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AM RADIO SERVICE TO OPERATE ON NEW FREQUENCIES

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HONG KONG'S AM (MEDIUM WAVEBAND) RADIO BROADCASTING SERVICES WILL OPERATE ON A NEW SET OF FREQUENCIES FROM NOVEMBER 23 IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT REACHED AT AN INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU) CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY SAID THE NEW FREQUENCIES ALLOCATED TO HONG KONG ARE WITHIN THE TUNING BAND OF ALL RADIO SETS DESIGNED TO RECEIVE MEDIUM-WAVE BROADCASTS. IN FACT, LISTENERS WILL FIND MOST OF THE NEW POSITIONS ON THEIR RECEIVER DIALS QUITE CLOSE TO THE PRESENT ONES AND IN THE SAME ORDER.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE CHANGES WILL NOT AFFECT THE FM RADIO AND TV BROADCASTING FREQUENCIES.

THE FREQUENCY CHANGES TO BE INTRODUCED ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

<u>STATION</u>	<u>LANGUAGE</u>	<u>OLD FREQUENCY</u>	<u>NEW FREQUENCY/WAVELENGTH</u>
RTHK 3	ENGLISH	545 KHZ	567 KHZ/529 METRES
COMMERCIAL RADIO 2	CHINESE	610 KHZ	675 KHZ/444 METRES
RTHK 1	CHINESE	640 KHZ	783 KHZ/383 METRES
COMMERCIAL RADIO 1	CHINESE	850 KHZ	864 KHZ/347 METRES
COMMERCIAL RADIO	ENGLISH	1050 KHZ	1044 KHZ/287 METRES

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE RE-ALLOCATION OF MEDIUM WAVE BROADCASTING FREQUENCIES IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF AM RECEPTION BY MINIMISING RADIO INTERFERENCE IN ASIA AND EUROPE. THE PLAN WAS WORKED OUT AT AN ITU CONFERENCE IN GENEVA IN LATE 1975 AND THE DELEGATES ALL AGREED TO IMPLEMENT IT ON NOVEMBER 23, 1978.+

+IN OTHER WORDS, ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 23, HONG KONG JUST AS OTHER TERRITORIES IN ASIA AND EUROPE WILL BE OPERATING ON THE NEW AM FREQUENCIES ALLOCATED TO THEM. IF ALL NATIONS REPRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT BETTER RADIO RECEPTION WILL RESULT.+

+HOWEVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN WARNED, +THERE ARE AT LEAST 40 OTHER STATIONS THROUGHOUT ASIA AND EUROPE USING THE SAME FREQUENCIES AS OURS. IF SOME OF THESE DO NOT CHANGE ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 23 WE MIGHT GET SOME INTERFERENCE. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE IRONED OUT IN THE FOLLOWING FEW WEEKS.+

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NEW WHOLESALE MARKETS FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN AND WESTERN RECLAMATION  
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NEW WHOLESALE MARKET COMPLEXES, ESTIMATED TO COST ALMOST \$300 MILLION, ARE BEING PLANNED FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN AND WESTERN RECLAMATION.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S COMPLEX FOR THE WHOLESALE MARKETING OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, FRESHWATER FISH, POULTRY AND EGGS IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$243 MILLION WHILE THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION COMPLEX FOR THE MARKETING OF MARINE FISH IS EXPECTED TO COST ABOUT \$43 MILLION.

THE NEW MARKETS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY 1984 AND WILL REPLACE EXISTING AND TEMPORARY MARKETS AT CHEUNG SHA WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN.

A FIRM OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM IS BEING COMMISSIONED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A NINE MONTH'S SURVEY INTO EXISTING WHOLESALE MARKETING PRACTICES AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MODERN MARKETING SYSTEMS TO BE UTILISED IN THE NEW COMPLEXES.

THE FIRM, MODERN MATERIALS MANAGEMENT LTD., WILL INCLUDE IN ITS REPORT TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS IN RELATION TO TRADING HOURS AS WELL AS ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS FOR MECHANISED HANDLING OF INCOMING CONSIGNMENTS BY SEA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. E.H. NICHOLS, AND THE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MODERN MATERIALS MANAGEMENT LTD., MR. K.E. BOOTH, WILL SIGN THE CONSULTANCY CONTRACT AT THE G.I.S. THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 11.30 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE SIGNING CEREMONY.

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GOVERNOR SHOWS KEEN INTEREST IN THE WORK OF SOCIAL WELFARE  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WAS THIS (MONDAY) MORNING GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES DURING HIS VISIT TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND TWO OF ITS DISTRICT OFFICES.

AFTER A BRIEFING BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS, THE GOVERNOR WENT ON AN INSPECTION TOUR AT THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY AND FAMILY SERVICES OFFICES AT CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING.

AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT, SIR MURRAY CHATTED WITH OLD PEOPLE APPLYING FOR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE, THE QUALIFYING AGE FOR WHICH HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED TO 70 FROM 75.

HEAD OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY DIVISION, MR. CHENG KWAN-KUEN, EXPLAINED THE PRESENT CASELOAD AT THAT OFFICE, COMPRISES ABOUT 820 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 5,000 WELFARE ALLOWANCE CASES AND 3,700 APPLICATIONS FOR THE OLD AGE ALLOWANCE. THE PEOPLE APPLYING FOR THE VARIOUS ALLOWANCES ARE BETWEEN 70 AND 74.

AT THE HONG KONG DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION, THE GOVERNOR ENQUIRED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO VARIOUS TYPES OF FAMILY SERVICES CASES.

SIR MURRAY WAS ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT THE VISIT BY MR. LEE= THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (GENERAL), MR. STEPHEN LAW= AND THE NEWLY-APPOINTED REGIONAL OFFICER, HONG KONG ISLAND, MR. KWOK KA-CHI.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE BLIND  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OPEN THE POKFULAM TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE BLIND AT 131 POKFULAM ROAD AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

SIR MURRAY WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE THREE-STORY BUILDING WHICH HOUSES THE TRAINING CENTRE FOR MENTALLY RETARDED BLIND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OPERATED BY THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND AND A VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE BLIND, RUN BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND.

PART OF THE BUILDING WILL BE USED AS DORMITORY FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED BLIND TRAINEES.

THE CENTRE WAS BUILT WITH DONATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND OTHER WELFARE FUNDS.

TWO COACHES HIRED BY THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND WILL BE LEAVING QUEEN'S PIER FOR THE POKFULAM TRAINING CENTRE AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO COVER ITS OPENING CAN MAKE USE OF THIS TRANSPORT FACILITY.

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SNT OPENS TUEN MUN FESTIVAL

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, THIS (MONDAY) EVENING DESCRIBED THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL AS A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN, AND FORECAST THAT IT WOULD BECOME A REGULAR EVENT IN THE LIFE OF THE TOWN AND THE HALF MILLION PEOPLE WHO WILL EVENTUALLY LIVE IN IT.

MR. AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL -- THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HIS REMARKS PRECEDED A LIVE TELECAST OF THE SPECTACULAR VARIETY SHOW ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1,000 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS -- AND WATCHED BY AN AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 2 MILLION PEOPLE ON THE POPULAR TVB PROGRAMME +ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT+.

BEFORE HE OFFICIALLY 'SWITCHED ON' THE NINE-DAY FESTIVAL, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID, THE FESTIVAL WAS ORGANISED WITH TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES. FIRSTLY, IT AIMS AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN CULTURE AND RECREATION TO PAVE THE WAY FOR OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF THE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SOON TO BE BUILT IN TUEN MUN.

SECONDLY, IT AIMS AT BUILDING UP THE COMMUNITY AND TO INSTILL A STRONGER SENSE OF BELONGING THROUGH THE INVOLVEMENT OF RESIDENTS IN ORGANISING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL.

+SEEING ALL THE PROGRAMMES PLANNED AND THE RESIDENTS' FAVOURABLE RESPONSE, I CAN SAY THAT THE OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED TO SATISFY EVEN THE HIGHEST EXPECTATION.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL BELONGS TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF TUEN MUN AND I AM SURE IT WILL BECOME A REGULAR EVENT IN THE LIFE OF THE TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

THE FESTIVAL OPENS UNTIL SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF DAILY ACTIVITIES COSTING MORE THAN \$200,000. THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$50,000 OF ITS FUNDS TO FINANCE THE FESTIVAL.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE A SERIES OF CONCERTS BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG UNITED CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BRASS BAND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DRAMA AND DANCING PERFORMANCES, A FILM SHOW AND FOOTBALL MATCHES AS WELL AS COMPETITIONS IN DRAMA, SINGING AND DANCING.

THE FESTIVAL WILL END WITH A GRAND CARNIVAL AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 12) TO BE OFFICIATED BY THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR. OSWALD CHEUNG.

EARLIER TODAY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR. LAU WONG-FAT JOINTLY OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FESTIVAL -- THE 'TUEN MUN ART EXHIBITION 78'. THE EXHIBITION FEATURES MORE THAN 200 EXHIBITS AND OPENS DAILY AT THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE UNTIL SATURDAY.

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MR. NEIL HENDERSON PRAISES LABOUR TRIBUNAL  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL WHEN HE VISITED ITS OFFICES IN MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI TODAY.

MR. HENDERSON SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRIBUNAL'S WORK WHICH COMPLEMENTED THE CONCILIATION SERVICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION ON A TRIAL BASIS IN 1973, THE TRIBUNAL'S CASE-LOAD HAS DOUBLED. IN THE FIRST YEAR, IT HEARD 1,106 CLAIMS BY 2,667 CLAIMANTS. IN 1977-78, THE FIGURE HAD RISEN TO 2,613 CLAIMS AND 4,499 CLAIMANTS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRIBUNAL HAD GROWN CORRESPONDINGLY AND IT NOW HAS FOUR PRESIDING OFFICERS.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR. HENDERSON MET THREE OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF AND ALSO ATTENDED THE HEARING OF A CASE.

THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL, A BRANCH OF THE JUDICIARY, IS INDEPENDENT AND PROVIDES A QUICK, INEXPENSIVE, INFORMAL MEANS OF SETTLING MONETARY CLAIMS ARISING FROM BREACHES OF CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT OR THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

PROCEEDINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE, TO SUIT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARTIES AND THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL REPRESENTATION BY EITHER SIDE.

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CHRISTMAS PICTORIAL AEROGRAMMES ON SALE SOON  
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CHRISTMAS PICTORIAL AEROGRAMMES WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

THE AEROGRAMME, WHICH SHOWS A JUNK UNDER FULL SAIL FRAMED WITHIN THE OUTLINE OF A CHURCH BELL SURROUNDED BY HOLLY, WILL COST 10 CENTS EACH. THE DESIGN WAS PRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT ARTISTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID IT IS A CONVENIENT WAY TO USE CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMMES TO SEND SEASONAL GREETINGS ABROAD.

+THEY COMBINE BOTH A PERSONAL LETTER AND A GREETING AND CAN BE SENT TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD AS FIRST CLASS AIRMAIL FOR ONLY 60 CENTS,+ HE SAID.

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TENDERS BEING INVITED TO OPERATE ADVERTISING  
SCHEME ON TRAIN AND AT HUNG HOM STATION  
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS INVITING TENDERS TO OPERATE AN ADVERTISING SCHEME THROUGH THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS IN HUNG HOM STATION AND ON ITS COACHES.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO OPERATE THE SCHEME FOR TWO YEARS FROM DECEMBER 15, 1978, AND BE PERMITTED TO BROADCAST ADVERTISEMENTS TEN MINUTES PER HOUR, EACH NOT EXCEEDING ONE MINUTE.

HE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING MUSIC THROUGH THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AT HUNG HOM STATION OUTSIDE THE COMMERCIAL TIME SLOT AND INSTALLING THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS ON COACHES FOR SAME PURPOSES.

EACH TENDERER IS REQUIRED TO DEPOSIT \$3,000 WITH THE TREASURY AS A PLEDGE OF THE BONA FIDES OF THEIR INTEREST. DEPOSITS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE UNSUCCESSFUL TENDERERS.

THE COMPLETED TENDER FORM ALONG WITH THE DEPOSIT RECEIPT MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES AND BE PLACED AT THE TENDER BOX AT THE MAIN GATE OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT OIL STREET, NORTH POINT BEFORE 9 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 15.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ABOUT THIS SCHEME ARE OBTAINABLE FROM KCR'S GENERAL OFFICE OF THE TRAFFIC DIVISION ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION.

THIS ADVERTISING SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED BY KCR TWO YEARS AGO TO MAKE FULL USE OF ITS PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AT HUNG HOM STATION WHICH IS ALSO USED TO BROADCAST ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT RAILWAY TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS INCLUDING THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES OF TRAIN AND SALE OF TICKETS.

THE ADVERTISING SCHEME FOR COACHES IS ALSO DESIGNED TO PROVIDE TRAIN PASSENGERS WITH SOFT BACKGROUND MUSIC OUTSIDE THE SPECIFIED COMMERCIAL TIME SLOTS.

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BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NOS. 6, 8, 10, 12 AND 14 LI SING STREET IN WESTERN DISTRICT TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THESE THREE-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER FLOORS WERE FIRST INSPECTED IN 1969.

A RECENT INSPECTION REVEALED THAT THEIR GENERAL CONDITION HAD DETERIORATED CONSIDERABLY. IN PARTICULAR, NEW MOVEMENT OF THE FRONT WALL WAS NOTED AND MANY AREAS OF EXTREMELY POOR BRICKWORK WERE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE BUILDINGS. THE STRUCTURAL TIMBERS WERE FOUND TO BE ROTTEN IN MANY PLACES.

AS THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE THE CLOSURE AND DEMOLITION OF THESE BUILDINGS IS NECESSARY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON DECEMBER 4 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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