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QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE FUND RECEIVES \$500,000 BOOST
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THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE FUND TODAY RECEIVED A BOOST WITH A \$500,000 DONATION FROM A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN.

THE MONEY WAS DONATED BY MR. GAN GIOK-ENG, CHAIRMAN OF HOE HIN PAK FAH YEOW MANUFACTORY LIMITED, TO COMMEMORATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS COMPANY.

THE DONATION BROUGHT TO JUST OVER \$9.8 MILLION THE AMOUNT RECEIVED SINCE THE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE CHEQUE FOR \$500,000 WAS TODAY HANDED TO MR. Q.W. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE APPEAL FUND COMMITTEE, IN MR. GAN'S OFFICE IN QUARRY BAY.

IN THANKING MR. GAN FOR HIS GENEROSITY, MR. LEE SAID THE MONEY WOULD BE GOING TO A WORTHWHILE CAUSE - TO PROVIDE SOME OF THE FACILITIES AND ASSIST IN RUNNING SOME OF THE PROGRAMMES AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE WHICH IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON 41 ACRES OF RECLAIMED LAND IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE SPORTS CENTRE IS A JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB. THE JOCKEY CLUB HAS AGREED TO MATCH ON A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR BASIS ALL DONATIONS TO THE FUND, WHICH CLOSES AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

MR. LEE SAID ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE FUND SHOULD SEND IT DIRECT TO THE HON. TREASURER, MR. M.G.R. SANDBERG, HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 1, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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COMMON EYE DISEASES OF HONG KONG
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THE COMMONEST DISEASES CAUSING BLINDNESS IN HONG KONG RESIDENTS CAN EITHER BE CURED OR CONTROLLED BY MEDICAL TREATMENT.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY DR. TIMOTHY LIU OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S OPHTHALMIC SERVICE AT A LUNCHEON TALK TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOOM EAST.

BUT, DR. LIU WARNED THAT EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT WAS ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT BLINDNESS FROM OCCURRING.

HE NAMED CATARACT, OPACITIES IN THE LENS FOUND COMMONLY IN THE ELDERLY= GLAUCOMA, DAMAGE TO THE VISUAL NERVE FIBRE CAUSED BY PRESSURE WITHIN THE EYE= AND RETINAL DISORDERS AS THE COMMONEST EYE DISEASES CAUSING BLINDNESS IN HONG KONG TODAY.

TEN YEARS AGO, HOWEVER, CATARACT, CORNEAL SCARRING FROM TRACHOMA (A FORM OF CONJUNCTIVITIS) AND XEROPHTHALMIA (INFLAMATION OF THE CORNEA AND EYELIDS, ESPECIALLY OF A CHILD DUE TO LACK OF VITAMIN A), AND GLAUCOMA WERE MOST PREVALENT.

COMMENTING ON CATARACT DISEASE, DR. LIU EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS CURABLE AND THE PUBLIC WERE AWARE OF IT AS SHOWN BY THE RECORD ATTENDANCE IN GOVERNMENT EYE CLINICS.

ON THE TREATMENT OF GLAUCOMA, HOWEVER, DR. LIU SAID IT COULD BE CONTROLLED MEDICALLY OR SURGICALLY.

+BUT, WITH THE INCREASE IN LIFE SPAN OF THE PATIENTS BLINDNESS IS INEVITABLE IN ADVANCED AGE AS GLAUCOMA IS NOT A CURABLE DISEASE.

+TO ENSURE THAT VISION CAN BE MAINTAINED, EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL,+ DR. LIU EMPHASISED.

REFERRING TO TRACHOMA CASES, DR. LIU SAID, +WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETECT IN HONG KONG A SINGLE CASE OF BLINDNESS DUE TO MALNUTRITION SINCE 1972, WHICH IS STILL ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF BLINDNESS TODAY IN MANY OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.+

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, INJURY FROM ACCIDENT AT WORK WAS NOT AN UNCOMMON CAUSE OF BLINDNESS FROM CORNEAL SCARRING WHICH COULD BE REMEDIED BY CORNEAL TRANSPLANT, A UNIT FOR SUCH TRANSPLANT WAS FORMED LAST SEPTEMBER.

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LEGCO RESUMES TOMORROW
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ARE SCHEDULED TO RAISE TEN QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN THE COUNCIL SITS.

THE HON. JOYCE M. BENNETT WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT FILES BY THE POLICE AND THE SETTING UP OF +GIVE WAY+ SIGNS AT APPROACH ROADS TO ROUNDABOUTS.

DR. THE HON. HENRY HU WILL RAISE A QUESTION ON STREET LIGHTING FOR THE ROAD BETWEEN SHA TAU KOK AND FANLING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ON SOCIAL WELFARE, THE HON. KWAN KO SIU-WAH WILL SEEK THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THE PRINCIPLES IN SETTING STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE.

REV. THE HON. PATRICK MCGOVERN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY THE STEPS IT HAS TAKEN TO PUBLICISE THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE ON ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED TO BUILDINGS AND WHETHER THERE IS ANY PLAN TO MAKE THE CODE STATUTORY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, THE DELAY IN TAX REFUNDING AND THE INSTALLATION OF F.M. BROADCASTING TRANSPOSERS ARE OTHER MATTERS TO BE RAISED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DURING TOMORROW'S SITTING, FOUR BILLS WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST AND SECOND READING. THEY ARE THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1977 WHICH SEEKS TO EXTEND THE APPLICATION OF THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING UP TO \$5,000 PER MONTH, THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE POLICE FORCE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL AND THE LAW REVISION (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) BILL.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE CROWN RIGHTS (RE-ENTRY AND VESTING REMEDIES) (AMENDMENT) BILL.

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CAREERS EXHIBITION OPENS ON FRIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SIXTH ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION OPENS ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 25) AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS, HUNG HOM.

THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, WILL BE OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 6.30 P.M. ON THE OPENING DAY THE PUBLIC WILL BE ADMITTED AFTER 4 P.M. ADMISSION IS FREE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION WAS TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, WITH THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF INFORMATION TO HELP THEM MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE OF CAREER.

FOLLOWING PREVIOUS YEARS SUCCESSES, MORE AND MORE PARTICIPANTS ARE JOINING THE EXHIBITION AND THERE ARE A RECORD 25 EXHIBITORS THIS YEAR, REPRESENTING VARIOUS TRADES AND PROFESSIONS INCLUDING COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT ITS OWN FIELD OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND WILL SHOW THE NATURE OF WORK, ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING FACILITIES AND PROSPECTS.

+JUDGING FROM PRESENT INDICATIONS ALL THINGS ARE POINTING TO A BETTER AND BIGGER SHOW THIS YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+EXHIBITORS WILL BE USING VARIOUS AUDIO-VISUAL DISPLAYS, INCLUDING SOUND-ON-SLIDES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND EVEN FILMS TO PROVIDE THE YOUNG VISITORS AN INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE SHOW.

+AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE WILL AGAIN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SCHOOLS FOR ORGANISED GROUP VISITS.

+LAST YEAR MORE THAN 92,000 PEOPLE WENT TO THE EXHIBITION AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE NUMBER OF VISITORS WILL FAR EXCEED THIS FIGURE THIS YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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VISITING PROFESSOR SUGGESTS SOCIAL STUDIES CORE SYLLABUS
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HONG KONG SHOULD MOVE RIGHT AHEAD WITH A COMPULSORY, CAREFULLY-DESIGNED SOCIAL STUDIES CORE SYLLABUS TO OCCUPY THE TIME NOW DEVOTED TO GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND HEALTH EDUCATION, A PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, PROF. ANGUS GUNN SUGGESTED TODAY.

ADDRESSING 30 SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AT A SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, PROF. GUNN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SAID HONG KONG WAS IN A FAVOURABLE POSITION TO DEVELOP A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM.

+THERE IS CLEAR LEADERSHIP FROM THE TOP,+ HE SAID, +AND THERE HAS BEEN A WISE PILOT APPROACH ADOPTED IN WHICH A GROUP OF TEACHERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE PROGRAMME. THESE TEACHERS CAN NOW FORM THE SPEARHEAD FOR THE GENERAL EDUCATION.+

HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED THAT +A GOOD DEAL OF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE -- PREPARATION OF MATERIALS, IN-SERVICE, REFINEMENT OF AIMS AND PROCEDURES, OVERCOMING FEARS AND CONCERNS OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND PARENTS.+

+A STUDENT TAKING A SOCIAL STUDIES SEQUENCE IN FORMS 1 TO 3 WILL BE IN NO WAY HANDICAPPED IF HE OR SHE THEN CHOOSES TO MOVE INTO MORE SPECIALISED STUDIES AT FORM 4 LEVEL,+ HE POINTED OUT.

ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE IN NORTH AMERICA, PROF. GUNN SAID SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULA HAVE BEEN SO SHAPED AS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VIRTUALLY 100 PER CENT OF YOUTH OF SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE.

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SOUTHERN PART OF GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD TO BE CLOSED
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THE SOUTHERN PART OF GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AS FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LINK ROAD BETWEEN TEXACO ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

DRIVERS TRAVELLING FROM THE DIRECTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND THE CONTAINER TERMINAL TO TEXACO ROAD SHOULD PROCEED VIA KWAI FUK ROAD AND THEN ONTO THE NEWLY COMPLETED SECTION OF THE LINK ROAD, WHICH JOINS KWAI FUK ROAD TO GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD BY A TEMPORARY ROAD.

VEHICLES PROCEEDING ALONG GIN DRINKER'S BAY ROAD FROM TEXACO ROAD CAN ALSO GO TO KWAI FUK ROAD VIA THIS TEMPORARY ROAD AND THE NEWLY COMPLETED SECTION OF THE LINK ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP THERE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SHA TIN
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THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN SHA TIN WILL JOINTLY OPEN THE FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SHA TIN ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF KWAI WO HOUSE IN LEK YUEN ESTATE AT 11 A.M. ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AT 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

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