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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING TODAY (TUESDAY) TO ATTEND SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

SEEING HIM OFF AT THE AIRPORT WERE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE VICE-CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

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SIR PHILIP VISITS TVB

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THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SPENT THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON VISITING THE STUDIOS OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD.

ACCOMPANIED BY LADY HADDON-CAVE, SIR PHILIP WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE TELEVISION STATION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, SIR RUN RUN SHAW; THE GENERAL MANAGER, MR ROBERT CHAN; AND THE CONTROLLER, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, MR CLARENCE CHANG.

SIR PHILIP WAS FIRST BRIEFED ON THE OPERATION OF THE STUDIOS AND THE HISTORY OF THE TV STATION, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1967.

OVER THE PAST 16 YEARS, TVB'S STAFF HAD GROWN FROM A FEW HUNDRED TO THE PRESENT COMPLEMENT OF ABOUT 2 000.

SIR PHILIP WAS TOLD THAT THE STATION'S TRANSMISSIONS AVERAGED 164 HOURS A WEEK ON ITS CHINESE CHANNEL AND 100 HOURS ON ITS ENGLISH CHANNEL.

HE THEN TOURED THE STUDIOS AND THE NEWS DEPARTMENT, AND MET A NUMBER OF ARTISTES AND OTHER STAFF.

BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, SIR PHILIP WAS PRESENTED WITH A SOUVENIR BY SIR RUN RUN TO COMMEMORATE HIS VISIT TO THE STATION.

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JOINT EFFORT HELPS LESSEN CONSTRUCTION ACCIDENTS  
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LESS WORKERS WERE KILLED OR INJURED IN ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, DISCLOSED TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME AT THE I CLUB, MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 12 118 ACCIDENTS, INCLUDING 46 FATAL CASES, IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, REPRESENTING A DROP OF 10 PER CENT IN INJURY CASES AND 19 PER CENT IN FATAL CASES, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES LAST YEAR.

+THIS IMPROVEMENT IS WITHOUT DOUBT THE RESULT OF THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF THE THREE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, NAMELY THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS, TO CONTAIN THE SPATE OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

CAUTIONING AGAINST SELF-COMPLACENCY, MR CHAN SAID THAT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WAS STILL THE MOST HAZARDOUS INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG AND CONTINUED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN ANY SINGLE INDUSTRY.

THE PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, HE ADDED, WAS A MATTER IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS ALL HAD AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENACTING AND ENFORCING SAFETY LEGISLATION AS WELL AS PROPAGATING, THROUGH EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY MEANS, THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE OF SAFETY AT WORK.

THE EMPLOYERS' ROLE WAS TO PROVIDE A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT WHILE THAT OF THE WORKERS WAS TO OBSERVE AND FOLLOW SAFETY REGULATIONS.

THE ESSENCE OF SAFETY PROMOTION LAY IN THE VOLUNTARINESS ON THE PART OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO CO-OPERATE AND ACT IN GOOD FAITH. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE PARTIES, WAS DOING AN ENVIABLE JOB IN PROMOTING THIS VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT.

APART FROM TWO RECENTLY-HELD SAFETY SEMINARS, MR CHAN CONTINUED, THE SAFETY AWARD SCHEME WAS YET ANOTHER PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE WITH A VIEW TO DISSEMINATING THE SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

+I THINK THE SCHEME HAS FULLY ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THROUGH THE BEST EFFORTS OF ALL CONCERNED, SUFFICIENT IMPETUS WILL BE GENERATED WHICH IN TIME WILL HELP TO MAKE THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY A SAFE INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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THE SCHEME CONSISTED OF THREE AWARDS: +SAFETY CONTRACTOR+, +SAFETY EMPLOYEE+ AND +SAFETY SLOGAN+.

THE +SAFETY CONTRACTOR+ AWARD WAS WON BY GAMMON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION LTD.'S TAIKOO SHING STAGE VIII CONSTRUCTION SITE.

THE +SAFETY EMPLOYEE+ AND +SAFETY SLOGAN+ AWARDS WERE WON BY MR SHEK SHING OF GAMMON (HK) LTD. AND MR KWONG LAI-CHUEN OF OKUMURA CORPORATION RESPECTIVELY.

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CIVIL DEBTORS REFORM BILL FOR LEGCO  
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PROPOSALS TO REFORM THE LAW GOVERNING THE IMPRISONMENT OF CIVIL DEBTORS ARE CONTAINED IN THE DEBTORS (ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT) BILL 1983, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON MICHAEL THOMAS, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

THE BILL PROVIDES THAT A PERSON FROM WHOM MONEY IS CLAIMED WILL ONLY BE IMPRISONED AFTER HE HAS BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE A COURT AND ONLY BY ORDER OF THE JUDGE.

IT WILL BE AMONG 11 BILLS (INCLUDING TWO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS' BILLS), AND 14 QUESTIONS TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE COUNCIL TOMORROW.

ANOTHER BILL, TO BE INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, IS THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT)(NO. 5) BILL 1983, PROVIDING FOR SEPARATE ASSESSMENT OF TAX FOR MARRIED WOMEN.

IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH THIS YEAR, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSALS, IF ENACTED, WOULD MEET COMPLAINTS THAT THE PRESENT LEGISLATION WAS AN AFFRONT TO WOMEN IN THAT IT RENDERED THEM SECOND CLASS CITIZENS.

TWO OTHER BILLS TO BE READ A SECOND TIME ARE THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE OF THE CENTRE'S FINANCIAL YEAR, AND THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) BILL 1983, WHICH WILL CLARIFY HOW TERMS DESCRIBING VARIOUS TYPES OF BUILDINGS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED.

DEBATE ON THE FOUR BILLS WILL BE ADJOURNED TO DECEMBER 21.

AMONG THE BILLS DUE FOR FINAL READING ARE THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, AND THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, WHICH ENSURE THAT LEGISLATION CONTINUES TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE DEGREE OF PROTECTION TO DEPOSITORS AND INVESTORS.

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THE OTHER THREE BILLS DUE FOR FINAL READING ARE:

- \* ENTERTAINMENT TAX (AMENDMENT AND VALIDATION) BILL 1983, MAKING CLEAR THAT ADMISSION TO A RACE COURSE FOR CROSS BETTING IS SUBJECT TO TAX,
- \* TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY, AND
- \* HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, WHICH SIMPLIFIES THE OPERATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

TWO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS' BILLS WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED AND READ A SECOND TIME, PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE TO DECEMBER 21.

THEY ARE THE METHODIST CHURCH, HONG KONG, INCORPORATION BILL 1983, WHICH WILL BE READ BY THE HON MARIA TAM, AND THE HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS BILL 1983, WHICH WILL BE READ BY THE HON HU FA-KUANG.

IN ADDITION, 14 QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED, COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS, FROM THE STANDARD OF AUDITING OF COMPANY ACCOUNTS, THE SALE OF ALCOHOL TO MINORS, TO TRIAD ACTIVITIES AND URBAN RENEWAL.

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#### GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNITY-BUILDING ROLE DESCRIBED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ATTACHING GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE INTO COMMUNITIES IN NEW TOWNS, APART FROM PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT WORKS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, AT A LUNCHEON GATHERING OF THE TUNG WAH ASSOCIATION OF PAST AND PRESENT DIRECTORS.

+WHAT GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THESE TOWNS ARE NOT JUST TALL BLOCKS FULL OF PEOPLE, BUT COMMUNITIES : REAL COMMUNITIES WITH LIFE AND SPIRIT, COMMUNITIES IN WHICH PEOPLE SHARE MUTUAL CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY, WHICH PEOPLE TAKE PRIDE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH AND TO PARTICIPATE IN, IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN LIVE AND WORK HAPPILY,+ HE SAID.

MR MACPHERSON NOTED THE POPULATION IN THE NT HAD INCREASED FIVE-FOLD WITHIN 30 YEARS -- FROM 600 000 AT THE END OF THE 60'S TO OVER 3 000 000 BY THE END OF THE CENTURY.

+IT IS ALL VERY WELL FOR US TO DESCRIBE THE NT POPULATION BUILD-UP IN TERMS OF NUMBERS AND STATISTICS, AND THE NEW TOWN PROGRAMMES IN TERMS OF UNITS OF HOUSING, NUMBERS OF SCHOOLS AND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT, AND TO CONGRATULATE OURSELVES OF HAVING DONE A GREAT JOB IN SUCCESSFULLY MOVING SO MANY PEOPLE FROM THEIR UNSATISFACTORY CROWDED AND NOISY URBAN DWELLING INTO NICE NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

/+BUT WE .....

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+BUT WE HAVE TO LOOK BEYOND THE FIGURES AND IF WE GO DEEPER WE MUST SURELY REALISE THAT THERE IS A LOT MORE TO BE DONE AFTER THE HOUSING AND SCHOOLS AND CLINICS AND ROADS AND DRAINS AND WATER AND TELEPHONES AND SO ON HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AND THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF REAL PEOPLE HAVE MOVED IN.

+THEREFORE, APART FROM THE VISIBLE PHYSICAL EFFORTS IN BUILDING HOUSES, ESTATES AND ALL THAT GOES WITH THEM, GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO BEEN BUSILY, ALBEIT A BIT QUIETLY, ENGAGED IN ANOTHER ASPECT OF BUILDING -- THE BUILDING OF COMMUNITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR MACPHERSON SPOKE ABOUT THE VARIOUS AREAS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WAS ENGAGED. THESE ARE :

- \* THE SETTING UP OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN PRIVATE HOUSING, SO THAT THE RESIDENTS CAN HELP THEMSELVES TO SOLVE THEIR OWN LOCAL PROBLEMS;
- \* THE ORGANISING OF FUN AND GAMES, INTEREST GROUPS AND CLASSES, TO HELP RESIDENTS BUILD UP NEIGHBOURLINESS AND DEVELOP COMMUNITY IDENTITY;
- \* THE SETTING UP OF DISTRICT SUB-OFFICES IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS TO HELP RESIDENTS TO ADAPT TO THE NEW TOWNS MORE EASILY, AND TO GAUGE THEIR REACTION TO VARIOUS LOCAL ISSUES SO THAT ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE; AND
- \* THE SETTING UP OF CONSULTATIVE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES -- THE MOST NOTABLE ONES BEING THE DISTRICT BOARDS -- TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF AND UNDERSTANDING ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PUBLIC ISSUES, AND TO ENCOURAGE MORE ACTIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICTS.

MR MACPHERSON SAID IT WAS SO EASY FOR RESIDENTS TO +LOCK+ THEMSELVES IN, UNLESS GOVERNMENT TOOK AN ACTIVE ROLE TO HELP THEM TO DEVELOP NEW COMMUNITIES RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING.

+THIS ROLE IS GREATLY SUPPLEMENTED BY THE WORK OF THE MANY VOLUNTARY GROUPS AND AGENCIES WHO PLAY SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART IN SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

+DESPITE ALL GOVERNMENT EFFORTS, THERE ARE ALWAYS THE GAPS AND SHORTCOMINGS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE DEVELOPMENT PHASE AND ESPECIALLY WHEN FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS BITE.

+THE VOLUNTARY GROUPS HAVE DONE MUCH TO MAKE GOOD SUCH DEFICIENCIES,+ HE SAID.

MR MACPHERSON MENTIONED FOR EXAMPLE THE 12 TUNG WAH GROUP PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN NT DISTRICTS, AND THE MANY OTHERS ALREADY COMPLETED.

+THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES THAT YOU PROVIDE RANGE FROM DAY NURSERIES AND HOME FOR THE AGED TO PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS,+ HE ADDED.

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HANDY ALMANAC TELLS ABOUT WEATHER, TIDES

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A HANDY BI-LINGUAL ALMANAC FOR 1984, USEFUL FOR STUDENTS, SCIENTISTS, BOATING ENTHUSIASTS AND THE SEAFARING COMMUNITY, HAS JUST BEEN PRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

IT CONTAINS TIMES OF DAILY SUNRISE, SUNSET, MOONRISE, MOONSET, HIGH AND LOW TIDES ARRANGED ON A MONTH BY MONTH BASIS.

NOW ON SALE AT \$8 A COPY, THE 30-PAGE BOOKLET, LISTS OUT THE GENERAL HOLIDAYS OF THE YEAR AND PROVIDES THE METEOROLOGICAL (AIR TEMPERATURE, AMOUNT OF RAIN, NUMBER OF RAINY DAYS) NORMALS OF ASIAN CITIES.

A TABLE SHOWING MONTHLY AVERAGES OF SELECTED METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS IN HONG KONG FROM 1951 TO 1980 IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE ALMANAC, WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK DONE BY VOLUNTARY WEATHER OBSERVERS AND STORM SIGNAL OPERATORS.

THE TIME SCALE USED THROUGHOUT THIS ALMANAC IS EIGHT HOURS AHEAD OF CO-ORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME (UTC), WHICH FOR MOST PRACTICAL PURPOSES IS THE SAME AS GREENWICH MEAN TIME (GMT).

TIMES OF SUNRISE, SUNSET, MOONRISE AND MOONSET ARE DERIVED FROM PRELIMINARY DATA AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF COMPILATION OF THIS ALMANAC AND MAY DIFFER FROM THE FINAL COMPUTED VALUES BY ABOUT ONE MINUTE.

TIDAL PREDICTIONS ARE BASED ON DATA SUPPLIED BY THE INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHIC SCIENCES, AND THE PREDICTIONS ARE FOR VICTORIA HARBOUR.

THE BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G.P.O. BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

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STUDENTS URGED TO TAKE PART IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS

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STUDENTS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY BY PARTICIPATING MORE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ADDRESSING GRADUATES AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE TSUEN WAN PUBLIC HO CHUEN YIU MEMORIAL COLLEGE, HE SAID: +THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY PROMOTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND YOU CAN AT LEAST FULFIL THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A CITIZEN BY REGISTERING AS A DISTRICT BOARD ELECTOR.

+BUT I HOPE YOU WILL INVOLVE YOURSELVES MORE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BY DIRECTLY TAKING PART IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF LOCAL PEOPLE.+

/MR HSU .....

MR HSU SAID THE WORK OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE FIRST IN THE TERRITORY, INCLUDED THE ORGANISATION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

THE BOARD ALSO LOOKS INTO, AND DISCUSSES IN DEPTH, GOVERNMENT POLICIES AFFECTING THE PUBLIC, AND THEN REFLECTS ITS VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

+THEREFORE THE DISTRICT BOARD IS CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TO BOTH THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT, AND IT IS VERY MEANINGFUL TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS WORK,+ HE SAID.

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THE LLEWELLYN REPORT ON HONG KONG'S EDUCATION, PUBLISHED IN MAY THIS YEAR, ATTRACTED WIDESPREAD ATTENTION FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

+THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD ALSO DISCUSSED IN DEPTH THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT. AN OPEN FORUM WAS HELD TO COLLECT PUBLIC OPINION WHICH WAS LATER SUBMITTED TO THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH FOR CONSIDERATION,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID HE TRUSTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DRAW UP A SUITABLE EDUCATION POLICY FOR HONG KONG ACCORDING TO PUBLIC VIEWS AND FUTURE NEEDS.

MR HSU ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS, THERE WOULD BE FOUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS, NINE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TWO PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN, PROVIDING MORE THAN 10 000 PLACES FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN ORDER TO SAVE THEM A LOT OF TRAVELLING TIME.

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JAPANESE MISSION VISITS JETRO OFFICE HERE  
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THE NINE-MEMBER JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL MISSION NOW IN HONG KONG TO LOOK INTO POSSIBLE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, VISITED THE JAPAN TRADE CENTRE (JETRO) OFFICE HERE TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF JETRO IN HONG KONG, MR Y. KUWAMURA BRIEFED THEM ON BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF JETRO, MR S. SAITO; CONSUL OF THE JAPANESE CONSULATE, MR M. UTSUGI; AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR M. NISHIMURA ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING, EXPLAINING THE ASSISTANCE WHICH THEIR ORGANISATIONS COULD PROVIDE TO JAPANESE COMPANIES IN HONG KONG.

THE GROUP LATER HAD A LUNCHEON MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE BEFORE VISITING Y.K.K. ZIPPER COMPANY (HK) LTD. IN TUEN MUN.

THE MISSION IS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO PROMOTE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DB MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS  
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A GROUP OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL CALL ON THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN KWUN TONG ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 8) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND PROBLEMS.

IN THE MORNING, THE PARTY WILL VISIT THE TAI SHING VILLAGE SQUATTER AREA AND THE SHUN LEE ESTATE.

THE ITINERARY IN THE AFTERNOON WILL INCLUDE A TOUR TO THE NGAU TAU KOK MARKET COMPLEX, THE DISTRICT'S INDUSTRIAL AREA, AND YUE MAN SQUARE WHERE MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO COVER THE VISIT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 9.45 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET.

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ATHLETIC MEET FOR ISLANDERS  
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THE SIXTH ISLANDS DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET, FEATURING 62 FIELD-AND-TRACK ITEMS, WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 18.

THE ANNUAL EVENT, TO BE HELD AT THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND, WILL HAVE A LONG RUN, HURDLE, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, SOFT BALL, RELAY AND TRIPLE JUMP.

THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS COVERING SIX DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

WINNERS OF EACH SECTION WILL REPRESENT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT IN THE THIRD NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET ON JANUARY 22, 1984.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (ISLANDS OFFICE) ON THE SECOND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT BUILDING, CENTRAL, OR FROM ANY OF THE DISTRICT'S EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE DECEMBER 12.

SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, AND THE DISTRICT'S EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

## AIRLIFT FOR HOLIDAY CAMPERS

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ROYAL AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS WILL BE AIRLIFTING 48 CAMPERS TO A CAMPING HOLIDAY AT THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE IN SAI KUNG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

SEEING THE CAMPERS OFF WILL BE THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL DEREK BOORMAN, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON -- BOTH OF WHOM WILL ALSO CUT A RIBBON TO MARK THE START OF THE +FLY CAMP CRUISES+ ACTIVITY.

THE SERIES OF +FLY CAMP CRUISES+, WHICH LASTS UNTIL FEBRUARY 22 NEXT YEAR, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE BRITISH FORCES.

AT THE WATER SPORTS CENTRE, NEAR THE SCENIC HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, THE CAMPERS WILL ENJOY TWO NIGHTS AND THREE DAYS OF ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM CANOEING, SAILING TO LAND EXPEDITION.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO FLY TO THE CAMP AFTER THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY SHOULD SUPPLY THEIR NAMES TO MISS VALENTINA CHAN BY TELEPHONING 5-734952 BEFORE 5 PM TODAY (TUESDAY).

AS SPACE ON THE TWO FLIGHTS IS LIMITED TO A TOTAL OF 20 PERSONS, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THOSE COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ARRIVE BY 11.30 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE HMS TAMAR ENTRANCE, WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY GIS OFFICERS.

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## AIR BUBBLE PROTECTS WINTER SWIMMERS

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THE COVERED FAN LING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL WILL BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11) FOLLOWING THE INSTALLATION OF AN AIR BUBBLE OVER THE MAIN POOL OF THE COMPLEX.

HEATED WATER WILL BE SUPPLIED TO THE MAIN POOL TO ENABLE SWIMMERS TO ENJOY WINTER BATHING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE ERECTED OVER THE MAIN POOL WILL PROVIDE A SHELTER TO WINTER BATHERS. IT IS AN IDEAL SWIMMING FACILITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY AN INDOOR ENVIRONMENT IN THE COLD SEASON.

LAST WINTER SEASON, THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX ATTRACTED ABOUT 7 000 BATHERS EVERY MONTH, WHICH REPRESENTED A 17-FOLD INCREASE COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR WHEN THE POOL WAS NOT COVERED.

THE SWIMMING POOL WILL BE OPENED FOUR SESSIONS DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM; 12.30 PM TO 3 PM; 3.30 PM TO 6 PM AND 7 PM TO 9 PM.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN ABERDEEN AND SHAU KEI WAN

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED IN ABERDEEN AND SHAU KEI WAN LATER THIS WEEK.

ALL LEARNER DRIVERS IN ABERDEEN, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 8) FROM ENTERING AP LEI CHAU MAIN STREET AND ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD.

THE EXISTING PROHIBITIONS ON LEARNER DRIVERS AT AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE WILL BE LIFTED AT THE SAME TIME.

ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY (DECEMBER 9, 10 AND 11), VEHICLES ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO HOI FOO STREET. THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

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ROAD CLOSURE

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THE SECTION OF LUNG MUN ROAD, BETWEEN ROAD D14 AND BUTTERFLY ESTATE ACCESS ROAD IN TUEN MUN, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 7 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 8) TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOT BRIDGES.

DURING THE HOURS OF CLOSURE, GENERAL TRAFFIC AND KMB ROUTES 59, 59A AND 59M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA BUTTERFLY ESTATE ACCESS ROAD, ROAD D13 AND D14.

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