGRAMME PERSONNEL.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HE WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ENERGY, DEDICATION AND ORIGINALITY OF THE MANY TELEVISION PRODUCTION PEOPLE HE HAD SPOKEN TO DURING HIS VISIT TO THE TWO STATIONS.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE ENTHUSIASM AND SKILL WHICH HE HAD SEEN, THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FIRST RATE ENTERTAINMENT INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT BRINGS IN JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY
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A FACTORY SET UP IN TUEN MUN BY THE WORLD'S LARGEST ELECTRIC APPLIANCES ENTERPRISE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE FACTORY, CALLED THE INTERNATIONAL FAN MANUFACTURING CO. LTD (IFM), IS A JOINT COMPANY ESTABLISHED BY MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD AND ITS SUBSIDIARY MATSUSHITA SEIKO CO. LTD.

IFM IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ALMOST TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS AFTER THE DEPARTMENT'S PROMOTION CONSULTANCY DIVISION FIRST CONTACTED THE JAPANESE COMPANIES, THE FACTORY HAS STARTED PRODUCING ELECTRIC FANS -- MAINLY CEILING FANS -- FOR MARKETS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

+THE FAN MOTOR INCORPORATES A REVOLUTIONARY DESIGN SO THAT IT CAN RUN FOR LONG PERIODS WITHOUT GETTING HOT, AND SO EXTENDS THE LIFE OF THE MOTOR,+ A COMPANY SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN APRIL 1980 AN INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION MISSION TO OSAKA HEADED BY THE PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, MR C.L. CHU, MET SENIOR MANAGEMENT AT THE MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL COMPANY'S HEAD OFFICE IN KADOMA-CITY.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION LEARNT THAT THE COMPANY'S SUBSIDIARY, MATSUSHITA SEIKO, HAD ONCE CONDUCTED A DETAILED FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THEIR BUSINESS EXPANSION TO HONG KONG.

HAVING ESTABLISHED THE COMPANY'S INTENTION TO CONSIDER HONG KONG AS AN OFF-SHORE MANUFACTURING BASE, THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT CONTINUED WITH ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE COMPANY'S INTEREST.

AT THE REQUEST OF BOTH COMPANIES, A MISSION TO OSAKA AT THE END OF 1980 HELD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR OFFICIALS ON THEIR PLAN TO SET UP AN ELECTRIC FAN FACTORY IN HONG KONG.

A SERIES OF CONTACTS THEN FOLLOWED BETWEEN THE PROMOTION CONSULTANCY DIVISION AND MR K. IKEDA, WHO THEN REPRESENTED THE MATSUSHITA SEIKO HONG KONG AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM JAPAN.

THEY WERE PROVIDED WITH DETAILED INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON THE SETTING UP OF A MANUFACTURING PLANT IN HONG KONG.

THIS INCLUDED THE ACQUISITION OF INDUSTRIAL PREMISES, LABOUR LAWS, AND THE RECRUITMENT OF STAFF.

THEY WERE ALSO HELPED TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SUPPLIES OF COMPONENTS AND PARTS.

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TO FIND SUITABLE PREMISES WHICH COULD WITHSTAND SHOCKS GENERATED BY MACHINES WAS NO EASY TASK.

TWO RENTAL PLANS HAD TO BE DROPPED BEFORE THE MATSUSHITA SEIKO CO., WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PROMOTION CONSULTANTS, FINALLY FOUND A GROUND FLOOR FACTORY OF SOME 1 950 SQ. METRES IN TUEN MUN.

THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT'S WORK DID NOT STOP THERE. THE PROJECT OFFICERS TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE IN HELPING THE COMPANY TO RECRUIT LOCAL WORKERS.

WHEN IT CAME TO VISA PROBLEMS, THE DEPARTMENT'S HOT LINE IN THE +ONE-STOP UNIT+ TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HELPED THRASH THEM OUT.

A TOTAL OF SIX MANAGERIAL STAFF AND SKILLED TECHNICIANS HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED FROM THE COMPANY'S HEAD OFFICE TO TRAIN LOCAL WORKERS.

THREE POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES, WHO HAVE BEEN RECRUITED AS FOREMEN, WERE SENT TO OSAKA FOR TRAINING AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE PROJECT, THE CHAIRMAN OF IFM, MR JYUZABURO NAGAI, SAID: +IT IS WIDELY KNOWN THAT HONG KONG IS AN EXCELLENT INTERNATIONAL FREE PORT WITH A STRONG AND SKILFUL WORKFORCE, CHEAP AND SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF MATERIALS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, GOOD TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND A SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATION NETWORK.

+WE IN IFM ARE DETERMINED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF PRODUCING AND SUPPLYING HIGH QUALITY PRODUCTS TO SATISFY THE CUSTOMERS.

+WE CAN ACHIEVE THIS BY TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF HONG KONG'S EXCELLENT SITUATION AND IMPLEMENTING THE MERITS OF JAPANESE MANAGEMENT.+

MR NAGAI SAID THAT WORLD-WIDE DEMAND FOR CEILING FANS HAD EXPANDED CONSIDERABLY DUE TO THE RISING TREND OF ENERGY SAVING.

THE MARKET SIZE IS EXPECTED TO REACH 12 MILLION CEILING FANS ANNUALLY, AND HONG KONG IS SUPPLYING ABOUT HALF OF THEM, HE ADDED.

IFM IS THE FIRST OVERSEAS MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF MATSUSHITA SEIKO CO. AND THE FORTIETH OF MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., WHICH ALREADY HAS OVERSEAS MANUFACTURING COMPANIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA, EUROPE AND ASIA.

+THIS IS THE MATSUSHITA GROUP'S FIRST MANUFACTURING PLANT IN HONG KONG, AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS WILL BE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE OF OUR MANY OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS,+ MR NAGAI SAID.

MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR NEW TOWN

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A NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FANLING-SHEK WU HUI WHICH WILL HOUSE SOME 180 000 PEOPLE IN THE EARLY 1990S.

THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STUART HARBINSON, DISCLOSED THIS TODAY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL '82.

THIS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING FACILITIES IN THE AREA, NOTABLY THE FANLING SWIMMING COMPLEX, SQUASH COURTS, SOCCER PITCHES AND BASKETBALL COURTS.

MR HARBINSON SAID THAT A SPORTS COMPLEX, A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL WOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY LATE 1986.

+ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE NEW TOWN IS THE SPACE RESERVED FOR OPEN AREAS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. A LANDSCAPE STUDY IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY A FIRM OF CONSULTANTS BEFORE A TOWN PARK IS BUILT IN AREA 9, WHICH IS CENTRALLY SITUATED IN THE NEW TOWN,+ HE ADDED.

THE TWO-WEEK DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WHICH IS TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE THIRD YEAR, WILL OPEN ON DECEMBER 4.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAW CHAK-TONG, WHO DESCRIBED THE FESTIVAL AS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE FORMATION OF THE DISTRICT THREE YEARS AGO.

GEOGRAPHICALLY, THE NORTH DISTRICT CONSISTS OF FOUR SUB-DISTRICTS, NAMELY, FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI, SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING.

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT THE AMOUNT OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR THE FESTIVAL INCREASED EVERY YEAR.

THE BOARD CONTRIBUTED \$120 000 TOWARDS THE COMING FESTIVAL WHICH IS ONE-THIRD MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S.

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (NT), RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, MUSIC OFFICE, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 EVENTS INCLUDING WESTERN FOLK DANCE, PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION, VARIETY SHOWS, CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND CANTONESE OPERAS AND A SPORTS CARNIVAL.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A MODEL CARS AND AEROPLANES SHOW ON DECEMBER 11.

THE HEADQUARTERS GURKHA FIELD FORCE WILL ALSO STAGE A PARACHUTE JUMP DEMONSTRATION ON DECEMBER 16.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FESTIVAL OPENING ON DECEMBER 4 AT THE TOWN HALL.

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VOLUNTARY CLEARANCE OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES
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MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (MONDAY) LEARNED HOW A LONG-STANDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM AT FIVE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN QUARRY BAY HAD BEEN RESOLVED THROUGH THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

A VISIT, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER ORGANISED BY THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, WAS MADE TO THE OWNERS' CORPORATION OF THE YICK FAT, YICK CHEONG, FOOK CHEONG, OCEANIC AND MONTANE BUILDINGS THIS EVENING.

THE VISITING PARTY COMPRISED 10 DB MEMBERS, THE EASTERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, ICAC, HOUSING, AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.

THE VISITORS LEARNED THAT ABOUT 13 000 PEOPLE LIVED IN THE FIVE 10-YEAR-OLD BUILDINGS WHICH JOINTLY SHARED TWO COMMON COURTYARDS COMPRISING PLATFORMS OVER BASEMENTS.

SOON AFTER THE BUILDINGS WERE OCCUPIED, THE TWO COURTYARDS HAD BEEN ENCROACHED UPON BY UNAUTHORISED EXTENSIONS AND ILLEGAL STRUCTURES WHICH WERE MOSTLY USED AS COOKED-FOOD STALLS, CREATING SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BUILDINGS AND TO CO-ORDINATE EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE COURTYARDS, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS WERE FORMED.

THE PROBLEMS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY LAST YEAR AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ASSIST THE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS BY CLEARING THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

DETAILS OF THE CLEARANCE HAD BEEN WORKED OUT AFTER NUMEROUS INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS CONVENED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SOME OF WHICH WERE ALSO ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

ON JUNE 28 THIS YEAR, THE CORPORATIONS ISSUED LETTERS AND NOTICES TO DEMAND THAT ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND EXTENSIONS BE DEMOLISHED VOLUNTARILY WITHIN 12 WEEKS. BUT THE STRUCTURES REMAINED INTACT ON THE EXPIRY DATE.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE THEN POSTED NOTICES OF DEMOLITION ORDERS ON THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND PUBLISHED THE ORDERS IN THE GAZETTE.

THE NOTICES ORDERED THAT THESE STRUCTURES BE DEMOLISHED BY OCTOBER 19, FAILING WHICH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE CONTRACTOR WOULD STEP IN TO DO THE JOB.

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THE TRESPASSERS AND THE SHOP OPERATORS WHO OWNED THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES THEN REALISED THE DETERMINATION OF THE OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARILY DEMOLISHED ALL THE STRUCTURES.

THE PARTY WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE CORPORATIONS HAD FOUND A CONTRACTOR TO DEVELOP THE CLEARED COURTYARD INTO A REST GARDEN AND THAT WORK WAS EXPECTED TO COST \$250 000, TAKING THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

EARLIER, THE PARTY ALSO VISITED THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OF THE HOLY CROSS PATH VILLAGE IN SHAU KEI WAN, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 10 000, THE LARGEST SQUATTER VILLAGE IN EASTERN DISTRICT AS WELL AS HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE VISIT WAS ORGANISED TO HELP THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE OPERATION OF MACS AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CHIEF BACK FROM LECTURE TRIP
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, RETURNED LAST NIGHT (SUNDAY) FROM JAPAN, AFTER SPENDING THREE MONTHS LECTURING AS A VISITING EXPERT AT A UNITED NATIONS TRAINING COURSE THERE.

THE COURSE WAS ORGANISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ASIA AND FAR EAST INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS (UNAFEI), AND HAD AS ITS THEME THE +IMPROVEMENT OF CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS+.

MR GARNER, WHO RESUMED OFFICE TODAY, DEALT MAINLY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS.

THE COURSE ATTRACTED SOME 32 PARTICIPANTS FROM 16 COUNTRIES INCLUDING TWO OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS FROM HONG KONG'S CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, HE SAID.

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TAI PO SLUDGE DEWATERING PLANT CONTRACT

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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A CONTRACT TO GILMAN AND CO. LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE SLUDGE DEWATERING PLANT FOR TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, STAGE II.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH \$11.4 MILLION, IS ONE OF THE FOUR MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL CONTRACTS FOR THE TREATMENT WORKS.

IT COVERS THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THREE FILTER PLATE PRESSES AND ASSOCIATED SLUDGE AND CHEMICAL FEED PUMPS, THREE SLUDGE TRANSFER PUMPS, VARIOUS TANK/MIXER STIRRERS AND ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR R.T. JENKINS, ACTING GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER (PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT), AND MR M.J.C. HASZLAKIEWICZ, DIRECTOR OF GILMAN AND CO. LTD.

WORKS ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1985.

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CAREERS EXHIBITION ATTRACTS 115 000 VISITORS

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MORE THAN 115 000 PEOPLE VISITED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S 10-DAY 11TH ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION WHICH CLOSED IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

AT THE SAME TIME, LIVE CAREERS SHOWS HELD AT EDINBURGH PLACE ON WEEKENDS AND SUNDAYS DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD ATTRACTED NO LESS THAN 110 000 VISITORS.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY THIS EVENING, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, ATTRIBUTED SUCCESS OF THE EXHIBITION TO CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS, ADDING THAT THEIR SUPPORT IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE DESIGN OF THEIR STANDS AND IN PROVIDING EXPERIENCED STAFF TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ON THE SPOT HAS CERTAINLY HELPED TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EXHIBITION.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE CAREERS EXHIBITION REFLECTS ITS POPULARITY AND THE FACT THAT IT HELPS TO SATISFY A DEMAND OF YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CAREERS INFORMATION. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO ORGANISE THE EVENT AND, WITH THE HELP OF THE MANY PARTIES INVOLVED, MAKE IT EVEN BETTER AND MORE INFORMATIVE IN FUTURE, + HE TOLD EXHIBITORS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY.

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AFTER THE SPEECH, MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT, AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, PRESENTED A PEN SET TO THE 100 OOUTH VISITORS, MISS LAM WAI-MAN WHO IS A FORM FIVE STUDENT FROM ST ANTONIUS GIRLS' COLLEGE. THE URBAN COUNCIL CO-SPONSORED THE EXHIBITION.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES BY THE DIRECTOR AND BUSINESS ADVISER OF DAO HENG BANK, MR FRANK TUNG, TO THE C.C.C. MING YIN COLLEGE AND THE CHEUNG SHA WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHICH HAVE SCORED THE HIGHEST AVERAGE MARKS RESPECTIVELY IN THE FIRST AND SECOND LEGS OF A QUIZ ORGANISED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXHIBITION.

THE CEREMONY CONCLUDED WITH MR HENDERSON PRESENTING SOUVENIRS TO INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITORS.

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PENG CHAU DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE FORMATION OF 4.3 HECTARES OF LAND ON THE NORTH-WESTERN COASTLINE OF PENG CHAU AND ON TAI LEI ISLAND.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE PENG CHAU ISLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME UNDERTAKEN BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE LAND FORMED WILL PROVIDE SITES FOR PRIVATE HOUSING, A MARKET COMPLEX, A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMPING STATION, AN ABATTOIR, AN INCINERATOR, AN ELECTRIC SUBSTATION, AS WELL AS FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE LINKING TAI LEI ISLAND WITH PENG CHAU AND A JETTY ON TAI LEI ISLAND.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENCES

A TOTAL OF 604 PROSECUTION CASES FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS, AND FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS TOTALLED MORE THAN \$723 000.

MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

THERE WERE 294 CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS, WITH \$556 100 IN FINES. THESE INCLUDED 74 CASES (WITH \$258 800 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 153 CASES (WITH \$220 300 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

THERE WERE 254 CASES RELATING TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, WITH \$128 175 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, SIX CASES CONCERNED FAILURE TO KEEP RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$3 050 IN FINES.

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NEW KWUN TONG TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

NEW MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN KWUN TONG WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1).

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO THE SLIP ROAD NEAR BLOCK 1 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

MEANWHILE, SHING SHUN ROAD AND NGAU TAU KOK ROAD FROM SHING SHUN ROAD TO JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS 24 HOUR URBAN CLEARWAYS, WHERE NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD NEAR BLOCK 1 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY, BUT THE OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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TSUEN WAN WORKERS VISIT FACTORIES
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TEN FACTORY WORKERS IN TSUEN WAN, ACTING AS 'AMBASSADORS', TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED A NUMBER OF FIRMS IN TUEN MUN TO GET FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE AND EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE.

THE TRIP, ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, WAS PART OF THEIR PRIZES FOR WINNING THIS YEAR'S MODEL WORKERS' AWARD SCHEME.

TODAY'S ITINERARY, THE FIRST OF A TWO-DAY PROGRAMME, INCLUDED VISITS TO THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER PLANT AT TAP SHEK KOK, AND A TOY AND A ZIPPER FACTORY IN TUEN MUN.

NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 6) THE WORKERS WILL VISIT A DYEING AND A GARMENT MANUFACTURING FIRM BEFORE GOING TO THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

THE VISITS, HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, ARE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKERS TO GET BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AND TO PROMOTE THE MODEL WORKERS SCHEME TO OTHER DISTRICTS.

TSUEN WAN, WITH A WORKFORCE OF ABOUT 200 000, IS THE ONLY DISTRICT WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANISING THIS AWARD SCHEME ANNUALLY SINCE 1980.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 79.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 459.859 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 272.840 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 47.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL AND MURRAY ROAD
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ONE TUBE OF LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED DAILY BETWEEN 9.30 PM AND 6 AM THROUGHOUT DECEMBER EXCEPT SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR ROAD REPAIRS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE OTHER TUBE WILL BE OPEN TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, IN CENTRAL, THE SOUTHBOUND SECTION OF MURRAY ROAD BETWEEN HARCOURT ROAD AND LAMBETH WALK WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1) FOR THE LAYING OF WATERMANS.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, DURING WHICH, WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON HARCOURT ROAD HEADING FOR MURRAY ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, JACKSON ROAD AND CHATER ROAD.

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FRESH AND SALT WATER MAINS WORK IN SAI KUNG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FOUR HOURS FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 2) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AND VILLAGES TO BE AFFECTED ARE ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND MANG KUNG UK, SILVER-STRAND, HANG HAU TOWN, SHAW'S STUDIO, BAY SIDE, PO LAM ROAD, RENNIE'S MILL AREA, MA YAU TONG, SAI KUNG TOWN AREA, AS WELL AS ON HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, INCLUDING THE TAN CHEUNG AREA.

ON THE SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CUT OFF FOR TEN HOURS FROM 9 AM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE ON HONG LEE ROAD, HONG NING ROAD, AND KUNG LOK ROAD, AS WELL AS IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE, HAM TIN ESTATE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, SHUNG LEE ESTATE, AND SHEUNG ON ESTATE.

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