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SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND 1982 ALLOCATION
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GRANTS TOTALLING \$9.2 MILLION FROM THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND HAVE BEEN MADE RECENTLY TO 72 CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 99.5 PER CENT OVER THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF GRANTS MADE DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY MR GEOFFREY BARNES, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNOR ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE.

THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CHARITABLE TRUSTS IN HONG KONG. IT WAS ESTABLISHED BY A BEQUEST OF \$500 000 BY THE LATE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG ON HIS DEATH IN 1956. THE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONGKONG BANK TRUSTEE LTD.

MR BARNES SAID THAT MAJOR GRANTS THIS YEAR INCLUDED \$1 449 000 TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, THE BULK OF WHICH IS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT AT WONG TAI SIN INFIRMARY.

THE WEST CHINA EVANGELISTIC BAND OLD PEOPLE'S HOME INC. WAS GRANTED \$1 100 000 TO MEET PART OF THE CAPITAL COSTS FOR SETTING UP A NEW CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR 40 OLD PEOPLE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY INFIRM.

AN ALLOCATION OF \$703 100 WAS MADE TO OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL TO PURCHASE AN ULTRASONIC SCANNER AND OTHER ITEMS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

A SUM OF \$571 300 WAS GIVEN TO THE PO LEUNG KUK, MAINLY TO RENOVATE AND TO EQUIP ITS NURSERY.

A SUM OF \$414 100 WAS GIVEN TO PROVIDE MILK FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN 43 SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND TO ALLOW THEM TO GO ON OUTINGS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS.

ANOTHER \$391 600 WAS GIVEN TO THE EVANGEL HOSPITAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF OXYGEN, COMPRESSED AIR AND VACUUM OUTLETS AND THE INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR ITS MILK KITCHEN.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$371 500 TO PURCHASE VARIOUS ITEMS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, THE LARGER ONES BEING TWO UNITS OF RESPIRATORS AND CARDIAC MONITORS. IN ADDITION, \$337 200 WAS DONATED TO THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE FOR THE REPAIR AND REPROVISIONING OF TWO LIFTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A BIOLOGICAL SAFETY CABINET FOR ITS CLINICAL PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

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THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL WAS GIVEN A SUM OF \$299 900 TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF RESPIRATORY DISEASES.

A DONATION OF \$294 000 WAS GIVEN TO THE HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY TO ACQUIRE A 14-SEATER LIGHT BUS AND TO INSTALL A 'MONOTRACK' CUBICLE TRACK SYSTEM TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SPACE AND PRIVACY FOR PATIENTS UNDER EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT.

THE SPASTICS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$227 300 OF WHICH \$90 000 WILL BE USED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SIX SETS OF HALF-HOUR VIDEO TAPES ILLUSTRATING DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF TRAINING WHICH PARENTS CAN PROVIDE TO THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN. THE REMAINDER IS FOR PURCHASING VARIOUS ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.

THE HONG KONG TUBERCULOSIS CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION WAS DONATED \$221 300, OF WHICH \$145 000 WILL BE USED TO ACQUIRE A BICHROMATIC CHEMISTRY ANALYSER.

ANOTHER \$217 600 WAS GIVEN TO THE CARITAS -- HONG KONG TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR ITS NURSERIES, SOCIAL CENTRES, DENTAL CLINIC AND CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE SALVATION ARMY WAS GIVEN \$215 400 TO ORGANISE SERVICE PROJECTS, AND TO PURCHASE TOYS AND EQUIPMENT FOR ITS NURSERIES/ YOUTH CENTRES, HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, ETC. IN ADDITION, A SUBSIDY OF \$205 100 WAS GRANTED TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS TO PROMOTE ITS DONOR RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN AND TO BUY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR ITS SCHOOLS.

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BUSY BUSINESS YEAR FOR HK

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A TOTAL OF 14 850 NEW COMPANIES WERE INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1982, 312 LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S RECORD OF 15 162, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THEIR AGGREGATE NOMINAL CAPITAL WAS ABOUT \$4.67 BILLION, COMPARED WITH ABOUT \$5.09 BILLION FOR THE COMPANIES WITH SHARE CAPITAL INCORPORATED IN FISCAL 1980-81.

MOST OF THEM, TOTALLING 6 607, HAD NOMINAL CAPITAL FROM \$10 000 TO \$50 000 WHILE 74 OF THEM HAD NOMINAL CAPITAL OF \$10 MILLION AND ABOVE.

IN THE PRECEDING YEAR, THERE WERE 6 738 AND 80 COMPANIES IN THESE TWO CAPITAL RANGES.

BUT THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT MANY COMPANIES WERE INCORPORATED WITH LOW CAPITAL PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

DURING THE YEAR 840 COMPANIES WERE DISSOLVED, LEAVING 99 149 COMPANIES ON THE GOVERNMENT REGISTER.

THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN-INCORPORATED COMPANIES WITH BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG ROSE BY 141 TO 1 574, COVERING 56 COUNTRIES.

THE UNITED STATES LED WITH 365 COMPANIES, FOLLOWED BY BRITAIN WITH 219, JAPAN WITH 171, AUSTRALIA WITH 111 AND SINGAPORE WITH 95.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOREIGN COMPANIES RANGED FROM MANUFACTURING, BANKING AND INSURANCE TO HOTEL OPERATIONS, IMPORT AND EXPORT, PUBLISHING AND SHIPPING.

DURING THE YEAR, A RECORD NUMBER OF 6 166 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARKS, 469 MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS RECORD TOTAL OF 5 697 IN 1980-81.

HONG KONG LED WITH 701 APPLICATIONS, FOLLOWED BY THE UNITED STATES WITH 677, JAPAN WITH 300 AND BRITAIN WITH 289.

IN ALL 2 920 TRADE MARKS WERE REGISTERED AND 2 473 RENEWED, BRINGING THE TOTAL ON THE REGISTER TO 37 843.

FEES COLLECTED BY THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY EXCEEDED \$4 MILLION DURING THE YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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LOCAL INVOLVEMENT IN VILLAGE CLEANSING
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THE PRESENT PILOT SCHEME FOR CONTRACTING OUT CLEANSING SERVICES TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT FOUR VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES LAUNCHED IN MAY HAS INITIALLY PROVED SUCCESSFUL.

FOR THIS REASON, THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED FOR 14 MORE MONTHS TO ESTABLISH WHETHER IT SHOULD BE CONTINUED ON A LONGER TERM.

TO BROADEN THE BASE OF THE EXPERIMENT WHICH AIMS AT ENCOURAGING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE CLEANSING SERVICES AT THEIR OWN PLACES OF RESIDENCE, THE ARRANGEMENT WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED TO TWO OR FOUR MORE VILLAGES STARTING FROM APRIL NEXT YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

AT PRESENT THE NTSD HAS ENTERED INTO AGREEMENTS, TOTALLING \$475 000, WITH LOCAL BODIES AT WANG TOI SHAN IN YUEN LONG, LUNG KWU TAN IN TUEN MUN AND TAI PO TSAI AND HANG HAU IN SAI KUNG. THE EXISTING CONTRACTS WILL EXPIRE TOWARDS THE END OF JANUARY.

UNDER THE AGREEMENTS, THE RURAL ORGANISATIONS WILL CARRY OUT THE NORMAL CLEANSING DUTIES OF THE NTSD STAFF.

THESE INCLUDE DAILY SWEEPING OF ROADS, PATHS AND PUBLIC AREAS, EMPTYING LITTER CONTAINERS, CLEANSING PUBLIC TOILETS, CLEARING RUBBISH COLLECTION POINTS AND BIN SITES.

THE RURAL BODIES ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING BEACHES, OPEN DITCHES, SURFACE CHANNELS, NULLAHS, STREAMS AND RIVERS FREE OF RUBBISH.

TO ENSURE THAT THE STANDARDS OF CLEANLINESS ARE MAINTAINED, THE VILLAGES ARE BEING INSPECTED REGULARLY BY NTSD STAFF.

AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT TEAM IS ALSO MONITORING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACTORS BY INSPECTING THE VILLAGES MONTHLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TEAM CONSISTS OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNED AND OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NTSD.

THE NTSD IS NOW NEGOTIATING WITH LOCAL BODIES TO EXTEND THE EXISTING AGREEMENTS ON VILLAGE CLEANSING FOR ANOTHER TWO MONTHS STARTING IN FEBRUARY.

NEW CONTRACTS FOR THE EXISTING FOUR VILLAGES AND OTHER VILLAGES TO BE SELECTED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1983-84 WILL BE AWARDED TO LOCAL BODIES AT A LATER DATE.

THE NEW PACKAGE OF CONTRACTING OUT VILLAGE CLEANSING WILL COST ABOUT \$1.1 MILLION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MP TO VISIT HONG KONG
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MR PETER BOTTOMLEY, CONSERVATIVE MP FOR WOOLWICH WEST, WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM DECEMBER 29 TO JANUARY 6 AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, MR BOTTOMLEY WILL MEET THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF UMELCO, URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS.

HE WILL TOUR THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SEE THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWNS, INCLUDING PUBLIC HOUSING AND MEET WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

MR BOTTOMLEY MADE A PRIVATE VISIT TO HONG KONG IN 1981.

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NEW RESERVOIR IN SHEUNG SHUI
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 28 000-CUBIC-METRE SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TABLE HILL, SHEUNG SHUI, AND THE LAYING OF ABOUT 750 METRES OF 800-MM DIAMETER PUMPING MAINS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AT PRESENT WATER SUPPLY TO THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS FROM THE TREATMENT WORKS AT TAI PO TAU.

HE SAID THAT, HOWEVER, WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FROM CURRENT AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA, IT WAS NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT THE NEW SCHEME AT SHEUNG SHUI.

THE SCHEME, WHICH WILL AUGMENT THE EXISTING SUPPLY SYSTEM, WILL COMPRISE A TREATMENT PLANT AND PUMPING STATION AT ORB HILL, A SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TABLE HILL AND ASSOCIATED PIPE LINES.

THE RESERVOIR WILL BE COVERED AND BE OF REINFORCED CONCRETE. THE ROOF WILL BE TOPPED OFF WITH SOIL AND GRASS AND THE RESERVOIR SITE WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 20 MONTHS.

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SWIMMERS PRAISED FOR KEEPING FIT
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SWIMMING IS AN IDEAL WAY FOR EVERYONE TO KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY IRRESPECTIVE OF AGE, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 9TH HONG KONG WINTER LONG DISTANCE SWIM AT APPROACH BAY, TSUEN WAN, MR HEYWOOD SAID IT WAS A PLEASURE FOR HIM TO SEE A GROUP OF ENTHUSIASTS MAKING THE BEST OF THE NATURAL RECREATION FACILITIES BY SWIMMING.

THE LONG DISTANCE SWIM ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION IS HELD ANNUALLY IN DECEMBER.

MORE THAN 400 SWIMMERS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S SWIMMING COURSE WHICH COVERED ABOUT 1 000 METRES FROM THE TING KAU BEACH TO APPROACH BEACH.

+I CAN SEE FROM THE VIGOROUS AND ENTHUSIASTIC WAY YOU HAVE ALL TACKLED THIS SWIM THAT YOU WOULD NOT HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IF YOU HAD BEEN ASKED TO TURN AROUND AND SWIM ANOTHER 1 000 METRES BACK TO TING KAU,+ MR HEYWOOD SAID.

+IT BECOMES QUITE AN EFFORT FOR URBAN DWELLERS TO ESCAPE FROM OUR HIGH RISE ENVIRONMENT AND GET OUT INTO THE FRESH AIR OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE WEATHER IS AN ADDED EXCUSE FOR STAYING INDOORS.

+I HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT MANY YOUNGSTERS IN HONG KONG WILL HEAR OF YOUR ACTIVITIES, WILL LEARN FROM YOUR EXCELLENT EXAMPLE, AND JOIN YOU AND YOUR CLUB IN WINTER SWIMMING,+ MR HEYWOOD ADDED.

HE CONGRATULATED THE WINNERS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OTHERS WOULD KEEP SWIMMING AND RETURN AGAIN NEXT YEAR FOR ANOTHER TRY.

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BISHOP VISITS RECEPTION CENTRE
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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE RIGHT REV JOHN BAPTIST WU, TODAY (SUNDAY) VISITED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE TO WISH THE INMATES A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRISONS CHAPLAINS FATHER STEPHEN EDMONDS AND FATHER SEAN P. BURKE.

BISHOP WU TOURED THE CENTRE AND WAS BRIEFED BY THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE, MR CHOW SAI-WING ON THE PROGRAMMES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED THERE. HE ALSO TALKED TO SOME OF THE INMATES.

THE BISHOP VISITS ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTIONS AT CHRISTMAS EVERY YEAR.

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OPEN-AIR CONCERT FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS

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ABOUT 5 000 LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FIRST SOUTHERN DISTRICT OPEN-AIR YOUTH CONCERT ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 30) EVENING AT THE SOCCER PITCH BEHIND THE ABERDEEN INDOOR GAMES HALL, WONG CHUK HANG.

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE JAZZ ENSEMBLE, GUITAR ENSEMBLE, BRASS QUINTET, AND MODERN AND FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCES BY TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS.

THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR PROGRAMME, STARTING AT 7.30 PM, WILL ALSO INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR PROFESSIONAL SINGERS.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CONCERT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, URBAN COUNCIL AND MUSIC OFFICE TO PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL YOUTHS AND STUDENTS.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, AND THE MUSIC OFFICE ON THE 9TH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, WAN CHAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TEMPORARY MARKET PROJECT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RENOVATION AND EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY MARKET AT THE JUNCTION OF TAK WAH STREET AND YAN CHAI STREET IN TSUEN WAN.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF AN ACCESS ROAD, CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND PROVISION FOR 24 COOKED FOOD STALLS.

THE TEMPORARY MARKET WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR HAWKERS CURRENTLY TRADING IN THE YEUNG UK ROAD MARKET AREA WHO WILL BE DISPLACED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PERMANENT YEUNG UK ROAD MARKET.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WAI YIP STREET FLYOVER

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THE SOUTHBOUND LANE OF WAI YIP STREET FLYOVER NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (DECEMBER 29 AND 30).

THE CLOSURE IS TO ALLOW FOR ROAD WORKS, DURING WHICH TRAFFIC FROM KOWLOON CITY AND SAN PO KONG HEADING FOR TELFORD GARDENS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD AND LAI YIP STREET.

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