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PRINCE CHARLES ENDS VISIT TO HONG KONG

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES TODAY (TUESDAY) ENDED HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG --- A CITY HE DESCRIBED AS +AMAZING, BUSTLING AND FLOURISHING.+

BEFORE HE LEFT, PRINCE CHARLES THANKED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR MAKING HIS PROGRAMME A MOST MEMORABLE ONE.

PRINCE CHARLES FLEW OUT ON BOARD AN RAF VC-10 WITH AN ENTOURAGE OF NINE OFFICIALS AND STAFF AT NOON FOR SINGAPORE, THE SECOND LEG OF HIS ROUND-THE-WORLD TOUR, WHICH WILL TAKE HIM TO AUSTRALIA AND CANADA.

AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO SEE HIM OFF WERE THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE- THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER- THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, SIR ROY REDGRAVE- SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN- SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG- THE SINGAPORE COMMISSIONER, MR. LIM KIM-KUAY- AND GENERAL SIR EDWIN BRAMALL.

BEFORE HE WOUND UP HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG, PRINCE CHARLES TOURED A TOY FACTORY IN SAN PO KONG, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

THROUGHOUT HIS FOUR-DAY PROGRAMME, WHICH BEGAN LAST SATURDAY, PRINCE CHARLES SAW HOW HONG KONG IS TACKLING THE HOUSING PROBLEM AND THE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS CLEARLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT HE SAW AND ONE OF HIS PARTING MESSAGES WAS THAT HE WILL CERTAINLY REMEMBER HIS VISIT HERE FOR A VERY LONG TIME TO COME.

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WORKERS GIVE HRH THUNDEROUS WELCOME

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THOUSANDS OF HONG KONG'S YOUNG FACTORY WORKFORCE GAVE HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES A THUNDEROUS WELCOME WHEN HE VISITED A FACTORY IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA OF SAN PO KONG TODAY (TUESDAY).

THEY WERE LINED FOUR-DEEP ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROUTE THE ROYAL MOTORCADE TOOK TO AND FROM THE VISIT OF SUN CHUNG PRECISION METAL INDUSTRY LTD., A MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRONIC TOYS AND TELESCOPIC ROD ANTENNAS.

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THE YOUNG FACTORY WORKERS ALSO PACKED ALL VANTAGE POINTS -- BALCONIES, WINDOWS AND ROOFS OF THE FACTORIES IN THE AREA.

AND THE PRINCE CONSTANTLY ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR CHEERS.

DURING HIS VISIT PRINCE CHARLES WAS SHOWN OVER SEVERAL FLOORS OF THE FACTORY.

THE PRINCE'S PARTY, WHICH INCLUDED THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DAVID JORDAN, WAS SHOWN OVER THE FACTORY BY THE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER, MR. YEUNG DOR.

PRINCE CHARLES STOPPED TO TALK TO WORKERS AND SHOWED INTEREST IN THEIR WORK AND THE ITEMS THEY PRODUCE.

WHILE WALKING ROUND THE FACTORY, THE ROYAL VISITOR WAS TOLD HOW THE FACTORY HAD GROWN IN LESS THAN 20 YEARS FROM A SMALL SIDE-STREET WORKSHOP PRODUCING RADIO PARTS TO A SUCCESSFUL EXPORTER OF SOPHISTICATED RADIO-CONTROLLED TOYS AND RADIO AERIALS.

SUN CHUNG HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A LEADING LOCAL MANUFACTURER OF TELESCOPIC RADIO AERIALS -- FROM 10,000 A MONTH 18 YEARS AGO IT NOW PRODUCES NEARLY A MILLION AERIALS A MONTH, HALF OF WHICH ARE EXPORTED.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT CHINA

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT CHINA FROM MARCH 24 TO APRIL 4 AT THE INVITATION OF MR. LI QIANG, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

SIR MURRAY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND LADY KAN, AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, DR. D.C. WILSON AND MRS. WILSON.

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YEAR BOOK SPOTLIGHTS PROGRESS ON NEW TOWNS
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THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW URBAN CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY HOUSE MORE THAN TWO MILLION PEOPLE, IS HAILED IN THE NEW HONG KONG YEAR BOOK AS +ONE OF THE BIGGEST SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG.+

THE THREE MAJOR NEW TOWNS --- TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN --- ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE REVIEW CHAPTER OF THE BOOK PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY).

HONG KONG 1979, COSTING \$18 AND AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS, IS BEING SOLD AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL-CITY DISTRICT OFFICES- NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT LEADING BOOKSHOPS.

THE BOOK DESCRIBES THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AS INDICATIVE OF THE TERRITORY'S +TREMENDOUS PROGRESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENT.+

+THE GOVERNMENT'S AMBITIOUS PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME AIMS AT PROVIDING BY THE MID-1980S ENOUGH PERMANENT, SELF-CONTAINED HOMES, WITH GOOD AMENITIES AND IN A REASONABLE ENVIRONMENT, FOR EVERY ELIGIBLE FAMILY AT PRESENT UNSATISFACTORILY HOUSED IN HONG KONG,+ THE YEAR BOOK SAYS.

+NOWHERE HAS SUCH A PROGRAMME PROCEEDED ON SO GREAT A SCALE OR WITH SUCH SPEED. RARELY, TOO, HAVE THE ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS BEEN SO CHALLENGING.+

THE BOOK POINTS OUT THAT IN MOST COUNTRIES A NEW TOWN WILL BE PLANNED TO ACCOMMODATE FROM 50,000 TO 100,000 PEOPLE, AND PHASES WILL BE SCHEDULED OVER A PERIOD OF 30 YEARS OR MORE.

+BUT IN HONG KONG MANY PEOPLE NEED BETTER HOMES IN A SHORTER TIME AND THE NEW TOWNS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN LESS THAN A DECADE, ARE TO HOUSE TWO MILLION PEOPLE,+ IT SAYS.

THE THREE MAJOR NEW TOWNS, AS WELL AS THE SMALLER CENTRES OF TAI PO, FANLING-SHEUNG SHUI-SHEK WU HUI AND YUEN LONG, ARE BEING DEVELOPED AS INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES PROVIDING A FULL RANGE OF FACILITIES AS WELL AS HOUSING.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EACH MONTH ARE EXCHANGING THEIR FORMER HOMES --- IN OLDER RESETTLEMENT BLOCKS, TENEMENTS AND SQUATTER AREAS --- FOR CONTEMPORARY FLATS IN THE NEW ESTATES.

+MULTI-STOREY HOUSING BLOCKS ARE INEVITABLE BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS BUT THEY ARE OF A FAR BETTER DESIGN THAN EARLIER HOUSING ESTATES,+ THE YEAR BOOK SAYS.

/+WITH HONG KONG'S....

+WITH HONG KONG'S RISING STANDARD OF LIVING AND PEOPLE'S INCREASED EXPECTATIONS, THE FLATS ARE DESIGNED TO FULFIL THE REQUIREMENTS OF A MORE DEMANDING GENERATION.

+DENSITY IS ABOUT 2,470 PEOPLE TO ONE HECTARE COMPARED WITH UP TO 7,000 PEOPLE TO THE HECTARE IN THE OLDER ESTATES IN THE URBAN AREAS.+

WHILE GIVING TOP PRIORITY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWNS, THE GOVERNMENT IS MAINTAINING A RURAL BALANCE, ENSURING THAT PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR FARMING TO HELP SUPPLY SOME OF HONG KONG'S DAILY MARKET NEEDS.

LARGE EXPANSES OF COUNTRYSIDE HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY PARKS WHERE PEOPLE CAN ENJOY THE TRANQUILLITY AND BEAUTY OF NATURAL SURROUNDINGS.

IN THE NEW TOWNS THEMSELVES, SPECIAL EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON LANDSCAPING TO GIVE STREETS, SQUARES AND RIVER BANKS A PLEASING APPEARANCE. THERE ARE SPORTSGROUNDS FOR THE YOUNG AND ENERGETIC, AND OPEN SPACES FOR STROLLING UNDER THE TREES OR PICNICKING ON THE GRASS.

+DURING THE PLANNING OF THE NEW TOWNS, MUCH THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO THE QUESTION OF TRANSPORT,+ THE YEAR BOOK SAYS.

+THE CENTRES ARE BEING LINKED WITH OTHER REGIONS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND BY A MODERN ROAD NETWORK ON WHICH MUCH PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE.

+DOUBLE-TRACKING AND ELECTRIFICATION IS PROCEEDING ON THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AND THE TSUEN WAN EXTENSION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WILL BE OPERATING BY THE END OF 1982.

+GREATER USE OF BICYCLES IS BEING ENCOURAGED, WITH SPECIAL PATHS BOTH FOR RECREATION AND GOING TO WORK AT THE LOCAL FACTORY OR OFFICE.+

THE YEAR BOOK EXPLAINS THAT, AS THE BUILDING OF THE NEW TOWNS PROCEEDS, CARE IS BEING EXERCISED TO ENSURE THAT THE CENTRES ARE CO-ORDINATED UNITS, NOT ONLY PROVIDING HOUSING BUT OTHER NECESSARY AMENITIES AT THE SAME TIME.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW CENTRES HAS ALSO VARIED ACCORDING TO EACH AREA'S HISTORY AND PREVIOUS GROWTH PATTERNS. IN BUILDING THE NEW, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE MOST WORTHWHILE FEATURES OF THE OLD WERE PRESERVED. CONSEQUENTLY, THESE AREAS WILL NOT LOSE THEIR TRADITIONAL WALLED VILLAGES, PEACEFUL TEMPLES AND QUIET PATHWAYS AMONG WOODED HILLS.

+THE NEW TOWN SCHEME HAS SEVERAL OBJECTIVES,+ HONG KONG 1979 SAYS.

+IT WILL HELP SOLVE THE HOUSING PROBLEM- ATTRACT INDUSTRY TO NEW AREAS- AND ALLEVIATE HONG KONG'S GENERAL PROBLEMS OF CONGESTION BY DIFFUSING THE PRESSURES OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

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+ITS IMPLEMENTATION IS BEING TACKLED WITH THE SAME VIGOUR AND ENTERPRISE THAT HAVE BEEN FEATURES OF HONG KONG'S REMARKABLE GROWTH.+

HONG KONG 1979 WAS PRODUCED IN ENGLISH BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, TRANSLATED BY THE CHINESE LANGUAGE DIVISION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER.

CONTAINING THOUSANDS OF THE LATEST FACTS, FIGURES AND STATISTICS, THE BOOK PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG, AND IS EXTENSIVELY ILLUSTRATED WITH 80 COLOUR PLATES.

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WARNING ON BOGUS LABOUR OFFICERS
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) WARNED FACTORY PROPRIETORS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST BOGUS LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED A COMPLAINT FROM A FACTORY PROPRIETOR WHO WAS APPROACHED FOR MONEY FOR A DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION BY PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

HE STRESSED THAT ALL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WERE FREE AND, FROM TIME TO TIME, THE DEPARTMENT PUBLISHED PAMPHLETS ON LABOUR LEGISLATIONS, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WHICH WERE ALSO AVAILABLE FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

HE REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS THAT ALL LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CARRY WITH THEM GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS AND WARRANTS WHICH SHOWED THE PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME OF THE HOLDER.

MEMBERS OF THE FACTORY AND LABOUR INSPECTORATE ARE INSTRUCTED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANTS WHEN VISITING FACTORIES, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED FACTORY PROPRIETORS TO CHECK ON THE IDENTITY OF VISITORS CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND, IF IN ANY DOUBT, TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION.

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SEMINAR FOR M.A.C. OFFICIALS IN TSUEN WAN
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MORE THAN 200 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OFFICIALS IN TSUEN WAN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND A FOUR-DAY SEMINAR AT THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SEMINAR, THE FIRST STAGED IN THE DISTRICT, IS ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE NEW TOWN.

IT WILL BE JOINTLY OPENED BY TSUEN WAN'S DISTRICT OFFICER (TOWN MANAGEMENT), MR. DAVID TSUI AND A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, MR. CHOI YUK-WAH.

THE LIAISON OFFICER (MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE) OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. CHOW KIM-MING, WHO IS ALSO THE SEMINAR ORGANISER, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY):

+THERE ARE AT PRESENT 370 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN TSUEN WAN.

+THEY SERVE MORE THAN 400,000 PEOPLE WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN.+

THE FOUR-DAY SEMINAR FEATURES TALKS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE ACCOUNTING, FIRE PREVENTION, SECURITY MEASURE, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, ACTIVITY ORGANISATION, AND WORK OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR AT THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AT HOI PAK STREET, TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 8 P.M.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT MR. HO LEUNG OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE ON ARRIVAL.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE-COURSE

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO THE SHA TIN RACE-COURSE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THESE NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 5.28 P.M., 6.04 P.M. AND 6.52 P.M.

THERE WILL BE FOUR SPECIAL TRAINS ON THE RETURN JOURNEY TO CONVEY PASSENGERS BACK FROM THE RACE-COURSE STATION TO KOWLOON STATION.

KCR WILL ALSO RE-ROUTE ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE-COURSE STATION AT 9.11 P.M. AND 9.53 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

THE RUNNING TIME OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS IS 20 MINUTES AND THEIR TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

A KCR SPOKESMAN TODAY (TUESDAY) ENCOURAGED THOSE GOING BY PRIVATE CARS TO MAKE USE OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK ABOVE THE KOWLOON STATION.

HE ALSO SAID THAT APART FROM SEVERAL BUS CONNECTING ROUTES, THERE ARE FERRY SERVICES OPERATING BETWEEN CENTRAL, WAN CHAI AND NORTH POINT AND THE HUNG HOM PIER WHICH IS A FEW MINUTES WALK FROM THE STATION TERMINAL.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAIN SERVICES HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY AMENDED. THE REVISED TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAINS OPERATING BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 11 P.M. ARE:

FROM KOWLOON STATION : 5 P.M., 5.42 P.M., 6.25 P.M., 7 P.M.,
7.30 P.M., 8.12 P.M., 9 P.M. AND
10.30 P.M.

FROM LO WU STATION : 4.29 P.M., 5.26 P.M., 6.26 P.M.,
7.11 P.M., 8.15 P.M. AND 9.02 P.M.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HAPPY VALLEY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN HAPPY VALLEY FOR TWO NIGHTS ON THURSDAY (MARCH 8) AND FRIDAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

FROM 8 P.M. THURSDAY TO 5 A.M. THE NEXT DAY AND FROM 8 P.M. ON FRIDAY TO MIDNIGHT THE SAME DAY THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE :-

- * THE WESTBOUND BUS ONLY LANE IN LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, BUT WESTBOUND BUSES WILL BE DIVERTED INTO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD-
- * THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN CANAL ROAD EAST AND MORRISON HILL ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM MORRISON HILL ROAD TO LEIGHTON ROAD-
- * THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN CANAL ROAD EAST AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST TO LEIGHTON ROAD- AND
- * ALL TRAFFIC FROM CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE DIVERTED INTO WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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