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GOVERNOR VISITS HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HAS OPENED A NEW ERA IN THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

SIR MURRAY SAID THIS DURING HIS TOUR OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE AT OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX THIS MORNING.

DURING THE VISIT, MR. CHARLES SIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, SHOWED SIR MURRAY THE VARIOUS MODELS AND OTHER FEATURES OF THE SIX PROJECTS IN PHASE OF THE SCHEME, WHICH ARE NOW ON DISPLAY AT THE CENTRE'S EXHIBITION HALL.

SIR MURRAY SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY HOW QUICKLY THE SCHEME HAD PROGRESSED SINCE PLANNING STARTED IN 1976, AND BY THE ENTHUSIASM AND DETERMINATION SHOWN BY EVERYBODY INVOLVED.

HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THE PRICE OF THE FLATS HAD BEEN KEPT TO A LEVEL WHICH LOWER-MIDDLE INCOME PEOPLE COULD GENUINELY AFFORD.

THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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TRANSPORT WHITE PAPER TO BE PUBLISHED LATER THIS YEAR
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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, DR. RICHARD BUTLER, SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUBLISH A WHITE PAPER ON TRANSPORT LATER THIS YEAR.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB AT MANDARIN HOTEL, DR. BUTLER SAID THE WHITE PAPER WOULD BE UP DATED EVERY FEW YEARS, BUT WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A DETAILED, ROUTE-BY-ROUTE SET OF TRANSPORT PLANS BECAUSE THESE WOULD LACK THE FLEXIBILITY ESSENTIAL TO MEET HONG KONG'S EVER-CHANGING CONDITIONS.

HE REJECTED THE IDEA OF A LONG-TERM MASTER PLAN FOR TRANSPORT AND SAID THE DAY HONG KONG HAD SUCH A PLAN FOR ANYTHING WAS THE DAY IT CEASED TO BE THE RAPIDLY GROWING, DYNAMIC ECONOMY THAT IT WAS NOW.

DR. BUTLER SAID: +MASTER PLANS, FOR ALL I KNOW, MAY WORK IN TOTALLY PLANNED ECONOMIES AND SOCIETIES, ALTHOUGH I DOUBT IT EVEN THERE. BUT THEY CAN NEVER WORK WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE ALLOWED TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICES AND HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH CHOICES.+

CONTINGENCY PLANS WERE, OF COURSE, ESSENTIAL FOR HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND, INDEED, WE HAD THEM= BUT CONTINGENCY PLANS CONCERNED THEMSELVES WITH BROAD STRATEGIES.

THEY HAD BEEN AN ESSENTIAL INPUT TO MAJOR INVESTMENT DECISIONS OF THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS CURRENTLY BEING SPENT ON OUR ROADS, OUR MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, OUR KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND OUR BUSES, HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE PUBLIC ITS BROAD TRANSPORT PLANS IN THE TRANSPORT GREEN PAPER OF 1974 IN WHICH IT WAS INDICATED THAT POLICY RESTED ON A TRIPOD, THE LEGS OF WHICH WERE :-

- * ADDITIONAL ROAD INVESTMENT=
- * IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORT= AND
- * MAKING MORE ECONOMIC USE OF THE ROAD SYSTEM.

+WE HAVE OPENLY PURSUED THIS POLICY FOR YEARS NOW,+ DR. BUTLER SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ALL OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT, EXCEPT THE TWO RAILWAYS, ARE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND, FOR THIS REASON ALONE, CENTRAL PLANNING WOULD BE +DOOMED FROM THE START+.

+THE BUS COMPANIES MIGHT WELL DISAGREE WITH THE MASTER PLAN'S REQUIREMENTS FOR BUS ORDERING AND REFUSE TO COMPLY.

/+THIS MUST MEAN,

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+THIS MUST MEAN, IF THE MASTER PLAN IS TO SURVIVE, A PREPAREDNESS, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, FOR THE OPERATORS TO BE ABSORBED AND DIRECTED BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASTER PLAN. THAT, IN TURN, WOULD MEAN HONG KONG ENDING UP WITH ONE HUGE UNMANAGEABLE TRANSPORT OPERATOR. WHAT A GHASTLY PROSPECT,+ HE SAID.

+EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR A MASTER PLAN TO WORK - AND, AS I HAVE INDICATED, THIS POSSIBILITY CAN BE ENTIRELY DISCOUNTED - IS IT NEEDED? I DON'T THINK SO - FOR THREE REASONS.

+IN THE FIRST PLACE, UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS TREMENDOUSLY DYNAMIC AND RESPONSIVE TO DEMAND WHICH LEAPT FORWARD BETWEEN 1973 AND 1977 AND WAS MET.

+THE OPERATORS, ACTING UNDER WHAT I MIGHT DESCRIBE AS GENTLE GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE, CARRIED 5.5 MILLION PASSENGERS A DAY IN 1977 AS CONTRASTED WITH 4.1 MILLION A DAY IN 1973. WHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD IS THERE SUCH EXCELLENT, RESPONSIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORT?

+SECONDLY, ANYONE WHO ARGUES FOR A MASTER PLAN HAS GOT TO POINT TO A GENERAL MISCHIEF UNDER OUR PRESENT SYSTEM OF LIMITED PLANNING. I DON'T THINK THAT THEY CAN. IF THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM IS REALLY AS BAD AS OUR DETRACTORS SAY, HOW DO WE ACHIEVE SUCH EXCELLENT GROWTH RATES IN OUR GDP AS WE HAVE RECENTLY REGISTERED, I.E. 16% IN 1976 AND 8% IN 1977?

+SURELY WE WOULD NEVER GET TO THE OFFICE= WE WOULD ALL STAY AT HOME= THE FACTORIES WOULD CEASE TO HUM AND THE ECONOMY WOULD COME TO A HALT. OUR GROWTH RATE IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO ANYONE WHO WANTS TO ALLEGE AN APPALLINGLY BAD STATE OF OUR GENERAL TRANSPORT DUE TO A LACK OF A MASTER PLAN.

+THIRDLY, SUCH AN ALLEGATION ALSO MAKES EXCEEDINGLY LARGE DRAFTS ON HUMAN CREDULITY AT A TIME WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS DEMONSTRABLY INVESTING HUGE SUMS IN THE MTRC, AN EXPANDED ROAD PROGRAMME AND, IN ALL PROBABILITY, AN ELECTRIFIED KCR.

+HAVE THE CRITICS NO EYES FOR THE STRUCTURES STEADILY RISING FROM THIS TERRITORY? OR THE GREAT PITS IN WHICH MEN ARE MINING FOR MASS TRANSIT? THE BLAST OF THE PNEUMATIC DRILL MAY NOT BE MUSIC TO THEIR EARS, BUT I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS DEMONSTRATION ENOUGH THAT THE TRANSPORT SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY IS SCARCELY A POOR RELATION.+

REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR AN INDEPENDENT TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, DR. BUTLER DESCRIBED IT AS +SPLENDID PHANTASY+.

HE SAID THAT, IF A GOVERNMENT WAS TO GOVERN, THERE COULD BE NO STRAIGHT-JACKET OF MASTER PLANNING, NO OUTSIDE BODY TO WHOM TO PASS THE BUCK, BUT A CONSTANT AND OFTEN AGONISING RE-ORDERING OF PRIORITIES AND DECISION TAKING IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.

+SO I SUGGEST THAT WE STICK TO OUR PRESENT SYSTEM OF LETTING THE GOVERNMENT GOVERN AND THE CRITICS CRITICISE,+ HE SAID.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTES BEING WORKED OUT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS WORKING OUT DETAILS OF 65 NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WHICH WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY INTRODUCED ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID FULL DETAILS OF ROUTES INCLUDING PROPOSED FREQUENCIES, VEHICLE ALLOCATIONS AND PROCEDURES ON HOW TO APPLY WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ROUTES WOULD BE OFFERED IN PACKAGES AND WOULD CONSIST OF LIKELY PROFITABLE AND NON-PROFITABLE ONES SO THAT THERE WOULD BE AN EXTENT OF CROSS-SUBSIDISATION BETWEEN ROUTES IN ANY ONE BATCH.

HE EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST BATCH OF ROUTES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE READY FOR APPLICATION IN EARLY APRIL THIS YEAR. ALL EXISTING PLB OWNERS AND OPERATORS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

THE AVERAGE VEHICLE REQUIREMENT FOR EACH ROUTE IS ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE VEHICLES AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE 65 NEW MAXICAB ROUTES WILL ABSORB ABOUT 300 PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM THE EXISTING FLEET OF OVER 4,300.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN INDEPENDENT SELECTION COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND POSSIBLY AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WOULD BE FORMED TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS.

THE SELECTION OF APPLICANTS WOULD BE LARGELY BASED ON EXPERIENCE IN THE TRADE, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICANT'S ABILITY TO OPERATE A SATISFACTORY SERVICE.

A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WOULD, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, BE AWARDED AN EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO OPERATE A PACKAGE OF MAXICAB ROUTES FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN THREE MONTHS.

IF HIS OPERATION PROVES SUCCESSFUL AND SATISFACTORY, AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE WILL BE AWARDED TO HIM.

THE FRANCHISE WOULD BE FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF THREE YEARS WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF THE MAXICAB SERVICE PROVES SUCCESSFUL IN BOTH HONG KONG AND KOWLOON THEN SIMILAR ROUTES WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1977

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THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER, 1977 WAS \$3,577 MILLION, IMPORTS WERE WORTH \$4,916 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS \$975 MILLION, ACCORDING TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT'S PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE FIGURES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 1977 (LATEST THREE MONTHS) SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 8.2 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 15.4 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 12.4 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1976.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1976, INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF \$485 MILLION OR 15.7 PER CENT IN EXPORTS, \$851 MILLION OR 20.9 PER CENT IN IMPORTS AND \$163 MILLION OR 20.1 PER CENT IN RE-EXPORTS WERE RECORDED.

THE SHORT TERM CHANGES, DECEMBER 1977 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1977, SHOWED INCREASES OF \$522 MILLION OR 17.1 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$591 MILLION OR 13.7 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND \$106 MILLION OR 12.2 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS. DECEMBER EXPORTS WERE AT AN ALL TIME RECORD HIGH LEVEL.

THE FIGURES FOR THE WHOLE YEAR OF 1977 COMPARED WITH THOSE OF 1976 SHOWED INCREASES, BY VALUE, OF 7.3 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, 12.5 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS AND 10.1 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS.

FOLLOWING ARE COMPARATIVE TRADE FIGURES:

LATEST 3 MONTHS	OCTOBER -	OCTOBER -	INCREASE OR	
	DECEMBER 1977	DECEMBER 1976	DECREASE	
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	\$ MN.	%
DOMESTIC EXPORTS	9,533	8,807	+ 726	+ 8.2
IMPORTS	13,519	11,714	+1,805	+ 15.4
RE-EXPORTS	2,740	2,437	+ 303	+ 12.4

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SAME MONTH LAST YEAR	DECEMBER	DECEMBER	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	1977	1976	\$ MN.	%
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	3,577 (78.6%)	3,092 (79.2%)	+ 485	+ 15.7
IMPORTS	4,916	4,066	+ 851	+ 20.9
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	975 (21.4%)	812 (20.8%)	+ 163	+ 20.1

LAST MONTH	DECEMBER	NOVEMBER	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	1977	1977	\$ MN.	%
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	3,577 (78.6%)	3,055 (77.9%)	+ 522	+ 17.1
IMPORTS	4,916	4,325	+ 591	+ 13.7
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	975 (21.4%)	868 (22.1%)	+ 106	+ 12.2

LAST 12 MONTHS	JANUARY -	JANUARY-	INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	DECEMBER 1977	DECEMBER 1976	\$ MN.	%
	\$ MN.	\$ MN.		
DOMESTIC EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	35,005 (78.1%)	32,629 (78.5%)	+2,375	+ 7.3
IMPORTS	48,701	43,293	+5,409	+ 12.5
RE-EXPORTS (% OF TOTAL EXPORTS)	9,829 (21.9%)	8,928 (21.5%)	+ 901	+ 10.1

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CHIEF SECRETARY VISITS UNITS OF CIVIL AID SERVICES

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED VARIOUS UNITS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR. JOHN FORTUNE, SIR DENYS FIRST WENT TO THE CAS HONG KONG REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO INSPECT THE FACILITIES THERE.

SIR DENYS THEN CROSSED THE HARBOUR TO VISIT THE CAS KOWLOON/ NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN ARGYLE STREET. HERE HE SAW CAS MEMBERS UNDERGOING TRAINING IN RESCUING PEOPLE FROM A SIMULATED HOUSE COLLAPSE, FROM HEIGHTS AND IN CONFINED SPACES.

HE ALSO WATCHED CAS CADET INSTRUCTORS MAKING FIBRE-GLASS CANOES WHILE OTHERS WERE LEARNING LORRY DRIVING TECHNIQUES.

SIR DENYS LATER RETURNED TO HONG KONG ISLAND TO SEE CAS MEMBERS RECEIVING TRAINING IN CASUALTY EVACUATION AND IN MECHANICAL WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE AT THE CAS HEADQUARTERS IN CAROLINE HILL ROAD. HE ALSO SAW CAS OFFICERS ATTENDING A MANAGEMENT SEMINAR AND MET STAFF REPRESENTATIVES.

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INTEGRATION OF HANDICAPPED SCHOOL CHILDREN
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MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, TODAY SPOKE ON THE MODERN POSITIVE APPROACH IN DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN BY EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

HE WAS ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH AT THE COUNTRY CLUB.

+THE MODERN TREND OF EDUCATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED IS TO EMPHASISE FULL UTILISATION OF THEIR ABILITIES,+ HE SAID.

+WE BELIEVE THAT CHILDREN WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF DISABILITIES CAN RESPOND TO THE STIMULI OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, SOCIAL ACTIVITY, AND INTEGRATION.+

HE ADDED: +THE KEYNOTE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IS 'INTEGRATION' AS OPPOSED TO SEGREGATION.+

+OUR AIM IS TO PLACE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS SO THAT THEY RECEIVE THE EQUAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY AND THE BENEFIT FROM MIXING WITH ORDINARY CHILDREN.+

+THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION FACILITIES FOR SEVERELY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN HONG KONG WAS PIONEERED BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID. +IT IS STILL THE POLICY OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE AND TO EXPAND FACILITIES FOR THESE CHILDREN.+

MR. TOPLEY NOTED THAT THE REHABILITATION WHITE PAPER PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR MARKED THE LATEST AND THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP TAKEN TO INCREASE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVER THE YEARS TO 1986 OF ITS SCREENING, ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIAL SERVICES AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SCREENING SERVICES INCLUDE AUDIO-METRIC SCREENING, VISION SCREENING, SPEECH SCREENING, AND GROUP TESTING PROGRAMMES FOR PRIMARY 1 AND 3 PUPILS BETWEEN NOW AND 1985.

ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIAL SERVICES WILL INCLUDE SPECIALIST SERVICES TO ADMINISTER DIAGNOSTIC TESTS IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE TYPE AND DEGREE OF DISABILITIES. IT IS PROPOSED TO PROVIDE SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND REMEDIAL SERVICES TO COVER 400,000 CHILDREN BY 1985-86.

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BALLOT FOR NT BATHING SHEDS

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR THE USE OF PRIVATE AND CLUB BATHING SHEDS ON NEW TERRITORIES BEACHES FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) UNTIL FEBRUARY 17.

AN URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT APPLICATION FORMS, AT \$20 EACH, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON, FROM JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 17. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE FEBRUARY 18.

THERE IS A TOTAL OF 48 BATHING SHEDS ON BEACHES ALONG THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD. A BALLOT TO ALLOCATE THE SHEDS WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 22.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS

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A TOTAL OF 102 PRISON OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING WILL TAKE PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28).

SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS, MR. LO KWOK-KUEN, WHO IS RETIRING SHORTLY, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY FROM THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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BASKETBALL COMPETITION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN
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A BASKETBALL COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN FROM SPECIAL SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28) AT THE BOUNDARY STREET GAMES HALL NEAR THE MONG KOK STADIUM IN SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON.

ABOUT 100 MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN FROM FIVE SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE FIVE SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION ARE: MARY ROSE SCHOOL, SAVIOUR LUTHERAN SCHOOL, YAU TONG MORNING HILL SCHOOL, LIONS MORNING HILL SCHOOL, AND SAM SHUI SCHOOL.

MR. RAYMOND BIRD, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION ALONG WITH MRS. WINNIE CHAN AND MR. LUCAS CHAN, PRINCIPAL INSPECTORS OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS BEFORE NOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE BASKETBALL COMPETITION TO BE HELD FROM 9 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 28).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROAD JUNCTION IN MID-LEVELS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE JUNCTION OF GARDEN ROAD, ROBINSON ROAD AND MAGAZINE GAP ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GARDEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON MAGAZINE GAP ROAD WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE ALONG ROBINSON ROAD TO CASTLE ROAD BEFORE TURNING NORTH WHILE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON ROBINSON ROAD WILL HAVE TO TURN LEFT AT ALBANY ROAD TO PROCEED TO CENTRAL.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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