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GOVERNOR PRAISES PRISON SERVICE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PRISON SERVICE IN 1979 EARNED LAURELS BY THE PART IT PLAYED IN DEALING WITH THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL PARADE OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AT ITS STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, SIR MURRAY SAID: +THIS WAS A DIFFICULT TASK CALLING FOR LEADERSHIP, INGENUITY AND DEDICATED SERVICE WHICH HAS BEEN HANDLED WITH HUMANITY AND COMPASSION,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS AND SAID THE PROGRAMME'S SUCCESS RATE OF 76 PER CENT IN THE THREE YEARS FOLLOWING DISCHARGE +REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT ON ALL INVOLVED IN IT+.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIES EXPANSION HAS BEGUN AND OUTPUT INCREASED IN VALUE BY MORE THAN 22 PER CENT DURING THE YEAR.

+I AM SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL WELCOME THE USE THAT HAS BEEN MADE OF PRISON LABOUR IN THIS AND OTHER PROJECTS SUCH AS FIRE-FIGHTING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, OR THE ERECTION OF THE NEW BORDER FENCES,+ HE SAID.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR T G GARNER, SIR MURRAY INSPECTED THE PARADE FORMED BY 218 PRISON OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE CEREMONY, SIR MURRAY ALSO PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 41 OFFICERS FOR THEIR 18 YEARS' EXEMPLARY SERVICE.

THE BAND, PIPES AND DRUMS OF TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION PROVIDED MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

THE ANNUAL PARADE ALSO COINCIDED WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS. DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE ALSO ATTENDED THE PARADE.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR AT THE PARADE:

+IT IS A HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT THIS PARADE COINCIDES WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE DISTINGUISHED OVERSEAS VISITORS HERE TODAY.

+IN 1979 THE PRISON SERVICE EARNED LAURELS BY THE PART IT PLAYED IN DEALING WITH THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. THIS WAS A DIFFICULT TASK CALLING FOR LEADERSHIP, INGENUITY AND DEDICATED SERVICE WHICH HAS BEEN HANDLED WITH HUMANITY AND COMPASSION. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE FINE SERVICE WHICH HAS BEEN RENDERED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT.

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+THE DEPARTMENT'S DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS HAS BEEN A SUCCESS STORY, AND I WELCOME ITS EXPANSION THROUGH THE OPENING OF THE NEW DETENTION CENTRE AT NEI KWU CHAU ON HEI LING CHAU. THIS PROGRAMME'S SUCCESS RATE OF 76 PER CENT IN THE THREE YEARS FOLLOWING DISCHARGE, REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT ON ALL INVOLVED IN IT.

+NEARER HOME I KNOW THE IMPORTANCE THE COMMISSIONER ATTACHES TO TWO BUILDING PROJECTS. FIRSTLY THE EXTENSION TO THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, AND SECONDLY THE NEW MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK. THE LATTER IS NECESSARY BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THE OVERALL PRISON POPULATION HAS REMAINED STATIC THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS SERVING LONG SENTENCES. CONTRACTS FOR BOTH THESE PROJECTS WILL BE LET DURING THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR.

+THE FIRST PHASE OF THE EXPANSION OF PRISON INDUSTRIES HAS BEGUN AND OUTPUT INCREASED IN VALUE BY MORE THAN 22 PER CENT DURING THE YEAR. I AM SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL WELCOME THE USE THAT HAS BEEN MADE OF PRISON LABOUR IN THIS AND OTHER PROJECTS SUCH AS FIRE-FIGHTING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, OR THE ERECTION OF THE NEW BORDER FENCES.

+FINALLY I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY IN SETTING UP THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS.

+I WISH YOU ALL, BOTH PARTICIPANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF, SUCCESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD, AND I CONGRATULATE THOSE ON PARADE ON THEIR SMART TURN-OUT.+

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CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE ENDS
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THE FIRST ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS ENDED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY ADMINISTRATORS OF PRISONS AND OTHER CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS FROM 13 TERRITORIES, NAMELY AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA, JAPAN, MACAU, MALAYSIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THE PHILIPPINES, SRI LANKA, THAILAND, TONGA, WESTERN SAMOA, HONG KONG AND CANADA. SINGAPORE WHICH WAS INVITED WAS NOT REPRESENTED IN THE CONFERENCE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DELEGATES AT THE END OF CONFERENCE:-

+THE FIRST ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS ORGANISED BY THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY IN COOPERATION WITH THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HONG KONG ENDED TODAY.

/+THIS IS

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT DIRECTORS OF PRISONS AND COMMISSIONERS CARRYING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRISONS AND OTHER CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION HAVE EVER MET TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND CONSIDER POLICY. THE CONFERENCE DEMONSTRATED THAT PRISON INSTITUTIONS ALWAYS TENDED TO REFLECT THE PROBLEMS OF THE SOCIETIES THEY SERVED. MOST PROBLEMS AROSE FROM DEEP VALUE CONFLICTS WHICH WERE INTENSIFIED IN PRISON CONDITIONS. PROBLEMS IN PRISONS WERE THEREFORE MORE TYPICAL OF THE COUNTRIES OF PURELY WESTERN CULTURE IN THE REGION THAN OF THE COUNTRIES WITH AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS TRADITION. THERE, THE PRISON PROBLEMS WERE RARELY SUCH THAT THEY COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY INCREASED RESOURCES AND IMPROVING TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT. HAVING COMPARED EACH COUNTRY'S ALLOCATIONS, IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT IN MOST COUNTRIES, BUDGETS FOR PRISONS CARRIED A LOW PRIORITY.

+DISCIPLINE IN THE SENSE OF MUTUAL RESPECT WAS AN ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF ALL WORK WITHIN PRISONS AND OTHER CORRECTIONAL SERVICES. ONLY WHERE THIS COULD BE DEVELOPED, MORALE KEPT HIGH AND THE PERSONAL INTER-RELATIONSHIPS FOSTERED COULD HARMONY AND SATISFACTION BE ASSURED. MEDIA LINKS WERE NECESSARY TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED AND TO ENSURE JUSTICE FOR THE OFFENDER= BUT IN NO OTHER AREAS WAS THERE A GREATER NEED FOR MEDIA RESPONSIBILITY IN REPORTING.

+ASIA AND THE PACIFIC COUNTRIES WERE IN GENERAL COMMITTED TO THE IDEAL OF HELPING OFFENDERS TOWARDS REHABILITATION= THOUGH THEY ACCEPTED THAT THIS PRINCIPLE MUST NOT BE USED TO JUSTIFY DISCRIMINATION. REHABILITATION MEANS PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR TRAINING, INDUSTRY, EDUCATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY AND PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC.

+THE CONFERENCE HAD FOUND ITS WORK VALUABLE AND CONSIDERED THAT SUCH A GATHERING SHOULD BE HELD ANNUALLY IN THE REGION. IF THEY CONTINUE IT WAS AGREED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONVENE AND PROVIDE THE SUBSTANTIVE ORGANISATION OF THESE MEETINGS AND THAT THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS SHOULD IN TURN PROVIDE HOST FACILITIES. THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATION TO THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY FOR THE EFFICIENT SERVICING OF THE CONFERENCE ON THIS OCCASION AND THE VALUABLE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS WHICH COULD BE USED THROUGHOUT THE REGION. IT SOUGHT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND TRAINING TO BE IMPROVED IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

+THE CONFERENCE WAS FULL OF ADMIRATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH IT HAD BEEN HOSTED BY HONG KONG ON THIS OCCASION. IT HAD BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AND WAS PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY THE FRIENDSHIP, THE COOPERATION AND THE GENEROSITY WHICH HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG PRISONS DEPARTMENT FROM THE JUNIOR RANKS TO ITS COMMISSIONER.

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+PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONFERENCE HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO RECIPROCATE. THE MAJORITY ASKED FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO THE FORMATION OF AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION.

+THE CONFERENCE DISCUSSED THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND HAD NOTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES HAD DIFFICULTIES IN MEETING THE FULL REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, THE CONFERENCE AGREED THAT ALL COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS THEIR FULL IMPLEMENTATION.+

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GRAPHIC GUIDE TO 1980-81 BUDGET * * * *

A GRAPHIC GUIDE TO THE 1980-81 BUDGET IS NOW AVAILABLE.

IT PRESENTS IN A COMBINED CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSION A SERIES OF 17 CHARTS ILLUSTRATING SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE ECONOMY AND THE PLANNED ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE GUIDE CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AT CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL DISTRICT, AND FROM THE MARKETING OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL. EARLY NEXT WEEK IT WILL ALSO BE OBTAINABLE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TWO OTHER FREE PUBLICATIONS - BOOKLET COPIES OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS, AND A NEW EDITION OF THE POCKET-SIZE FOLDER +HONG KONG IN FIGURES+ - WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SAME OUTLETS WITHIN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT.

A PACKAGE OF THREE BUDGET PUBLICATIONS GIVING FULL DETAILS OF PLANNED EXPENDITURE BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE DRAFT REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR 1980-81 IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$260 A SET.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS ON SALE INCLUDE THE BOOKLET +THE 1980-81 BUDGET: ECONOMIC BACKGROUND+, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$14 EACH IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH VERSIONS.

THE ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT 1966 TO 1978 AT \$7 EACH- AND THE REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 1979 AT \$280 EACH ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE.

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FIVE OUTSTANDING BLIND PEOPLE RECEIVE AWARDS

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A BLIND YOUNG MAN, WHO DESPITE HIS DISABILITY HAS CLIMBED UP A LONG ACADEMIC LADDER TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKER, WAS AMONG FIVE OUTSTANDING BLIND PERSONS PRESENTED WITH AWARDS TODAY (FRIDAY).

TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD CHIU PO-ON AND FOUR OTHER BLIND PERSONS EACH RECEIVED A CASH GRANT OF \$500 AND A SOUVENIR FROM MR KWOK KA-CHI, REGIONAL OFFICER (HONG KONG ISLAND) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WHICH SPONSORED THE AWARD SCHEME.

THE OUTSTANDING BLIND PEOPLE AWARDS AIM AT HIGHLIGHTING THE FACT THROUGH REHABILITATION THE DISABLED CAN BE REINTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

MR CHIU, BORN BLIND, WON THE AWARD FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS. HE FINISHED HIS SECONDARY EDUCATION WITH ONE DISTINCTION AND THREE CREDITS.

SIX YEARS AGO, HE BECAME THE FIRST BLIND PERSON TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SOCIAL WORK AT THE FORMER INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL WORK TRAINING - NOW THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

A SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, MR CHIU WILL LATER THIS YEAR REPRESENT THE SOCIETY IN A REHABILITATION CONFERENCE IN CANADA. HE ATTENDED A SIMILAR CONFERENCE IN KOREA LAST YEAR.

THE FOUR OTHER OUTSTANDING BLIND PERSONS RECEIVING AWARDS ARE MR CHAN KWOK-LEUNG, MR WONG KWOK-SO, MISS CHAU KIT-MUI AND MADAM LAI KWAI-FONG.

MR CHAN, AN ELECTRONIC FACTORY WORKER AGED 44, WAS SELECTED FOR HIS REMARKABLE SOCIAL READJUSTMENT AFTER HE LOST HIS EYESIGHT IN 1970, AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN WELFARE ACTIVITIES FOR THE BLIND.

MR WONG, A FORTUNE TELLER, HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE BLIND. HE IS HEAD OF A HARMONICA GROUP IN A SOCIAL CENTRE.

MISS CHAU, A TELEPHONE OPERATOR, WON THE AWARD FOR HER REMARKABLE INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-CARE, AS WELL AS HELPFULNESS TO OTHER BLIND PEOPLE.

MADAM LAI, AGED 60, IS A HOUSEWIFE. SHE WAS AWARDED FOR HER DEDICATION TO HER FAMILY WITH SIX CHILDREN, ALL NORMAL, AND FOR HER UNTIRING EFFORTS TO LEARN DESPITE DISABILITY AND OLD AGE. SHE HAS COMPLETED AN INDUSTRIAL SEWING COURSE AT THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND.

SELECTION OF THE FIVE OUTSTANDING BLIND PERSONS WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND, THE CANOSSA SCHOOL FOR THE VISUALLY DISABLED, THE REHABILITATION DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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SNT SEEKS HEUNG YEE KUK VIEWS ON
PROHIBITING BURNING OF GRAVESIDE WORSHIPPING ITEMS
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WAS SEEKING HEUNG YEE KUK'S VIEWS ON PROHIBITING THE BURNING OF GRAVESIDE WORSHIPPING ITEMS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MR AKERS-JONES HAD WRITTEN TO THE KUK FOR THEIR VIEWS ON SUCH A BAN IN CERTAIN FORESTED AREAS AS A MEASURE TO PREVENT FIRES.

HE SAID MR AKERS-JONES HAD REMINDED THE KUK THAT, IN A RECENT MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND HIMSELF, THEY HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT IN GENERAL TO MEASURES WHICH COULD EFFECTIVELY PREVENT COUNTRYSIDE FIRE - +A SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC CONCERN.+

IT WAS NOW PROPOSED, THE LETTER SAID, TO PROHIBIT ALL FORMS OF GRAVESIDE FIRES SUCH AS JOSS STICKS, CANDLES, PAPER MONEY AND FIRE CRACKERS WITHIN THE TAI LAM, SHING MUN AND TAI PO KAU AREA WHERE THERE WAS GREATEST DANGER OF COUNTRYSIDE FIRE OCCURRING DURING THE DRY SEASON AND ESPECIALLY OVER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR, CHING MING AND CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVALS.

WITHOUT DOUBT, THE MAJORITY OF FIRES DURING LAST YEAR AND PREVIOUS YEARS CAME FROM GRAVE WORSHIPPING. THERE WERE ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF GRAVES IN THESE AREAS, BUT THE RISK OF FIRE SPREADING FROM THEM TO ENGULF VERY EXTENSIVE AREAS OF HILL FOREST WAS VERY GREAT.

+THIS IS A STRINGENT MEASURE, BUT IN VIEW OF THE WIDESPREAD DAMAGE WHICH IS CAUSED, I FEEL IT TO BE NECESSARY IN THESE LIMITED AREAS OF HIGH VULNERABILITY,+ THE LETTER SAID.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ADMISSION TO
GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE INVITED BETWEEN MARCH 3 AND 17, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

DURING THIS TWO-WEEK PERIOD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, APPLICATION FORMS FOR PRIMARY 1 TO 6 WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS ON THE PRODUCTION OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES OR OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

+CHILDREN NEED NOT ACCOMPANY THEIR PARENTS IN GETTING THESE FORMS,+ HE SAID.

INTERVIEWS FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY 1 WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18.

+NO FORMAL TESTS WILL BE HELD,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SELECTION OF PRIMARY 2 TO 6 APPLICANTS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 21.

+THE RIGHT AGE OF ENTRY TO PRIMARY 1 IS FULLY SIX ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1980. HOWEVER, ADMISSION WILL BE OPEN TO CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGE OF SIX AND EIGHT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW SAI WAN HO FERRY PIER PROPOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BUILD A NEW FERRY PIER AT THE WATERFRONT OF THE FUTURE SAI WAN HO RECLAMATION.

THE PIER, TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER ONE PROPOSED IN THE VICINITY, WILL REPLACE THE LANDING FACILITIES AFFECTED BY THE RECLAMATION.

THE NEW PIER WILL ALSO PROVIDE A TERMINAL FOR A FUTURE VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE.

A NOTICE ON THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT WAS GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY).

ANYONE HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL, OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT, SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM TODAY.

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

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING.

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NTA LAND EXECUTIVES COMPLETE POLYTECHNIC COURSE
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THIRTY-NINE LAND EXECUTIVES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WHO HAVE COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR DAY RELEASE COURSE IN LAND ADMINISTRATION AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES.

THE PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, AT NTA HEADQUARTERS.

CONGRATULATING THE GRADUATES, MR CHUI TOLD THEM THAT THE SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE THEY HAD GAINED FROM THE COURSE WOULD BE PUT TO VERY GOOD USE IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+YOU HAVE NO NEED TO DOUBT AT ALL THAT THE EFFORT YOU HAVE PUT INTO THE COURSE WILL BE OF VALUE,+ HE SAID.

MR CHUI SAID SINCE THE COURSE STARTED IN 1974 A TOTAL OF 58 LAND EXECUTIVES HAD OBTAINED CERTIFICATES, EXCLUDING THE PRESENT 39, AND A FURTHER 54 WERE AT PRESENT ATTENDING THE COURSE.

+THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE TO SUCCESS ON THIS COURSE AS IT IS CLEAR THAT THOSE WHO PASS ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO MEET THE DAILY CHALLENGES IN THEIR FIELD.+

THE EXECUTIVES COME FROM ALL EIGHT DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE POLYTECHNIC AND NTA IS HELD ONE DAY A WEEK.

THE SUBJECTS STUDIED INCLUDE VALUATION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, LAW RELATED TO LAND ADMINISTRATION, BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMICS.

LAND EXECUTIVES ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A PASS IN THE COURSE FOR CONFIRMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT.

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AIRPORT BUSY DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR
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ABOUT 100 000 PEOPLE LEFT HONG KONG THROUGH KAI TAK AIRPORT DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD, AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY), A TOTAL OF 150 135 PEOPLE PASSED THROUGH THE AIRPORT BETWEEN FEBRUARY 13 AND 19 -- 99 885 DEPARTURES AND 50 250 ARRIVALS.

+THIS CLEARLY INDICATES THAT PASSENGER FACILITIES AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WERE UTILISED AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL DURING THIS PERIOD.+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC WAS NEARLY 21 500 PASSENGERS, OR AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 25 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE NORMAL DAILY TRAFFIC.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PEAK TRAFFIC OCCURRED ON LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY (FEBRUARY 16) WHEN OVER 24 000 PEOPLE PASSED THROUGH THE AIRPORT AND OVER 30 000 PIECES OF BAGGAGE WERE HANDLED BY THE AIRPORT BAGGAGE SYSTEMS.

+THE HIGHEST VOLUME FLOW RATE OF BAGGAGE REACHED 2 500 BAGS PER HOUR AT ONE SORTING POINT OF THE SEMI-AUTOMATIC COMPUTERISED DEPARTURE BAGGAGE SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSIC STUDY OVERSEAS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS IN ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL STUDY.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR A ONE-YEAR STUDY ARE BEING OFFERED AT EITHER THE MENUHIN ACADEMY AT GSTAAD, SWITZERLAND OR THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR ORCHESTRAL STUDIES, LONDON. COURSES WILL START LATER THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID CANDIDATES SHOULD REACH DIPLOMA STANDARD IN INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE, BUT CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE ACHIEVED AT LEAST A MERIT STANDARD IN GRADE EIGHT OR EQUIVALENT. THEY SHOULD BE AGED 16 OR OVER.

+THE AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE BASED ON BOTH POTENTIAL AND ACHIEVEMENT,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON ON OR BEFORE NEXT WEDNESDAY (MARCH 5) TO THE MUSIC OFFICE, ARTS CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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STREET CLOSURES FOR MTR TSUEN WAN DEPOT
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A NUMBER OF STREETS IN SAM TUNG UK WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY FROM APRIL 1, 1980, TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TSUEN WAN DEPOT, ACCORDING TO A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

PLANS SHOWING THE AFFECTED AREAS MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE IN FU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN- CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE- AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

THE NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY STIPULATED THAT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CLAIMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE STREET OR FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE
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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE AT AN AUCTION IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MARCH 28 (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 PM.

ONE SITE, MEASURING 4 900 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT CHAI WAN ROAD. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE.

THE OTHER SITE, ALSO OF 4 900 SQUARE METRES, AT TAI WAN ROAD, HUNG HOM, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR WALK FOR MILLIONS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWUN TONG BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 3 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 2) FOR THE +WALK FOR MILLIONS+.

THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF JUNK BAY ROAD BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 11.30 AM-
- * THE SECTION OF KAI TIN ROAD BETWEEN PING TIN STREET AND LEI YUE MUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 11.30 AM. VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO LAM TIN ESTATE SHOULD USE SAU MAU PING ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD (SECTION NORTH OF PING TIN STREET). KMB ROUTES 15C, 15M AND 16 ON JOURNEYS TO LAM TIN ESTATE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND KAI TIN ROAD-
- * BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM PO LAM ROAD, AN UN-NAMED ROAD LINKING SAU MAU PING ROAD AND ANDERSON ROAD AND A SECTION OF ANDERSON ROAD FROM THE UN-NAMED ROAD TO PO LAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. KMB ROUTE 90 WILL BE SUSPENDED DURING THESE HOURS, AND
- * ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT FROM LEI YUE MUN ROAD ONTO TSUI PING ROAD BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 11.30 AM.

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EDINBURGH PLACE EAST TO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON SUNDAY

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PART OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST IN FRONT OF QUEEN'S PIER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 9 AM AND 11 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 2) FOR THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL'S GRAND FINALE AND LANTERN FUN FAIR.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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