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HONG KONG LAWN BOWLERS EXCEL, GOVERNOR SAYS
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HONG KONG SPORTSMEN WERE UP TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN SOME SPORTS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY.

AND IT WAS ON THE BOWLING GREEN OF THIS +TEEMING AND VIBRANT CITY+ THAT HONG KONG HAD PRODUCED +SOME REMARKABLE RESULTS+, HE SAID.

+I AM NATURALLY DELIGHTED THAT HONG KONG HAS DEFIED ALL ODDS BY CONTRIBUTING SUCH FINE PLAYERS TO A SPORT WHICH SEEMS SO OUT OF CHARACTER WITH ITS SURROUNDINGS,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

ANYONE WHO KNEW THE GAME OF BOWLS, AND THE DEGREE OF SKILL AND QUIET CONCENTRATION IT DEMANDED, WOULD NOT INSTINCTIVELY PUT THIS PURSUIT AT THE TOP OF THE LIST OF SPORTS IN WHICH HONG KONG EXCELLED, HE SAID.

+YET SUCH IS REALLY THE CASE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

SPEAKING THIS EVENING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC 1984 AT THE KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB, SIR EDWARD ALSO SAID THAT PARTICIPATION IN SPORT HAD INCREASED REMARKABLY IN HONG KONG IN RECENT YEARS.

HE SAID THAT EACH YEAR THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL, PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AMATEUR SPORTING BODIES TO HELP WITH TRAINING PROGRAMMES, COMPETITIONS AND ATTENDANCE AT OVERSEAS EVENTS.

THIS SUPPORT, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE BEEN OF LITTLE USE WITHOUT THE CONTINUED DEDICATION OF THE ORGANISERS OF AMATEUR SPORT IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION DESERVED CREDIT FOR ORGANISING THIS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTING CALENDAR, WHICH BROUGHT TO HONG KONG TOP BOWLERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

+TO ALL VISITING BOWLERS, I OFFER A WARM WELCOME,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID THAT MUCH OF THE CREDIT OF HONG KONG'S BOWLS SUCCESS RESTED WITH THE HONG KONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION, WHICH HAD REGULARLY ENTERED INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS SO THAT PLAYERS COULD MATCH THEIR SKILLS AGAINST THE WORLD'S BEST PLAYERS, AND HAD ORGANISED TRAINING COURSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

/THE ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW HOSTING THE +THIRD HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL BOWLS CLASSIC,+ WHICH IS BEING PLAYED FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO 25.

TOP BOWLERS AND TEAMS FROM NINE COUNTRIES, INCLUDING FOR THE FIRST TIME THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, WILL BE PLAYING ALONGSIDE 22 LEADING HONG KONG BOWLERS.

MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB AND THE KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

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EDUCATION KEEPS EXPANDING

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DESPITE THE BUDGET DEFICIT, THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT SEEKING TO INHIBIT EXPANSION IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMIDGE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+EXCITING PROSPECTS ARE LOOMING ON THE HORIZON FOR EDUCATION IN GENERAL AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IN PARTICULAR, PROVIDED THAT THE QUESTION OF FINANCE IS TACKLED RESOLUTELY AND SENSIBLY AT AN EARLY STAGE,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

ADDRESSING THE 12TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, HE POINTED OUT THAT GOVERNMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION HAD INCREASED BY NEARLY 18 PER CENT, FROM \$753 MILLION IN 1983-84 TO AN ESTIMATED \$887 MILLION IN 1984-85. A LARGE PART OF THIS EXPENDITURE WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY CAPITAL SUBVENTIONS.

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC NOW OFFERS EIGHT DEGREE COURSES, COMPARED WITH FIVE LAST YEAR. THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, WHICH HAS JUST STARTED WITH SOME 504 FULL-TIME AND 724 PART-TIME STUDENTS, EXPECTS TO INTRODUCE A NUMBER OF DEGREE COURSES IN 1986-87.

EVENTUALLY THE TWO POLYTECHNICS TOGETHER WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 27 000 FULL-TIME AND EQUIVALENT PART-TIME PLACES, OF WHICH UP TO 30 PER CENT WILL BE FOR STUDENTS IN DEGREE COURSES.

THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, WILL ALSO OFFER A NUMBER OF DEGREE COURSES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

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SITES FOR A POSSIBLE THIRD UNIVERSITY OR UNIVERSITY-STYLE INSTITUTION HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND THE EDUCATION COMMISSION WOULD BE GIVING THEIR PRELIMINARY THOUGHT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, SIR JOHN SAID.

+WITHOUT WISHING TO INTRUDE UPON THE SENSIBILITIES AND INDEPENDENCE OF THOSE BODIES ESTABLISHED TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON SUCH MATTERS, I URGE SUBVENTED EDUCATIONAL BODIES TO UNDERTAKE A CRITICAL SELF-EXAMINATION OF THEIR PRESENT SYSTEMS AND ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC FUNDS ARE SPENT TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE. LIKE GOVERNMENT IMPROVEMENT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE,+ SIR JOHN STRESSED.

+INDEED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE CONSTANTLY SEEKING WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE BY INCREASED STAFF PRODUCTIVITY AND SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES. GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE SUBVENTED EDUCATIONAL SECTOR I AM SURE THAT SAVINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS ON A SCALE SIMILAR TO THOSE ACHIEVED BY THE GOVERNMENT MUST BE REALISABLE,+ HE SAID.

NOTING THAT 'VALUE FOR MONEY' WAS THE RIGHT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, SIR JOHN SAID CRITICAL SELF-EXAMINATION WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR THOSE INSTITUTES OF HIGHER LEARNING WHICH, ALTHOUGH FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT ON GOVERNMENT, HAD AUTONOMY TO MANAGE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS WITHIN THE LAW.

+THEIR ANNUAL BUDGETS ARE NOT APPROVED NOR EVEN SEEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE ASSUMPTION BEING THAT THEY CAN BEST UNDERTAKE THE WORK EXPECTED OF THEM BY THE COMMUNITY IF THEY HAVE FREEDOM OF CHOICE AND ACTION.+

SIR JOHN SAID THAT AS HE HAD BEEN ONCE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, HE WAS FULLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE MERITS OF THIS +HANDS-OFF+ APPROACH, WHICH HAD STOOD THE TEST OF TIME.

+AS THE HARD-HEARTED FINANCIAL SECRETARY, I WANT TO SEE INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY AND THE BEST POSSIBLE VALUE-FOR-MONEY,+ HE ADDED.

HE ALSO EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY REGARDING THE FUNDING OF RESEARCH.

+MANY LINKS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED LEADING TO PRODUCTIVE RESEARCH. MORE CAN AND OUGHT TO BE DONE.

+THOSE OF YOU GRADUATING TODAY HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN THIS.

+BOTH GOVERNMENT AND THE INSTITUTIONS VIEW THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF WORTHWHILE PROJECTS AS A PRIORITY OBJECTIVE AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT A MORE AGGRESSIVE PURSUIT OF PRIVATE FUNDS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY THE GOVERNMENT - PROVIDED THAT IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A CAREFUL APPRAISAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

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PUBLIC TOLD TO KEEP FIRE ESCAPES CLEAR
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THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD HOUSEKEEPING AS THE KEY TO FIRE PREVENTION WAS STRESSED TODAY (MONDAY) BY MR K.W. HODGKINS, DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, MR HODGKINS SAID, +THAT IS WHY THE EMPHASIS IN THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN IS BEING PLACED ON KEEPING THE MEANS OF ESCAPE CLEAR.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MOST COMMON FORMS OF OBSTRUCTION WERE GOODS BEING STORED ON STAIRCASES OR IN THE LIFT LOBBIES, AND LOCKED SMOKE LOBBY DOORS.

CAUSING SUCH OBSTRUCTION IS AN OFFENCE PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50 000, HE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 3 005 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1984, RESULTING IN 2 426 PROSECUTIONS AND A TOTAL FINE OF \$944 061.

MR HODGKINS URGED OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS TO KEEP THE MEANS OF ESCAPE FREE. +REMEMBER, THE QUICKER WE CAN REACH THE FIRE, THE MORE EFFECTIVELY ARE WE ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO WARNED THEM NOT TO REMOVE THE PROTECTED LOBBY OF THE FIREMAN'S LIFT.

THIS LIFT IS FOR THE SOLE USE OF FIREMEN DURING AN EMERGENCY. IT ALLOWS THEM TO TRANSPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO HIGHER FLOORS AND FORMS PART OF THE FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATION, MR HODGKINS EXPLAINED.

HE ALSO ADVISED THE PUBLIC NOT TO OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND PLUGS.

+BEFORE LEAVING HOME OR GOING TO BED, ONE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT ALL CIGARETTE ENDS ARE EXTINGUISHED AND ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ARE SWITCHED OFF,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE MR HO HIN-MING, DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND MR CHU CHAI-KUEN, SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

MR HO SAID THERE WERE STILL MANY IRRESPONSIBLE FACTORY PROPRIETORS WHO IGNORE THE ADVICE AND WARNING OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE ON THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF FIRE ESCAPES.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, FACTORY OWNERS ARE REQUIRED BY THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN REGISTRABLE WORKPLACES) REGULATIONS TO MAINTAIN THE FIRE ESCAPE WITHIN THEIR FACTORIES PROPERLY.

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IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1984, 132 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AGAINST FACTORY OWNERS WHO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS, RESULTING IN A TOTAL FINE OF \$155 050.

+I WISH TO REMIND THEM, IN VIEW OF THE RECENT BIG FIRE IN A PLASTICS FACTORY IN ABERDEEN, THAT THEY SHOULD MAINTAIN EVERY DOORWAY, STAIRWAY AND PASSAGEWAY IN THEIR FACTORIES FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION AT ALL TIMES,+ MR HO SAID.

WHERE SQUATTER AREAS ARE CONCERNED, MR CHU STRESSED IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT NOT TO BLOCK ESCAPE ROUTES WITH JUNK OR ILLEGAL HUT EXTENSIONS.

+IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY ONE LIVING IN SQUATTER AREAS TO SEE THAT THE ESCAPE ROUTES ARE FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHU REPORTED THAT THE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENTS DIVISION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAD FORMED FIRE BREAKS IN A NUMBER OF CONGESTED SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS IN KWUN TONG, DIAMOND HILL AND SHAU KEI WAN.

THESE FIRE BREAKS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER INSTALLATIONS, SUCH AS FIRE MAINS, HYDRANTS AND FIRE ESCAPE ROUTES, HAD PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING FIRE HAZARDS IN SQUATTER AREAS.

FOR THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, A NEW 30-SECOND TV API (ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST) HAS BEEN PRODUCED, WITH 'OBSTRUCTION' AS THE THEME. IT WILL BE SCREENED ON TELEVISION, STARTING TONIGHT.

THE FILM PORTRAYS A REALISTIC FIRE SITUATION AS SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A YOUNG BOY.

THE STORY REACHES ITS CLIMAX WHEN THE FAMILY, IN TRYING TO ESCAPE, FINDS IN DESPAIR THAT THE ONLY WAY OUT IS BLOCKED BY AN IMPENETRABLE BARRIER OF JUNK.

THROUGH THE FAMILY'S BROKEN DIALOGUE, THE DO'S AND DON'TS IN CASE OF A FIRE OUTBREAK ARE ALSO CONVEYED.

THE TV API WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY POSTERS AND RADIO MESSAGES.

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HK RESTRAINS CORSETRY SALES TO U.K.
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AFTER THREE DAYS OF CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC), HONG KONG HAS, ON THE ADVICE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, AGREED TO PLACE UNDER QUANTITATIVE RESTRAINT ITS EXPORTS OF CORSETRY TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE PRODUCTS AFFECTED UNDER CATEGORY 86 ARE CORSETS, CORSET-BELTS, SUSPENDER-BELTS, BRACES, SUSPENDERS, GARTERS AND THE LIKE (INCLUDING SUCH ARTICLES OF KNITTED OR CROCHETED FABRIC), OTHER THAN BRASSIERES, WHETHER OR NOT ELASTIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY), +IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE QUANTITATIVE RESTRAINT LEVELS FOR EXPORTS TO THE U.K. OF THIS CATEGORY FOR THE DURATION OF THE HONG KONG-EEC AGREEMENT IN 1984 WILL BE LIMITED TO 650 000 PIECES, IN 1985 TO 675 000 PIECES AND IN 1986 TO 708 000 PIECES.

+THE 1984 RESTRAINT LIMIT IS 5.6 PER CENT LARGER THAN THE TOTAL QUANTITY OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS ISSUED UP TO THE TIME OF SUSPENSION ON OCTOBER 25.+

A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS ISSUED TODAY GAVE DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS ON EXPORTS IN THIS CATEGORY FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1984 AND ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS FOR 1985.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION AT THE CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS ON NOVEMBER 14-16 WAS LED BY THE MINISTER FOR HONG KONG'S COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE EEC AND THE MEMBER STATES, MR DEREK JONES. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOSEPH W.S. WONG, ATTENDED AS A MEMBER.

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IMPORTANCE OF WELFARE SERVICES STRESSED
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AS HONG KONG HAD BECOME A LEADING MANUFACTURING CENTRE, THE WELFARE NEEDS OF ITS INDUSTRIAL WORKERS SHOULD BE ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHENG KUNG HUI LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE, HE SAID ONE OF THE ESSENTIALS FOR MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S COMPETITIVENESS WAS TO HAVE A RESOURCEFUL, EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE WORK FORCE.

+THIS CAN ONLY COME ABOUT IF THE WORKERS' WELFARE AND SOCIAL NEEDS ARE CATERED FOR AND IF THEY ARE GIVEN A CHANCE TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, INTEREST AND CAPABILITIES,+ HE SAID.

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WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG, HE SAID, WERE PROVIDED THROUGH A VERY EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE WELFARE AGENCIES.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT THE SERVICES WERE PLANNED AND PROVIDED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. IT WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING MUCH OF THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FROM THE PUBLIC REVENUE.

THE AGENCIES, ON THE OTHER HAND, PLAYED THEIR PART BY BUILDING THE CENTRES, RECRUITING THE STAFF AND OPERATING THE SERVICES.

MR CHAMBERS PRAISED THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE FOR ITS WIDE RANGE OF VALUABLE SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF KWAI CHUNG, INCLUDING INDUSTRIAL WORKERS.

HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THAT UNDER THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, WELFARE INSTITUTIONS RUN BY RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS MAY CONTINUE AFTER 1997.

+THIS IS GOOD NEWS INDEED,+ HE SAID.

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EDUCATION CHIEF THANKED FOR WORK
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WAS WARMLY THANKED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION IN HONG KONG BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT ITS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TODAY.

MR HAYE WILL SHORTLY BE LEAVING FOR LONDON TO TAKE UP HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS HONG KONG COMMISSIONER.

ON BEHALF OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE CHAIRMAN, MR PETER C. WONG, SAID THAT MR HAYE WOULD BE MISSED.

+OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM IS THE KEY TO HONG KONG'S FUTURE AND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE BOARD IS MUCH APPRECIATED,+ MR WONG SAID.

MR WONG WISHED MR HAYE CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS NEW ROLE.

MR HAYE WILL BE LEAVING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AFTER 31 YEARS' SERVICE. HE JOINED IN 1953 AS A TEACHER AT KING GEORGE V SCHOOL AND BECAME DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN 1980.

MR HAYE WAS MADE A COMMANDER, ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN 1983.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN NEW HEALTH CENTRE
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A NEW MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR HEALTH CENTRE IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

THE \$70-MILLION YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE AT CHA KWO LING ROAD IN KWUN TONG, PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF MEDICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING A PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, A CHEST CLINIC AND TWO SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS. IT ALSO HAS RADIOLOGIC, PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENTS, A REGIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AND PSYCHIATRIC AND GERIATRIC DAY HOSPITALS.

THE CENTRE CONSISTS OF A SEVEN-STOREY BLOCK AND A TWO-STOREY BLOCK, WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 12 000 SQUARE METRES. IT WAS FUNDED WHOLLY FROM THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MADAM YUNG FUNG SHEE, A WELL KNOWN PHILANTHROPIST.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, AND MR P.A.L. VINE, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARTERED BANK (HONG KONG TRUSTEE) LTD, THE EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE OF MADAM YUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE AT 3 PM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1984.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PRESS MEMBERS WHO SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER BY 2 PM. A MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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U.S. VISITORS SEE PRISON WORK
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A GROUP OF LEGISLATORS FROM THE UNITED STATES VISITED VARIOUS CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT INSTITUTIONS IN STANLEY TODAY (MONDAY) TO LOOK OVER THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (HOME AFFAIRS) (LIAISON), DR PATRICK HASE; AND THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

THE SIX STATE LEGISLATORS, LED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE SENATOR, MR C. GUESS, WERE FIRST BRIEFED ABOUT THE CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES PROVIDED FOR PRISONERS.

THEY THEN TOURED THE FACILITIES PROVIDED AT THE MEDIUM SECURITY TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND THE MAXIMUM SECURITY STANLEY PRISON.

DURING THE TOUR, THEY ALSO TALKED TO SOME PRISONERS WHO WERE ATTENDING TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNICIAN TRAINING COURSE AT A WORKSHOP OF STANLEY PRISON.

THE VISITORS WERE ALSO TOLD OF THE TRAINING PROVIDED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

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NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT ON SHOW
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE DEMONSTRATING SOME OF THE WORLD'S LATEST EQUIPMENT WHICH IT RECENTLY ACQUIRED FOR DEALING WITH FIRES AND FOR RESCUE OPERATIONS.

THE PRESS DEMONSTRATION OF THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN FIRE STATION AT FUNG TAK STREET ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 21) AT 2.30 PM.

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EFFORTS CONTINUE AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING
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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY WARNED AGAINST INDISCRIMINATE PARKING THAT BLOCKED ROADS AND PAVEMENTS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, AS EFFORTS CONTINUED TO REMOVE SUCH INCONVENIENCE TO TENANTS.

+FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER, OVER 18 000 VEHICLES HAD EITHER BEEN IMPOUNDED OR TOWED AWAY FOR ILLEGAL PARKING IN ESTATES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID THE OFFENDING DRIVERS INVOLVED HAD PAID IMPOUNDING AND REMOVAL CHARGES TOTALLING \$991 000.

+IN THE SAME PERIOD, MORE THAN 2 000 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR SIMILAR OFFENCES.

+THEY WERE FINED BY COURT A TOTAL OF OVER \$346 000 ON CONVICTION.+

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MOTORISTS OF THE NEED TO ABIDE BY TRAFFIC RULES IN ESTATES AS WELL, IN ORDER TO AVOID BLOCKING ROADS AND PAVEMENTS AND CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO TENANTS.

+BOTH DURING AND AFTER OFFICE HOURS, ESTATE MANAGEMENT STAFF KEEP CLOSE WATCH TO ENSURE THAT GOOD LIVING ENVIRONMENTS ARE MAINTAINED IN ESTATES,+ HE SAID.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR TAI PO
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, WILL OPEN THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AND OFFICIATE AT THE INAUGURATION OF ITS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (TUESDAY), AT 3 PM.

THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOCATED AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO MARKET, IS RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

IT PROVIDES A VARIETY OF WELFARE SERVICES AND GROUP WORK ACTIVITIES FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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DIPLOMAS FOR TEACHERS

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ELEVEN HONG KONG SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR +DIPLOMAS FOR OVERSEAS TEACHERS OF ENGLISH+ FROM THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE DIPLOMAS WILL BE PRESENTED BY MISS HAZEL ORCHARD, SECRETARY FOR LANGUAGE OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS EXAMINATIONS BOARD, WHO IS VISITING HONG KONG.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, 21/F, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON, STARTING AT 3.30 PM.

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WAN CHAI DB MEMBERS TO MEET

WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME AT THE BOARD'S MEETING TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF STREET SLEEPERS AND OTHER DISTRICT MATTERS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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SCHOOLS HOLDING CONCERT

AN EASTERN DISTRICT JOINT SCHOOLS CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE ISLAMIC COLLEGE IN CLOUDVIEW ROAD, NORTH POINT, AT 3 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

MISS LEE YIN-WAI, A LEADING MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, WILL PERFORM A PIPA SOLO. SHE HAS REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN OVERSEAS CONCERTS AS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG JING YING.

IN ADDITION TO ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, THERE WILL BE A VOCAL DUET, HARMONICA QUINTET, MIXED VOICES VOCAL ENSEMBLE AND CHOIR SINGING.

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STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONCERT, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

LIMITED FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THIS CONCERT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 5-283257 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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BEACH KIOSKS FOR LEASE

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SEPARATE TENDERS FOR OPERATION OF A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT KADOORIE BEACH AND TWO SOUVENIR KIOSKS AT CASTLE PEAK BEACH IN TUEN MUN.

BOTH THE CASTLE PEAK BEACH AND KADOORIE BEACH ARE SCENIC BEACHES AT THE WESTERN COAST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

THE CASTLE PEAK BEACH HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR YEARS AS A FAVOURITE VISITING SEASIDE RESORT FOR OVERSEAS TOURISTS, WHILE THE KADOORIE BEACH ATTRACTS LARGELY LOCAL HOLIDAY-MAKERS.

THE CONTRACTS FOR THE TWO SOUVENIR KIOSKS WILL LAST FOR TWO YEARS WHILE THAT FOR THE REFRESHMENT KIOSK WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS, ALL STARTING FROM JANUARY 1, NEXT YEAR.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, OR TELEPHONE NO. 0-820800 EXT. 301.

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PARK BEING BUILT

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A 14 400-SQUARE-METRE PARK IS BEING BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF CARPENTER ROAD AND TUNG TSING ROAD, AS AN ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL AREA IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

FACILITIES IN THE \$3 MILLION PARK WILL INCLUDE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, TWO VOLLEYBALL COURTS, FOUR BASKETBALL COURTS AND A LANDSCAPED GARDEN.

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FOOTBRIDGE IN KWAI CHUNG
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A FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR CHUNG SHAN TERRACE IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE 21-METRE FOOTBRIDGE WILL HELP SEPARATE PEDESTRIANS FROM THE MAIN TRAFFIC TO ENSURE GREATER SAFETY.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START EARLY NEXT WEEK, AND TAKE FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE
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THE SOUTHERN JUNCTION OF ROAD 37A WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 20) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

AT THE SAME TIME, ROAD 37B WILL BE PERMANENTLY REROUTED ONE-WAY.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE
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THE SECTION OF WAN TSUI LANE NORTH OF SHUN HING HOUSE, HING WAH ESTATE, IN CHAI WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO ABOUT 3 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 21) FOR WORK ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 79.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 463.864 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 563.474 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 96.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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