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STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY OPENS NEXT YEAR

YOU MAY NOT KNOW IT, BUT YOU MAY HAVE FLOWN WITH AN ATOMIC CLOCK ON THE ADJACENT PASSENGER SEAT.

IT WILL HAVE BEEN IN A BOX, WATCHED OVER BY AN EXECUTIVE-TYPE WITH DISTINCTLY MATERNAL ZEAL, AND ANY SUDDEN LURCHES AND BUMPY LANDINGS WILL HAVE RAISED HIS HEART BEAT AND BLOOD PRESSURE - FOR IT CAN MEASURE TIME WITH AN ACCURACY EQUIVALENT TO ONE SECOND IN OVER 4 000 YEARS AND IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE SYNCHRONISATION OF WORLD TIME TO WITHIN ONE MILLIONTH OF A SECOND.

THE CLOCK IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF PRECISION INSTRUMENTS CIRCLING THE WORLD WHICH ARE BEING USED TO HELP MAINTAIN INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF MEASUREMENTS - AND WHICH ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY VITAL TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES.

THE INSTRUMENTS ARE USED BY THE STANDARDS AND TESTING LABORATORIES OF MANY COUNTRIES TO CHECK THEIR OWN TEST INSTRUMENTS - WHICH ARE IN TURN USED BY THEIR INDUSTRIES TO COUNTER-CHECK TESTING EQUIPMENT USED BY COMPANIES.

ALTERNATIVELY, COUNTRIES SEND THEIR TESTING EQUIPMENT TO PLACES LIKE THE UK NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY, THE US NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, AND THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MEASUREMENTS LABORATORY FOR CHECKING.

WHY IS IT ALL NECESSARY? TAKE THE CASE OF AN INTRICATE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, WHICH MAY CONSIST OF NUMEROUS PARTS MADE AT FACTORIES GREAT DISTANCES - OFTEN COUNTRIES-APART. TO WORK PROPERLY ALL THE COMPONENTS MUST BE MADE TO CLOSE TOLERANCES OF EACH OTHER. IF BOTH THE MANUFACTURER AND THE CUSTOMER ARE TO BE CONFIDENT THAT THEIR SPECIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MET, THEY MUST RELY ON TEST INSTRUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REGULARLY CALIBRATED AGAINST OTHERS WHICH HAVE A HIGHER DEGREE OF ACCURACY.

THIS PROCESS OF ALIGNMENT WITH THE UNCOMPROMISING LEVELS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS LADDER GIVES AN INSTRUMENT - AND ANY OTHERS CALIBRATED AGAINST IT - A DISTINCTION KNOWN AS TRACEABILITY.

BUT THIS PROCESS IS COSTLY, TIME-CONSUMING AND INCONVENIENT FOR THOSE, NOTABLY IN INDUSTRY, WHO RELY ON THE OPTIMUM STATE OF THEIR TESTING EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF QUALITY CONTROL. THE INTEGRITY OF ANY PIECE OF MEASURING EQUIPMENT MAY BE DIMINISHED IF IT IS NOT REGULARLY CHECKED AGAINST AN INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED +MASTER+ - IN SOME CASES TWO OR THREE TIMES A YEAR.

INTERNATIONAL MEASUREMENT STANDARDS FALL INTO THREE BASIC CATEGORIES: TERTIARY, SECONDARY, AND THE MOST PRECISE OF ALL, THE PRIMARY STANDARDS - HELD BY ONLY A HANDFUL OF NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD, AND HAVING ACCURACIES OF A FEW PARTS PER MILLION, OR BETTER.

UNTIL NOW THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES HAVE NOT REQUIRED OUR TEST INSTRUMENTS TO BE CALIBRATED AGAINST THE HEADY LEVELS OF PRIMARY STANDARDS.

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BUT HONG KONG IS MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION - WITH IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS, NOT ONLY FOR OUR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES BUT, IN A BROADER SENSE, FOR EVERY SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING WILL DEPEND INCREASINGLY ON ITS ABILITY TO MOVE UP-MARKET INTO MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRONICS.

ALREADY, THERE HAS BEEN A DISPLACEMENT FROM SIMPLE ASSEMBLY PRODUCTS SUCH AS NON-CRITICAL TRANSISTOR RADIOS AND TRANSISTOR DEVICE PACKAGING, TO MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS SUCH AS VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS, T.V. GAMES, HI-FI EQUIPMENT, ELECTRONIC WATCHES, INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND OTHER COMPUTER ASSEMBLIES.

THESE PRODUCTS ARE OFTEN REQUIRED BY OUR OVERSEAS CUSTOMERS TO MEET WELL-DEFINED STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY ASSURANCE WHICH CANNOT BE PROVIDED WITHOUT THE BACKING OF AN INDEPENDENT STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION AUTHORITY. IN SOME CASES, SUCH STANDARDS ARE A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT IN THE CONSUMER COUNTRIES - COVERING QUALITY, CONSUMER SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

THIS WAS RECOGNISED IN THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION, WHICH SPELT OUT HONG KONG'S NEEDS IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS.

+WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE SERIOUS INADEQUACY OF INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES AND OF TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES ... HAVE GENERALLY LIMITED THE SPEED WITH WHICH MANUFACTURERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DIVERSIFY.+

MOREOVER, THE COMMITTEE WAS CONCERNED THAT THESE SHORTCOMINGS WERE UNDERLINED BY THE FACT THAT HONG KONG'S MAJOR COMPETITORS - SINGAPORE, TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA - HAD FOR SOME TIME TO VARYING DEGREES, PROVIDED SUCH CALIBRATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO THEIR OWN DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES.

ITS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD AIM TO ESTABLISH A PRIMARY STANDARDS LABORATORY, INITIALLY ACCOMMODATING ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION FACILITIES, BUT CAPABLE OF EXTENSION TO PROVIDE FOR PRIMARY STANDARDS IN OTHER FIELDS, ARE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED.

THE HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY (GSCL), MR BRIAN TYLER, WAS APPOINTED IN SEPTEMBER, 1981. FOLLOWING AN ATTACHMENT TO THE NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY (NPL) IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, HE IS PRESENTLY REVIEWING THE ACCOMMODATION, EQUIPMENT, STAFFING AND OTHER FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR A PROJECTED OPENING IN MID-1983.

HIGH ON HIS LIST OF IMMEDIATE NECESSITIES FOR THE INITIAL PHASE IS +ABOUT 700 SQUARE METRES OF VIBRATION-FREE, CENTRALLY-SITED LABORATORY SPACE+ - NOT EASILY FOUND IN HONG KONG, BUT HE'S CONFIDENT HE'LL FIND IT.

IN THE LONGER TERM, ESPECIALLY AS IT DEVELOPS AND EXTENDS, MR TYLER FEELS THE LABORATORY MIGHT IDEALLY BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PROPOSED GOVERNMENT SCIENCE BUILDING, DUE TO OPEN ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AROUND 1985, AND HE HAS ALREADY +EAR-MARKED SPACE IN IT.+

+WE'LL BE THERE TO TECHNICALLY BACK-UP HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY,+
MR TYLER ASSURES.

+IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, FOR EXAMPLE, ALL OF THE MAJOR
ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURERS HAVE THEIR OWN IN-HOUSE STANDARDS AND
CALIBRATION LABORATORIES WITH TRACEABILITY TO, SAY, THE NPL. BUT
EACH IS ONLY DEALING WITH ITS OWN PRODUCTS.

+BY CONTRAST, WE WILL BE CATERING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE
BROAD SPECTRUM OF ALL HONG KONG INDUSTRY.+

SPARED THE NEED OF PROVIDING SUCH FACILITIES FOR THEMSELVES,
INDUSTRIES LARGE AND SMALL WILL BENEFIT. THE LABORATORY'S EQUIPMENT,
BEING EXPENSIVE, FRAGILE, AND GENERALLY UNSUITED TO THE FACTORY
FLOOR, WILL BE HOUSED IN IDEAL CONDITIONS WITH REGARD TO TEMPERATURE,
HUMIDITY AND OPERATION. FURTHER, IT WILL BE PROVIDING TRACEABILITY
TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND THE SEAL OF AN INDEPENDENT 'NATIONAL'
AUTHORITY.

ALTHOUGH THE INITIAL PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE
URGENTLY-NEEDED SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL INDUSTRIES,
THE LABORATORY WILL ALSO CONTAIN A TEMPERATURE CALIBRATION FACILITY,
AND HOUSE THE LOCAL REFERENCE STANDARDS FOR MASS AND LENGTH TO
SUPPORT THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LEGISLATION CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW.

CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND DEMAND HAS ALSO BEEN SHOWN FOR
INCLUDING OTHER FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS PRECISION MECHANICAL MEASUREMENTS
OF LENGTH, ANGLE AND FORM- ILLUMINATION AND OPTICS- ACOUSTICS-
IONISING AND NON-IONISING RADIATIONS. AS A RESULT, ATTENTION WILL
BE PAID TO THESE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LABORATORY.

WHILE HONG KONG HAS BEEN BY NO MEANS DEVOID OF TESTING
LABORATORY FACILITIES UP TO NOW, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DIFFERENTIATE
BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF CALIBRATION THE NEW LAB AIMS TO ACHIEVE FROM
THAT OF THE PRODUCTS TESTING LABORATORIES - OF WHICH THERE ARE
ALREADY ABOUT 15 TO 20 OPERATING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

BY HAVING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF MEASURING CAPABILITY, THE
GSCL WILL PROVIDE THE MEANS OF TESTING THE PRIVATE LABORATORIES'
TEST APPARATUS WITHIN HONG KONG, ALTHOUGH EVEN ITS OWN REFERENCE
STANDARDS WILL NEED TO BE CHECKED PERIODICALLY AGAINST THE MORE
PRECISE STANDARDS HELD AT INSTITUTIONS IN THE UK, USA AND AUSTRALIA.

IT IS TO THESE INSTITUTIONS THE LABORATORY WILL TURN FOR
ACCREDITATION, ONCE IT IS FULLY ESTABLISHED.

BY CONFORMING TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EQUIPMENT AND
PROCEDURES SET BY THESE AUGUST BODIES AND EARNING THEIR APPROVAL,
HONG KONG WILL - IN A RELATIVELY SHORT SPACE OF TIME - GREATLY
ENHANCE ITS REPUTATION AS A MANUFACTURING CENTRE FOR HIGH
QUALITY PRODUCTS AND FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE COMPETITIVENESS OF ITS
INDUSTRIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE.

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APRIL THUNDERSTORMS BRING MUCH-NEEDED RAINFALL

THUNDERSTORMS AND HEAVY SHOWERS DURING THE LAST NINE DAYS OF APRIL BROUGHT 310 MM OF MUCH-NEEDED RAINFALL, MAKING IT THE SEVENTH WETTEST APRIL ON RECORD, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 WAS 379.7 MM, WHICH WAS 116.7 MM ABOVE NORMAL AND AT THE END OF THE MONTH, THE RESERVOIRS WERE 37 PER CENT FULL.

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS MORE THAN AVERAGE RAINFALL, THE MONTH WAS LESS HUMID THAN NORMAL WITH THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 80 PER CENT, THE FIFTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR APRIL.

THE MONTH WAS ALSO COOLER AND CLOUDIER THAN USUAL WITH TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. ON APRIL 1, TYPHOON NELSON DISSIPATED NEAR NANSHA DAO WHILE ON APRIL 4, TYPHOON ODESSA DISSIPATED NEAR NORTH OF THE CAROLINE ISLANDS.

SOME RAIN WAS RECORDED EARLY ON APRIL 1 AS EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED AND A MINOR LANDSLIP WAS REPORTED AT LAM TIN. THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2 BUT THE WEATHER IMPROVED LATER.

APART FROM SOME MORNING MIST, THE WEATHER ON APRIL 3 WAS FINE. A COLD FRONT ARRIVED IN THE EVENING AND CAUSED SOME RAIN THAT PERSISTED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. NORTHERLY WINDS BROUGHT COOLER WEATHER ON APRIL 4 AND 5 AND THE AIR TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO 13.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ON APRIL 5, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH. HOWEVER, THE WEATHER FROM APRIL 6 TO 8 WAS MAINLY FINE.

WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY AGAIN IN THE EVENING OF APRIL 8 BUT REVERTED TO EASTERLY NEXT DAY. ON APRIL 9 AND 10, IT WAS CLOUDY AND MILD, BUT CHANGED TO FINE AND SUNNY THE FOLLOWING EIGHT DAYS. HOWEVER, CONDITIONS ON APRIL 16 WERE DRY WITH A DAILY MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF ONLY 57 PER CENT, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH.

EASTERLY WINDS FRESHENED ON APRIL 19 WITH SOME RAIN DURING THE NIGHT. IT REMAINED CLOUDY ON APRIL 20. SOME COASTAL MIST OCCURRED EARLY ON APRIL 21 BUT SUNNY WEATHER MADE IT THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE MONTH WITH A MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 28.6 DEGREES CELSIUS.

AN ACTIVE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE BROUGHT DISTURBED WEATHER TO THE SOUTH CHINA COAST FROM APRIL 22 TO 30. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG WAS WET AND THUNDERY. THUNDERSTORMS AND VIOLENT SHOWERS OCCURRED DURING THE EVENING OF APRIL 22 AND CAUSED SEVERE FLOODING IN SEVERAL URBAN DISTRICTS. MINOR LANDSLIPS WERE REPORTED AT DIAMOND HILL, WONG TAI SIN, NGAU CHI WAN AND SHAM TSENG BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

MORE THUNDERSTORMS OCCURRED EARLY ON APRIL 23 AND A WORKMAN WAS KILLED WHEN EARTH COLLAPSED AT A ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITE IN YUEN LONG. THUNDERSTORMS BECAME WIDESPREAD OVER HONG KONG ON APRIL 24 AND A MINOR LANDSLIP IN POKFULAM VILLAGE WAS CAUSED BY HEAVY SHOWERS ON APRIL 25.

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COASTAL FOG DEVELOPED ON APRIL 26 AND THE VISIBILITY AT CHEUNG CHAU WAS REDUCED TO 200 METRES. THUNDERSTORMS RECURRED IN THE EVENING AND PROLONGED THUNDERSTORMS ON APRIL 27 CAUSED ANOTHER LANDSLIP AT DIAMOND HILL.

THERE WERE MORE REPORTS OF THUNDERSTORMS UNTIL APRIL 30.

ON APRIL 29, A BOULDER FELL ON TAI HANG ROAD, JARDINE'S LOOKOUT, THEN A ROOF-TOP HUT COLLAPSED IN NORTH POINT AND A MINOR LANDSLIP OCCURRED IN SHAU KEI WAN. HOWEVER, NO ONE WAS HURT.

ONE PLANE WAS DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER ON APRIL 2 AND THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON APRIL 2 AND 3 AND FROM APRIL 22 TO APRIL 30.

THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON APRIL 11 WHILE THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON APRIL 5 AND 9.

NO STRONG MONSOON OR TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED DURING THE MONTH.

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

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| SUNSHINE | 103.9 HOURS | = 16.3 HOURS BELOW NORMAL |
| RAINFALL | 310.0 MM | = 170.6 MM ABOVE NORMAL |
| CLOUDINESS | 79 % | = 3 % MORE THAN NORMAL |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY | 80 % | = 3 % LOWER THAN NORMAL |
| MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE | 23.5 DEGREES CELSIUS | = 1.5 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL |
| MEAN TEMPERATURE | 20.9 DEGREES CELSIUS | = 1.2 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL |
| MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE | 19.1 DEGREES CELSIUS | = 0.9 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL |
| MEAN DEW POINT | 17.1 DEGREES CELSIUS | = 1.8 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL |
| TOTAL EVAPORATION | 93.5 MM | = 26.2 MM BELOW NORMAL |

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 28.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 21 AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 13.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON APRIL 5.

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IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS AND RECREATION STRESSED
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SPORTS AND RECREATION ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE RAPIDLY EXPANDING POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

POINTING OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNISED THEIR IMPORTANCE, HE SAID THE LAST FEW YEARS HAD SEEN A DRAMATIC INCREASE BOTH IN THE NUMBER OF EVENTS ORGANISED AND IN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1982 NEW TERRITORIES ATHLETIC MEET HELD AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN TUEN MUN.

+ANOTHER VERY SIGNIFICANT AND ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN THE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANISING SPORTING EVENTS, INCLUDING THIS ATHLETIC MEET,+ HE SAID.

HE PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK WHOSE LEADERS HAD PARTICIPATED AS UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AND THE ATHLETIC MEET ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

+THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND HARD WORK IS A VITAL INGREDIENT. THE NUMBER AND RANGE OF EVENTS IN WHICH THIS INITIATIVE IS EVIDENT IS NOW VERY GREAT INDEED.+

MR MACPHERSON ALSO THANKED THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THEIR GENEROUS ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS WITHOUT WHICH SPORTING ACTIVITIES COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO POPULAR.

+THIS COLLECTIVE ENTHUSIASM,+ HE ADDED, +MUST BE MATCHED BY THE AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE VENUES AT WHICH TO HOLD COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS. HERE AGAIN WE HAVE BEEN HELPED BY THE GENEROSITY OF COMMUNITY LEADERS.

+IT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT TODAY'S VENUE SHOULD BE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND. LOOKING A LITTLE FURTHER AHEAD, TUEN MUN WILL ALSO SOON BENEFIT FROM THE YAN OI TONG INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

+GOVERNMENT IS ALSO DOING ITS PART AND THERE ARE MANY PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE PIPELINE.

+NOR MUST WE FORGET THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND PROMOTION OF FACILITIES, IN WHICH THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE PLAY VITAL ROLES,+ HE SAID.

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TELEMATCH TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS FAMILY LIFE
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A HARMONIOUS FAMILY WILL LEAD TO A HAPPY LIFE AND A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS SOCIETY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

ADDRESSING 2 500 GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION TELEMATCH FINAL HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MRS DOE SAID FAMILY MEMBERS HAD TO HELP AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO ENJOY A HAPPY LIFE.

SHE ASKED PARENTS TO SHOW CARE AND CONCERN FOR THEIR ADOLESCENT CHILDREN.

THE TERRITORY-WIDE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, CARITAS AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

IT IS ONE OF THE MAJOR PROGRAMMES OF THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

TWENTY-FOUR TEAMS COMPETED IN THE GRAND FINAL AFTER A SERIES OF REGIONAL CONTESTS. THE SIX WINNING DESIGNS FROM AN EARLIER DESIGN COMPETITION WERE USED IN TODAY'S GAMES.

A TEAM OF CELEBRITIES INCLUDING FILM STARS AND TV ARTISTES COMPETED WITH THE OVERALL WINNING TEAM, ADDING A TOUCH OF GLAMOUR TO THE COMPETITION. THERE WERE ALSO OTHER ENTERTAINING EVENTS, WHICH INCLUDED CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGING, A DRAMA SHOW AND A BAND PERFORMANCE.

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STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM HO TUNG FUND
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MORE THAN 1 200 STUDENTS, INCLUDING SOME FROM SPECIAL SCHOOLS, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES DURING THE RECENT TENTH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL - THANKS TO THE SIR HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND.

THE FUND HAD FINANCED A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS INTERESTED IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO ATTEND SIMILAR PERFORMANCES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, AND A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION SAID THIS WOULD CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE TO BENEFIT MORE STUDENTS.

THIS YEAR'S CONTRIBUTION, WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$50 000, ENABLED THE STUDENTS FROM 148 ORDINARY SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SIX SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO ATTEND A TOTAL OF 13 MUSICAL, DANCE AND THEATRICAL PRESENTATIONS IN THE ARTS FESTIVAL.

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TSUEN WAN COOKED FOOD STALLS FOR AUCTION

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TWO COOKED FOOD STALLS AT HEUNG CHE STREET MARKET IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY (MAY 18).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR, FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, 135-143 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AT 9.30 AM.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL OF THE TWO STALLS ARE \$2 500 EACH, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS CAN START THEIR BUSINESS ON JUNE 1 FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONLY PERSONS AGED 21 OR ABOVE ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN THE AUCTION AND POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE AUCTION VENUE. CHEQUES ARE ACCEPTED.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-444281 EXT. 351.

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QUARRY BAY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 18), NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN QUARRY BAY TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

- * THE SECTION OF FINNIE STREET BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND HOI KWONG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND.
- * THE SECTION HOI TAI STREET BETWEEN FINNIE STREET AND HOI WAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND.
- * THE SECTION OF HOI WAN STREET FOR A LENGTH OF ABOUT 20 METRES AT ITS NORTHERN END (NEAR HOI TAI STREET) WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY NORTHBOUND.

THESE MEASURES WILL APPLY TO ALL VEHICLES INCLUDING THOSE HOLDING PORT WORKS DUMPING LICENCES.

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ROAD WORKS FOR KOWLOON BAY
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR MAJOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AREA.

THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOTAL OF 1.4 KILOMETRES OF MAJOR ROADS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN THE WESTERN PART OF HOI BUN ROAD EXTENSION NEAR THE VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRE.

ON COMPLETION, THE ROADS WILL SERVE THE VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRE, THE FUTURE KOWLOON BAY CARGO HANDLING AREA, THE NEW KOWLOON BAY TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND THE ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT SITES.

WORK WILL COMMENCE IN JULY AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY NORTH POINT TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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FROM 12.01 AM TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY AND ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 19), THE WESTERN PART OF THE JUNCTION OF KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND AND TONG SHUI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

ALL EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA NORTH POINT AND JAVA ROAD.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 112 WILL BE PERMITTED TO TURN FROM JAVA ROAD EASTBOUND TO TIN CHIU STREET SOUTHBOUND ON JOURNEYS TO MARBLE ROAD.

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