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KIDNEY FOUNDATION PRAISED FOR VIGOROUS EFFORTS

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THE HONG KONG KIDNEY FOUNDATION WAS PRAISED THIS EVENING BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, FOR ITS +VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO FOCUS AND COMBAT THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY KIDNEY DISEASE SUFFERERS IN HONG KONG+.

SIR JACK WAS SPEAKING AT A RECEPTION HELD BY THE HONG KONG KIDNEY FOUNDATION AND THE HONG KONG ROUND TABLE NO. 10 TO MARK THE GALA PREMIERE OF THE FUND-RAISING FILM, +FOR YOUR EYES ONLY+, AT THE PEARL THEATRE THIS EVENING.

NOTING THAT IT WAS THE INTENTION TO HAVE THE FIRST DIALYSIS CENTRE +OPEN IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE+, SIR JACK SAID ITS SIGNIFICANCE WOULD LIE +NOT ONLY IN THE INAUGURATION OF FURTHER SPECIALIST MEDICAL FACILITIES+, BUT ALSO IN THE +ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION AND GOODWILL+.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR JACK'S SPEECH:

MY WIFE AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE ON THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION IN SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG KIDNEY FOUNDATION. I NOTE WITH PLEASURE, MR LEE, YOUR INTENTION, TO HAVE THE FIRST DIALYSIS CENTRE OPEN IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TOO, TO AFFIRM THE GOVERNMENT'S WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT FOR THE AIMS OF YOUR FOUNDATION. SINCE ITS INCEPTION TWO YEARS AGO, THE FOUNDATION HAS PLAYED AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE ROLE IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO FOCUS ON AND COMBAT THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY KIDNEY DISEASE SUFFERERS IN HONG KONG.

THE NEW CENTRE IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR OPERATING A DIALYSIS PROGRAMME ON AN OUT-PATIENT BASIS, WITHOUT RELYING ON GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION BUT DEPENDING ON THE GENEROSITY OF OUR OWN WARM-HEARTED COMMUNITY. THIS WILL NOT ONLY RELIEVE PRESSURE ON OUR HOSPITAL BEDS, AND THUS MAKE DIALYSIS TREATMENT MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO A WIDER SECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY AT COSTS THEY CAN AFFORD, IT WILL ALSO ENABLE MORE PATIENTS TO CONTINUE AN ACTIVE LIFE WHILE UNDERGOING TREATMENT. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF SELF-RELIANCE IS IMPORTANT AS MANY PEOPLE AFFECTED BY KIDNEY DISEASES ARE IN THE PRIME OF THEIR LIVES.

IT IS ALSO APPROPRIATE FOR US ALL TO NOTE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOUNDATION'S WORK AND THE INITIATION OF ITS DIALYSIS PROGRAMME DURING THIS, THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS- OUR OWN LOCAL THEME FOR WHICH IS +THE MAXIMUM INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY+.

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IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE DIALYSIS PROGRAMME AND THE FOUNDATION'S MANY OTHER PLANNED ACTIVITIES, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HONG KONG KIDNEY FOUNDATION HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO RAISING QUITE SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY. I WISH HERE TO RECORD GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF THEIR EFFORTS AND TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED SO GENEROUSLY TO SUCH A WORTHY AND VITAL CAUSE. IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN MR LEE IN ACKNOWLEDGING THE GENEROSITY OF MR LI KA-SHING IN DONATING THE COST OF THE PREMISES FOR THE FIRST CENTRE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS GRANT OF \$2 MILLION TOWARDS GETTING THE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED. OUR GRATITUDE IS ALSO DUE TO THE ROUND TABLE NO. 10 FOR ORGANISING TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT AND RAISING MORE FUNDS- TO SIR RUN RUN SHAW FOR PROVIDING A FITTING VENUE, AND TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND SUPPORT THIS EVENING.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OPENING OF THE DIALYSIS CENTRE WILL LIE NOT ONLY IN THE INAUGURATION OF FURTHER SPECIALIST MEDICAL FACILITIES ; IT WILL ALSO REPRESENT ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION AND GOODWILL.

I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN SALUTING THE WORK OF THE FOUNDATION AND WISHING IT CONTINUING SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

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TEMPORARY KCR TIME TABLE  
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A TEMPORARY TIME TABLE WILL BE INTRODUCED THIS SATURDAY (AUGUST 8) FOR FOUR DAYS TO FACILITATE ENGINEERING WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE SLIGHTLY AMENDED TIME TABLE WILL LAST FOR FOUR DAYS UNTIL THE CLOSE OF TRAFFIC ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11.

THE TEMPORARY TIME TABLE WILL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS.

THE EXPRESS THROUGH TRAINS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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COMPENSATION FOR PNEUMOCONIOSIS SUFFERERS  
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SOME \$3 345 000 WILL BE PAID OUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE BY THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND TO ABOUT 100 PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THE LUNG DISEASE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR HO SAI-CHU, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

FINANCED BY LEVIES FROM CONSTRUCTION AND QUARRY WORKS, THE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD.

YESTERDAY (TUESDAY), \$345 000 WAS ALREADY PAID OUT TO EIGHT PEOPLE, THE FIRST PAYMENT SINCE THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1.

SOME \$3 000 000 MORE WILL BE PAID TO ABOUT 90 OTHERS.

MR HO SAID THE ORDINANCE APPLIES TO ANY PERSON, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE SELF-EMPLOYED OR UNEMPLOYED, DIAGNOSED AS SUFFERING FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1.

THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION FOR TOTAL (100 PER CENT) PERMANENT INCAPACITY IS BASED ON THE AGE OF A PNEUMOCONIOTIC.

THE LEVELS OF COMPENSATION ARE: BELOW 40 YEARS OF AGE, 96 MONTHS' EARNINGS- 40 TO BELOW 56, 72 MONTHS AND 56 AND ABOVE, 48 MONTHS, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$192 000 AND A MINIMUM OF \$64 000.

FOR PERMANENT PARTIAL INCAPACITY, THE AMOUNT IS A PERCENTAGE OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE FOR 100 PER CENT INCAPACITY.

COMPENSATION FOR DEATH, MR HO CONTINUED, ALSO DEPENDS ON THE AGE AND MONTHLY EARNINGS OF THE DECEASED AND THE DEGREE OF DEPENDENCY OF DEPENDANTS.

COMPENSATION FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS IS: BELOW 40, 84 MONTHS' EARNINGS- 40 TO BELOW 56, 60 MONTHS AND 56 AND ABOVE, 36 MONTHS, SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM OF \$168 000 AND A MINIMUM OF \$56 000.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICE GROWS  
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ANOTHER BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN, AT 3 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.C.A. HAMMOND, AND TWO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM AND MR LAU HON-KIT, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE NEW OFFICE AT UNITS 425 - 428, HAU WO HOUSE, THIRD FLOOR, WILL RELIEVE SOME OF THE WORKLOAD OF THE EXISTING TAI PO OFFICE WHICH HAS BEEN SERVING BOTH TAI PO AND SHA TIN.

+THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE FORMS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE SERVICES BY PROVIDING A BETTER COVERAGE. IT IS ALSO JUSTIFIED BY THE FACT THAT SHA TIN NOW HAS A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 140 000 PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

THE NEW OFFICE BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LES TO 14.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, AT 2 PM ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1981.

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FARMERS GET MILLIONS IN LOANS FROM TWO FUNDS  
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LOANS TOTALLING NEARLY \$11 MILLION WERE MADE TO FARMERS, INDIVIDUALLY AND THROUGH COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES LAST YEAR, PROVIDING THEM WITH EITHER DEVELOPMENT OR WORKING CAPITAL, THROUGH TWO TRUST FUNDS SET UP ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO.

THE TWO TRUST FUNDS, THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID LOAN FUND, AND THE J.E. JOSEPH TRUST FUND, WERE ESTABLISHED WITH DONATIONS — AND GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT — TO HELP FARMERS TIDE OVER DISASTROUS FLOODS AND OTHER MISHAPS, AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH FUNDS FOR PURCHASING LIVESTOCK AND FEED, FERTILIZERS, INSECTICIDES, SEEDS AND PLANTING MATERIAL, LAND FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT, WATER SUPPLIES, CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS FOR LIVESTOCK AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FISH PONDS.

WHILE BOTH FUNDS CHARGE NOMINAL INTEREST RATES, THE KADOORIE FUND PLACES EMPHASIS ON LOANS TO INDIVIDUAL FARMERS, AND THE J.E. JOSEPH FUND LENDS MAINLY THROUGH COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES WHICH IN TURN LEND TO THEIR MEMBERS.

AS MARKET PRICES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WERE FAVOURABLE TO PRODUCERS, REPAYMENT WAS VERY SATISFACTORY, AMOUNTING TO 98 PER CENT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EFFORTS WERE MADE TO ENSURE THAT THE METHOD OF RECOVERY OF LOANS DID NOT CAUSE UNDUE HARDSHIP OR DETER GENUINE FARMERS FROM APPLYING FOR NEW ONES, AND EXTENSIONS OF THE LOAN PERIOD WERE GIVEN ON MANY OCCASIONS.

MANY THOUSANDS OF FARMERS HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE LOAN SCHEMES SINCE THEY WERE STARTED.

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CHINESE BILLIARDS COMPETITION IN TAI PO  
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A TWO-DAY CHINESE BILLIARDS COMPETITION FOR LOCAL YOUNGSTERS AGED BELOW 16 IS TO BE HELD IN TAI PO ON AUGUST 14 AND 15.

THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS INCORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, WITH DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

IT IS HOPED THAT MORE THAN 300 YOUNGSTERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION AT SHUNG TAK PRIMARY SCHOOL.

IT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS AND INCLUDE SINGLES AND DOUBLES EVENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW FROM TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS AUGUST 10.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 160 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS INCORPORATIONS IN TAI PO, WHICH ORGANISE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING LAUNCH PICNICS, CAMPS AND COMPETITIONS.

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