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GOVERNOR SENDS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO QUEEN

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ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, HAS SENT A TELEGRAM OF BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE QUEEN ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL OBSERVANCE IN HONG KONG OF HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT UNITED KINGDOM

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL LEAVE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FOR ROUTINE TALKS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. HE WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR AND GIVE A LECTURE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

SIR MURRAY WILL MEET OFFICIALS AND MINISTERS AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE ON MONDAY (APRIL 24) AND DELIVER A LECTURE TO THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY. ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 26) HE WILL SPEAK AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES ON THE POTENTIALITIES OF THE HONG KONG MARKETS.

HIS ENGAGEMENTS IN LONDON WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO HONG KONG HOUSE.

ON APRIL 27, SIR MURRAY WILL GO TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY TO DELIVER A LECTURE TO THE ALISTAIR BUCHAN CLUB, AND MEET MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ON THE OXFORD COURSE.

SIR MURRAY WILL LEAVE BY BA 020, ETD 2000 HOURS TOMORROW. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON MAY 3.

DURING HIS ABSENCE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS WILL ACT AS GOVERNOR.

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SPECIAL SPORTS PROGRAMME TO CELEBRATE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A SPECIAL SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR ALL TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SPORTS PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS PLACES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG INCLUDING MORSE PARK AND MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN KOWLOON, VICTORIA PARK AND FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND IN KENNEDY TOWN ON THE ISLAND.

OTHER VENUES ARE AT YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, SHA TIN AND SAI KUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AS WELL AS CHEUNG CHAU AND LANTAU ISLAND.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. LI FOOK-KOW, WILL PERFORM A CEREMONY TO START THE PROGRAMME AT MORSE PARK AND THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. E.P. HO, WILL START THE PROGRAMME AT VICTORIA PARK.

PROGRAMMES AT OTHER VENUES WILL BE OFFICIATED BY PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE EVENTS WILL INCLUDE LION DANCES, MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATIONS, MARCHING BANDS, AS WELL AS TRAMPOLINING, POTTED SPORTS, ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING GALAS.

APART FROM SOME OF THE SPORTS COMPETITIONS WHICH REQUIRE PRIOR REGISTRATION, EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENTS.

THE SPECIAL SPORTS PROGRAMME HAS PROVED VERY POPULAR WITH THE PUBLIC OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. ABOUT 70,000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN ACTIVITIES ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY LAST YEAR WHICH WAS THE SILVER JUBILEE YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:-

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SPORTS PROGRAMME TOMORROW. THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. LI FOOK-KOW WILL START THE PROGRAMME AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN THEATRE AND THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. E.P. HO AT THE NO. 1 FOOTBALL PITCH AT VICTORIA PARK BOTH AT 9 A.M.

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GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE
TO MARK HKU BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY HE BELIEVED THAT HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG WITH ITS TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNIC, IS IN THE HANDS OF VERY SOUND INSTITUTIONS ON WHICH WE CAN CONFIDENTLY PLAN FUTURE EXPANSIONS AS OUR NEEDS INCREASE.

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE THE INAUGURATION OF THE BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, SIR MURRAY ALSO PRAISED THE UNIVERSITY FOR ITS +ENVIABLE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR SOLID AND, IN SOME FIELDS, SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENTS+.

HE ALSO NOTED THE UNIVERSITY HAS BROKEN OUT OF ITS OLD BOUNDARIES AND HAS STARTED TO EXTEND SOUTH-WEST INTO THE AREA RESERVED FOR IT, AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT VICTORIA ROAD AND SASSOON ROAD, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$200 MILLION.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY:-

+THE VICE-CHANCELLOR HAS DESCRIBED HOW A LONG-PLANNED MOVE TO EXTEND AND MODERNISE THE ESTATE AND BUILDINGS OF OUR UNIVERSITY HAS STARTED. PERHAPS THIS IS NOT BEFORE IT WAS DUE= AND PERHAPS IT MAY HAVE BEEN ASSISTED BY THE INSISTENCE OF THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IN BUILDING POKFULAM ROAD THROUGH THE ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE BUILDINGS. BUT WHATEVER THE TIMING AND THE CAUSE, THE OUTCOME IS A VERY HAPPY ONE.

+THE UNIVERSITY HAS BROKEN OUT OF ITS OLD BOUNDARIES AND HAS STARTED TO EXTEND SOUTH-WEST INTO THE AREA ALWAYS RESERVED FOR IT, AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT BOTH VICTORIA ROAD AND SASSOON ROAD, AT A TOTAL COST OF ABOUT \$200 MILLION.

+THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY HAS A PROUD HISTORY OF OVER 90 YEARS AS A MEDICAL SCHOOL AND 76 AS A UNIVERSITY. IT HAS AN ENVIABLE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR SOLID AND, IN SOME FIELDS, SPECTACULAR ACHIEVEMENTS.

+AS A TEACHING INSTITUTION IT HAS DEEPLY INFLUENCED HONG KONG THROUGH THE CONTRIBUTION ITS ALUMNI HAVE MADE IN EVERY FIELD OF ADMINISTRATION, THE PROFESSIONS, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. INDEED OUR UNIVERSITY CAN RIGHTLY SEE ITS OWN SUCCESS MIRRORED IN THE PROGRESS OF HONG KONG TO WHOSE SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS IT HAS GIVEN OF ITS BEST.

+WITH ITS NEW SISTER UNIVERSITY IN SHA TIN, AND WITH THE STILL NEWER HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, I BELIEVE THAT HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG IS IN THE HANDS OF VERY SOUND INSTITUTIONS ON WHICH WE CAN CONFIDENTLY PLAN FUTURE EXPANSION AS THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG INCREASE.

+IT IS NOW WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I LAY THIS FOUNDATION STONE TO COMMEMORATE OUR UNIVERSITY'S NEW STEP INTO THE FUTURE.+

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NEW POWERS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY
TO SELL AND MANAGE HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS
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A BILL TO GIVE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY POWER TO SELL AND MANAGE HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS, CALLED THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1978, WAS GAZETTED TODAY.

THE PROPOSALS, WHICH SEEK TO AMEND THE HOUSING ORDINANCE, WERE FRAMED BY A WORKING GROUP SPECIALLY SET UP UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING TO CONSIDER THE STATUTORY POWERS REQUIRED BY THE AUTHORITY TO EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGE ITS FUNCTIONS UNDER THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

UNDER THE BILL, THE AUTHORITY WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO DETERMINE THE PRICE OF HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS, AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT, AND TO DETERMINE THE TERMS, COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE AND THE ELIGIBILITY OF BUYERS.

A NEW SECTION OF THE BILL RESTRICTS HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLAT BUYERS FROM SELLING TO THIRD PARTIES WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS WITHOUT FIRST OFFERING THE FLAT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AT THE ORIGINAL SALE PRICE LESS ANY DUES.

NEW SUB-SECTIONS OF THE BILL PROVIDE THAT THE BUILDING ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO H.O.S. BUILDINGS UNTIL AFTER THE FLATS ARE SOLD= AND IF AN OWNER, INCLUDING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, WISHED TO CARRY OUT ALTERATIONS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE BUILDING, HE WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR ANY PERSONS OR FAMILIES TO TRY TO OBTAIN A H.O.S. FLAT BY GIVING FALSE INFORMATION. THE MAXIMUM PENALTY WOULD BE RELATED TO THE MAXIMUM FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE THUS TO BE GAINED, ESTIMATED AT \$50,000 AT TODAY'S VALUES.

THE BILL WILL BE TABLED SHORTLY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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APPEAL TO URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION VOTERS
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URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION VOTERS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED BUT HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY NOTICES OF SEXENNIAL INQUIRY ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE REGISTRATION OFFICER AT TEL: 5-765912 OR 5-769567.

MR. KUO KET-CHEN, REGISTRATION OFFICER FOR THE 1978 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION REGISTRATION AND SEXENNIAL INQUIRY SAID: +THEY CAN ALSO WRITE TO US AT REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, HONG KONG SO THAT A NOTICE MAY BE SENT TO THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.+

THE APPEAL IS MADE BECAUSE OVER 6,000 OF THE 37,174 NOTICES OF INQUIRY SENT OUT BY REGISTERED POST IN THE PAST MONTH WERE CLASSIFIED AS +UNDELIVERABLE+ BY THE POST OFFICE.

+THIS IS PROBABLY BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE HAVE FORGOTTEN TO INFORM US OF THE CHANGES OF ADDRESSES,+ MR. KUO ADDED.

TO DATE, THE NUMBER OF VOTERS WHO HAVE RE-REGISTERED DURING THE CURRENT REGISTRATION CYCLE TOTALS 18,113 REPRESENTING LESS THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SENT NOTICES.

MR. KUO SAID: +I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THEIR SEXENNIAL INQUIRY FORMS TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INSTEAD OF LEAVING IT TILL THE LAST MINUTE,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ANYONE WHO FAILS TO RE-REGISTER WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW ELECTORAL ROLL AND WILL LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE IN THE NEXT URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 15, 1978, AND THAT FOR RE-REGISTRATION IS JUNE 30, 1978.

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~~NOTE TO EDITORS:~~

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO ADDRESS JAYCEES
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE CHARTER NIGHT BALL OF THE NEWLY FORMED TAI PING SHAN JAYCEES TO BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING AT 7.30 P.M. AT THE FURAMA HOTEL.

THE CHARTER NIGHT BALL MARKS THE INAUGURATION OF THE TAI PING SHAN JAYCEES AS A PROVISIONAL CHAPTER OF THE HONG KONG JAYCEES, THE OBJECTIVE OF WHICH IS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING TO YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER MR. LEE'S SPEECH.

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SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL WINNERS PERFORMANCES
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WINNERS OF THE 14TH SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL WILL GIVE PUBLIC PERFORMANCES AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL FROM APRIL 23 TO 26.

THE PERFORMANCES WILL START AT 7 P.M. EACH EVENING. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE A MATINEE SHOW AT 2.30 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

THE DANCE SHOWS ARE ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND THE HONG KONG AND NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

THEY WILL BE PERFORMED BY STUDENTS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF WESTERN, ORIENTAL, AND MODERN DANCES.

TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING TEAMS ON EACH DAY. A TOTAL OF 311 TEAMS FROM 203 SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE DANCE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR TO COMPETE FOR 210 AWARDS.

GUESTS OF HONOUR AT THE WINNERS PERFORMANCES ON APRIL 23 AT 2.30 P.M. WILL BE URBAN COUNCILLOR, MISS CECILIA YEUNG= URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR. DENNY HUANG, AND MRS. HUANG AT 7 P.M. ON THE SAME DAY= ON APRIL 24, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR. A. DE O. SALES, AND MRS. SALES= ON APRIL 25, MR. M.C. CASWELL, PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, AND MRS. CASWELL= ON APRIL 26, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND MRS. AKERS-JONES.

ALL TICKETS FOR THE WINNERS PERFORMANCES HAVE BEEN SOLD OUT.

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AND DANCE PERFORMANCES ON EACH OF THE FOUR DAYS (APRIL 23-26) AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION DRAMA ON PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP
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SLIGHT DEVIATIONS FROM PRINCIPLES OF CHILD REARING, ALONG WITH NEGLIGENCE AND FAULTS COMMITTED DUE TO MOMENTARY CARELESSNESS, COULD SHATTER COMPLETELY A CHILD'S SENSE OF BELONGING TO HIS FAMILY WHICH MANY MODERN PARENTS ARE AT PAINS TO CULTIVATE.

IN THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SPECIAL 'UNDER THE SAME ROOF', PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THE INNER WORLD OF A 'MISUNDERSTOOD CHILD' IS BROUGHT INTO FOCUS.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FLEXIBILITY OF A LYRICAL APPROACH, HAPPENINGS IN A WELL-TO-DO FAMILY ARE SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF THE NEGLECTED CHILD, MAGNIFYING A SELECTIVE RENDITION OF RELEVANT EVENTS AS WELL AS REGISTERING THEIR IMPACT ON THE LEAD CHARACTER.

BEING THE SECOND SON IN A FAMILY OF FIVE, THE 'MISUNDERSTOOD CHILD' RECEIVES A SMALLER PORTION OF CARE AND ATTENTION FROM HIS LENIENT FATHER, WHO SHARES COMMON INTERESTS WITH THE ELDEST SON, AND ALSO FROM HIS STRICT MOTHER, WHO IS ALWAYS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE WELFARE OF THE PETITE DAUGHTER.

WITH ALMOST EVERY ONE LOOKING UPON HIM AS A MELANCHOLIC 'SLOW-LINER', THE REAL SELF OF THE EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY EMERGES IN THE OPENING SCENES WHEN HE PLAYED WITH HIS FRIEND, ALSO A NEGLECTED CHILD, IN THE AIRPORT FAR FROM THE PRESSURE OF HIS HOME.

THE VIVACITY AND LOVE FOR THE FAMILY SHINES THROUGH THAT BRIEF INTERLUDE, AND HIS REPERTORY ON AEROPLANES REVEALS HIS INTELLIGENCE, WHICH SHOULD GAIN A MUCH HIGHER RATING THAN THE ONE GIVEN BY THOSE AROUND HIM.

COMMENTING ON THE CHILD'S CONTRAST IN BEHAVIOUR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT TODAY THAT OCCASIONAL ACTS OF FAVOURITISM OR UNFAIR TREATMENT, AS PORTRAYED IN THE DRAMA, WOULD INSTIL IN THE TENDER MIND A SENSE OF INFERIORITY DETRIMENTAL TO HIS MENTAL DEVELOPMENT.

+TRIVIALITIES SUCH AS CASUAL COMMENTS FROM A NEIGHBOUR ON HIS CHUBBY LOOKS AND CLUMSY BEHAVIOUR, AND REPROACH CONCERNING HIS NOT-TOO-BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE IN SCHOOL WERE ALL TAKEN TO HEART BY THE CHILD, WHO, AT HIS BEST, WOULD RESORT TO VARIOUS WAYS WITHIN HIS MEANS TO WIN BACK HIS LOST FAVOUR,+ HE SAID.

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HE NOTED THAT THESE WELL-MEANING DEEDS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE OVERLOOKED BY PARENTS WHO WERE NOT EVEN AWARE OF THE SUBTLE EMOTIONAL TRANSFORMATION TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE CHILD.

+WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT HIS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WERE NOT RECIPROCATED, THE CHILD IN QUESTION WOULD BECOME MORE WITHDRAWN, AND THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP WOULD BE APPROACHING A STAGE OF FURTHER DETERIORATION,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS VICIOUS CYCLE WOULD DISAPPEAR IF PARENTS GOT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CHILDREN'S PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS AND APPLIED THE KNOWLEDGE WITH DISCRETION.

+SEMINARS, ROLE-PLAY SESSIONS AND LECTURES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED AS PART OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS, SO THAT THEY MIGHT GRASP THE ESSENTIALS OF THIS IMPORTANT FACET OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIP,+ HE ADDED.

THIS HALF-HOUR DRAMA, 'THE MISUNDERSTOOD CHILD', WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB JADE TOMORROW AT 8.30 P.M., ON RTV CHANNEL 1 ON SATURDAY AT 7 P.M. AND ON CTV ON SUNDAY AT 6 P.M.

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CENTURY-OLD BONSAI PLANT ON DISPLAY
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A BONSAI PLANT BELIEVED TO HAVE GRACED EMPRESS DOWAGER TZ'U-HSI'S SUMMER PALACE (I-HO-YUAN) IN CHINA IN THE 1880S IS ON DISPLAY AT A FLOWER SHOW AT FANLING PARK.

THE PLANT - A THREE-FOOT HIGH ZELKOVA - IS AMONG SOME 900 ENTRIES FOR THIS YEAR'S TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS COMMITTEE FLOWER SHOW WHICH OPENS TODAY TILL SUNDAY (APRIL 23).

THE FOUR-DAY FLOWER SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHOW TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON WELCOMED THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE FLOWER SHOW.

HE SAID: +IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL CONTINUE AS A STRONG BOND TO THE BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT.+

MR. WILSON ALONG WITH 17 OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE FLOWER SHOW.

THE FLOWER SHOW IS DIVIDED INTO COMPETITION AND DISPLAY SECTIONS.

THERE ARE 589 ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION SECTION WHICH IS SUB-DIVIDED INTO CUT FLOWERS, SCENTED CUT FLOWERS, ORCHIDS, POT PLANTS AND BONSAI PLANTS.

ANOTHER 340 ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE DISPLAY SECTION.

IN ADDITION, AN EXHIBITION ON COUNTRY PARKS HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN THE FLOWER SHOW. A WIDE VARIETY OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE ON KAM SHAN AND SHING MUN COUNTRY PARKS, COUNTRYSIDE MAPS, MAJOR TRAIL BOOKS AND HONG KONG TEMPLES, ARE ON SALE AT THE SHOW.

THE FLOWER SHOW IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M. DAILY TILL SUNDAY.

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