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SIR PHILIP OPENS ENLARGED MTR SYSTEM

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PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAVE, SINCE 1980, COME TO APPRECIATE THE BENEFITS OF TRAVELLING ON A MODERN UNDERGROUND RAILWAY, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID THIS MORNING.

OPENING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION'S TSUEN WAN LINE, SIR PHILIP SAID +AVAILABLE TO THEM NOW IS AN ENLARGED SYSTEM -- AND I MIGHT ADD, THE ELECTRIFIED INNER SUBURBAN SERVICE OF THE KCR -- AND, HOPEFULLY, BY 1985 THE MTR'S ISLAND LINE WILL BE COMPLETED.+

SIR PHILIP PAID +A SINCERE TRIBUTE+ TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAD +A MULTITUDE OF TASKS TO UNDERTAKE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MOST COMPLEX FACILITY+.

+SO, IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I NOW DECLARE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION'S TSUEN WAN LINE OFFICIALLY OPEN,+ HE SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR PHILIP'S SPEECH :

+MR THOMPSON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :

+I DEEM IT A SIGNAL HONOUR TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO OPEN THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND THIS OCCASION CERTAINLY DOES BRING BACK VIVID MEMORIES OF THOSE HECTIC DAYS SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY WAS ENGAGED ON ITS TASKS. BUT IT IS THE CORPORATION WHICH HAS BROUGHT THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM AND NOW THIS EXTENSION TO REALITY.

+WHEN THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED, IN THE EARLY 1970'S, TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY IN HONG KONG, TIMELY COMPLETION AND ADHERENCE TO BUDGETED ESTIMATES WERE LAID DOWN AS TWO IMPERATIVES. THE CORPORATION OBEYED THESE IMPERATIVES WITH THE MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM, AND HAS DONE SO AGAIN WITH THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION.

+THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN THE EQUITY OF THE MTRC IS MASSIVE AND SO ARE ITS DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS.

+A FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE CORPORATION TO OBEY THESE TWO IMPERATIVES WOULD HAVE HAD SERIOUS DETRIMENTAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE VIABILITY OF THE CORPORATION ITSELF, FOR THE STATE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCES AND FOR THE PUBLIC GENERALLY WHO, SINCE 1980, HAVE COME TO APPRECIATE THE BENEFITS OF TRAVELLING ON A MODERN UNDERGROUND RAILWAY. AVAILABLE TO THEM NOW IS AN ENLARGED SYSTEM -- AND, I MIGHT ADD, THE ELECTRIFIED INNER SUBURBAN SERVICE OF THE KCR -- AND, HOPEFULLY, BY 1985 THE MTR'S ISLAND LINE WILL BE COMPLETED.

/+SO, ON BEHALF

+SO, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, I MUST PUBLICLY PAY A SINCERE TRIBUTE TO ALL CONCERNED: THE BOARD OF THE CORPORATION= THE CORPORATION'S STAFF AT ALL LEVELS= THE CORPORATION'S CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS= AND THOSE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND STAFF OF THE UTILITY COMPANIES WHO HAVE HAD A MULTITUDE OF TASKS TO UNDERTAKE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MOST COMPLEX FACILITY.

+SO, IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I NOW DECLARE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION'S TSUEN WAN LINE OFFICIALLY OPEN.+

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TO MEET
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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS THIRD MEETING AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 12) AT THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL BE THE FORMATION OF A DISTRICT RECREATION AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE RECREATIONAL, SPORT, CULTURAL AND ARTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT. THE FIRST TASK OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICT CHOIR AND DANCE TROUPE.

A PAPER ON THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS PREPARED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL BE TABLED.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO HEAR PROGRESS REPORTS PREPARED BY THREE OF ITS COMMITTEES, DEALING WITH COMMUNITY BUILDING, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE THIRD MEETING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 12). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, TUNG WAH MANSION, 8TH FLOOR, 201 HENNESSY ROAD BEFORE 3.45 PM.

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HK PRAISED FOR MAKING BEST USE OF LAND FOR SPORT
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DELEGATES ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPORT AND PEOPLE IN BRITAIN HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPRESSED BY HONG KONG'S INGENUITY IN PROVIDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, MR DAVID CHIU, WHO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE AT THE WEMBLY CONFERENCE CENTRE RECENTLY.

URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR KENNETH LO AND AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MRS KATHERINE FOK, WERE ALSO AMONG THE HONG KONG DELEGATES.

BOTH MR CHIU AND MR LO PRESENTED PAPERS ON +MATCHING FACILITIES TO DEMAND+ DURING THE FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY 400 DELEGATES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

+THE PAPERS WERE WELL RECEIVED BY THE DELEGATES AND THEY WERE EXTREMELY IMPRESSED BY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING TO OVERCOME THE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR RECREATION.

+THEY WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HONG KONG'S 'MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX' CONCEPT, WHERE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE NOW BEING PROVIDED IN MULTI-STOREY MARKET COMPLEXES, THE ADOPTION OF NEW PLANNING STANDARDS, THE CO-ORDINATION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR BRINGING RECREATION TO THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET AND PROGRAMME FOR USING FACILITIES AT OFF-PEAK HOURS.

+THEY WERE IMPRESSED WITH OUR EFFORTS AT IMPROVISATION BY UTILISING MULTI-STOREY CAR-PARK AS AT HUNG HOM AND A FORMER FIRE STATION AT TAI HING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR RECREATION CENTRES AND WITH OTHER MEASURES TO MEET RAPIDLY INCREASING DEMAND FOR FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

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ARRANGEMENT FOR BUSES
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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 12), ONLY FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD INTO KWAI ON ROAD.

THIS IS TO FACILITATE FEEDER BUS OPERATIONS TO MTR KWAI FONG STATION.

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BIG DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES

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THERE IS A CONTINUING BIG DEMAND BY EMPLOYERS IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOR FULL-TIME GRADUATES FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

A RECENT SURVEY OF FULL-TIME 1980/81 GRADUATES OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES SHOWED THAT AROUND 77 PER CENT OF THEM FOUND JOBS WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF GRADUATION.

ANOTHER 17 PER CENT OF THEM WERE PURSUING FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES, AND SIX PER CENT WERE STILL LOOKING FOR JOBS AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY.

THE MAIN FIELDS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT.

SOME 1 000 GRADUATES RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT AMONG 1 720 GRADUATES.

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY OF THE GRADUATES WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE YEAR BEFORE, WITH AN INCREASE RATE RANGING FROM 10.6 PER CENT TO 26.1 PER CENT ACCORDING TO FIELDS OF STUDY AND QUALIFICATIONS.

COMPARED WITH 1976 SALARIES, THE STARTING SALARIES OF THE GRADUATES IN 1981 INCREASED BY 77.8 TO 96.9 PER CENT IN THE TECHNICAL AREAS, AND BY 75.5 TO 89.2 PER CENT IN THE COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES SECTOR, DEPENDING ON THEIR LEVELS OF WORK.

THE MAIN SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT WERE PRESS ADVERTISEMENTS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CIRCULARS AND TEACHERS.

THE NUMBER OF CRAFT STUDENTS JOINING THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME ROSE TO 61.6 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR'S FIGURE OF 48.2 PER CENT.

THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

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TEMPORARY WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 13) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM OF THE SAI WAN SERVICE RESERVOIR.

AFFECTED AREAS ARE SUN YIP STREET, FUNG YIP STREET, SUN ON STREET, ON YIP STREET, WING PING STREET, HONG PING STREET, CHAI WAN ROAD BETWEEN WING PING STREET AND SUN YIP STREET INCLUDING YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN FERRY CONCOURSE AND CHAI WAN RECLAMATION CLASS II LICENCED AREA.

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LAND ADVISER RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS SERVICE

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THE LANDS ADVISER OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, MR IVOR STANTON, IS RETIRING AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, MR DAVID MCDONALD, SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, TODAY PRESENTED HIM WITH A SOUVENIR - A TAI PING CARPET - ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE BRANCH AND THE FORMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR MCDONALD RECALLED THAT MR STANTON JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1952 AS AN ESTATE SURVEYOR.

HAVING BECOME A SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR IN 1960, HE WAS PROMOTED TO WHAT WAS THEN CALLED ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CROWN LANDS IN 1963. HIS TITLE WAS CHANGED TO GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT IN 1970. HE BECAME PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT IN 1972 AND DIRECTOR OF LANDS AND SURVEY IN AUGUST 1974.

FOUR YEARS AGO, MR STANTON'S TITLE WAS CHANGED TO DIRECTOR OF LANDS, SURVEY AND TOWN PLANNING.

MR MCDONALD SAID, +WITH REORGANISATION AND DEFEDERALISATION OF THE FORMER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE CREATION OF A NEW LANDS DEPARTMENT WITH TERRITORY-WIDE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LAND, SURVEY AND TOWN PLANNING, AND IN VIEW OF MR STANTON'S IMMINENT RETIREMENT, HE BECAME, FROM APRIL 1 OF THIS YEAR, LANDS ADVISER IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.+

DEALING WITH LAND ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT A GLAMOROUS FIELD, HE SAID.

+AN ARCHITECT OR ENGINEER MAY BE ABLE TO POINT TO A RANGE OF IMPORTANT BUILDINGS, HIGHWAY NETWORKS, BRIDGES OR DAMS FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE AND WHICH ARE THERE FOR ALL TO SEE AND HOPEFULLY ADMIRE,+ MR MCDONALD ADDED.

+BUT LAND ADMINISTRATION, THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OF LAND, AND THE PLANNING OF ITS USE, ALTHOUGH LARGELY UNNOTICED BY THE PUBLIC ARE ESSENTIAL BASES FOR ALL FORMS OF CONSTRUCTION AND IT IS IN THESE FIELDS THAT MR STANTON'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN HONG KONG ARE TO BE FOUND.

+HE HAS, OF COURSE, SEEN OVER THE YEARS AN ALMOST INCREDIBLE INCREASE IN THE PRICES BID FOR LAND AT AUCTION BUT WOULD BE THE FIRST TO POINT OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT THE RESULT OF ANY DELIBERATE HIGH LAND PRICE POLICY NOR OF THE CREATION OF ARTIFICIAL SHORTAGE OF LAND,, AS SOME DEVELOPERS HAVE SUGGESTED.

/+THE PRICES

+THE PRICES WERE THOSE WHICH DEVELOPERS THEMSELVES WERE WILLING TO OFFER AND ARE AN INDICATION OF THE PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG AND OF ITS DEVELOPMENT, TO WHICH MR STANTON HAS IN HIS OWN FIELD CONTRIBUTED.+

MR MCDONALD SAID THAT OUTSIDE HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES, MR STANTON HAD BEEN VERY MUCH AN OUTDOOR MAN.

IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS HE WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC AND CAPABLE CRICKETER AND HIS NAME IS INSCRIBED IN GOLD LETTERS ON AN HONOURS BOARD IN THE HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB, FIRST AS THE TOP BATSMAN FOR THE YEARS 1952-53, AND 1954-55 AND LATER, IN 1958-59, FOR HAVING TAKEN 40 WICKETS FOR 304 RUNS, AN AVERAGE OF 7.6 PER WICKET, AN ACHIEVEMENT WHICH HAS ONLY BEEN BEATEN TWICE IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY.

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'MASTER MIND' COMPETITION
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO NOMINATE PUPILS TO TAKE PART IN A 'MASTER MIND' COMPETITION TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTIONS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND A TOY COMPANY, WILL BE OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 4 TO FORM 7. EACH SCHOOL CAN NOMINATE TWO STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE PRELIMINARY COMPETITION TO BE HELD FROM JULY 10 TO 12.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO DIVISIONS TO CATER FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS.

THE TOP 100 COMPETITORS OF EACH DIVISION CAN TAKE PART IN THE FINAL COMPETITION AT A LATER DATE. THE CHAMPION OF EACH DIVISION WILL BE GIVEN A BOOK COUPON WORTH \$1 000 WHILE HIS SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE ANOTHER BOOK COUPON WORTH \$2 500. THE FIRST TO THIRD RUNNERS-UP AND THEIR SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE SIMILAR PRIZES.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AT 8 YUN PING ROAD, CAROLINE MANSION, 4/F, CAUSEWAY BAY ON OR BEFORE JUNE 10. ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COMPETITION CAN BE MADE ON 5-779007.

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VOLUNTEERS INVITED FOR PROBATION WORK SCHEME
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN ITS +HELP PROBATIONERS+ SCHEME INTRODUCED IN 1976.

THE VOLUNTEERS WILL WORK WITH PROBATION OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO COUNSEL PROBATIONERS AND HELP THEM REFORM.

ANYONE AGED 21 YEARS OR ABOVE, WITH A SECONDARY EDUCATION, A MATURE AND SOCIABLE PERSONALITY, AND A DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS, MAY APPLY.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME IN CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, SEVENTH FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT VARIOUS PROBATION OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

+VOLUNTEERS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY IN WIDENING PROBATIONERS' SPECIAL CONTACTS AND IN HELPING REINTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY,+ THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SCHEME, MR PETER LIN, SAID.

APART FROM BEING THEIR FRIENDS, HE SAID, VOLUNTEERS MAY HELP PROBATIONERS DEVELOP MEANINGFUL HOBBIES AND HABITS, CULTIVATE HEALTHY PURSUITS, FIND JOBS AND PROVIDE TUITION FOR THEM.

+ON THE TOP OF THESE,+ MR LIN ADDED, +THE PARTICIPATION OF VOLUNTEERS AND THE MORAL SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE PROBATIONERS WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TO THEM IN LEADING A NEW LIFE AGAIN.+

VOLUNTEERS JOINING THE SCHEME WILL BE GIVEN BRIEFINGS ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PROBATION WORK.

ARRANGEMENTS WILL THEN BE MADE TO MATCH THEM WITH PROBATIONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR AREAS OF INTEREST AND ABILITY.

EACH ASSIGNMENT NORMALLY LAST SIX MONTHS UNDER THE CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE PROBATION OFFICER HANDLING THE CASE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE WITH MR LIN ON TELEPHONE NO. 5-7955612.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 40.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 232.164 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 182 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 217.346 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 37.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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