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GOVERNOR OPENS BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONGRESS  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THAT HONG KONG'S SUCCESS, THROUGH GROWTH IN WEALTH AND PRODUCTION, WAS DUE TO THE RESILIENCE, INGENUITY AND CAPACITY FOR HARD WORK OF ITS PEOPLE.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONGRESS HELD IN THE FAR EAST.

+THIS GROWTH OWES MUCH TO THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,+ HE ADDED.

SIR MURRAY SAID THE STORY OF HONG KONG IS THE RESPONSE OF ITS PEOPLE TO THE CHALLENGE OF A POPULATION INCREASE FROM 600 000 AFTER THE WAR TO NEARLY FIVE MILLION TODAY - +A CHALLENGE WHICH HAS HAD TO BE MET WITH NO NATURAL RESOURCES EXCEPT A HARBOUR AND WITHOUT A SCRAP OF AID.+

+NATURALLY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE WAS OVERWHELMED, AND NATURALLY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES STILL MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

SIR MURRAY SAID HONG KONG'S HISTORY HAD BEEN A STRUGGLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE CONDITIONS CREATED BY AN INFLUX OF POPULATION INTO A TERRITORY WHICH IS VERY SMALL AND HAS SO LITTLE BUILDING LAND.

+SHEER DETERMINATION TO SURVIVE PRODUCED INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND TRADE, AND ON THE ECONOMY SO CREATED THE GOVERNMENT HAS GRADUALLY, AND LATTERLY MORE RAPIDLY, BUILT THE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WAS LACKING,+ HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

+IT GIVES ME PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO OPEN THIS BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONGRESS. IT IS THE FIRST TIME THE ASSOCIATION HAS MET IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, OR IN HONG KONG, AND HONG KONG IS THE HOME OF THE ASSOCIATION'S LARGEST OVERSEAS BRANCH.

+IT IS A GREAT HONOUR FOR HONG KONG, AND FOR THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, TO HOST SUCH DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES AND OVERSEAS VISITORS REPRESENTING SO PRESTIGIOUS AN ASSOCIATION OF SUCH AN ANCIENT AND RESPECTED PROFESSION.

+IN DECIDING TO MEET IN HONG KONG YOU HAVE COME TO ONE OF THE MOST THRIVING AND DYNAMIC COMMUNITIES IN THE WORLD. AND I DO NOT ONLY MEAN THAT ON ARRIVAL YOU MAY HAVE HAD TO FIGHT FOR YOUR BAGGAGE, OR WERE THRUST OFF THE PAVEMENT - QUITE UNINTENTIONALLY - BY A PREOCCUPIED CITIZEN GOING URGENTLY ABOUT HIS BUSINESS. I MEAN THAT IT IS A COMMUNITY THAT IN THE LAST TEN YEARS HAS INCREASED ITS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY 130 PER CENT AND ITS TRADE BY 148 PER CENT AND THESE FIGURES ARE IN REAL NOT MONEY TERMS. IT IS PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE THAT DURING THE SAME PERIOD HONG KONG HAS INCREASED ITS PUBLIC EXPENDITURE BY 170 PER CENT - AGAIN IN REAL TERMS - AND HAS DONE SO BROADLY SPEAKING THROUGH GROWTH IN WEALTH AND PRODUCTION RATHER THAN THROUGH THE GROWTH IN TAXATION AND CONTROLS WHICH IS SO OFTEN SELF-DEFEATING.

/+I MIGHT .....

+I MIGHT ADD THAT THIS GROWTH OWES MUCH TO THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND I AM DELIGHTED THAT THERE ARE SUCH DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES FROM BOTH COUNTRIES AT THIS CONGRESS.

+HONG KONG'S SUCCESS IS ALSO DUE TO THE RESILIENCE, INGENUITY AND CAPACITY FOR HARD WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+FOR ITS STORY IS THE RESPONSE OF ITS PEOPLE TO THE CHALLENGE OF A POPULATION INCREASE FROM 600 000 AFTER THE WAR TO NEARLY FIVE MILLION TODAY - A CHALLENGE WHICH HAS HAD TO BE MET WITH NO NATURAL RESOURCES EXCEPT A HARBOUR AND WITHOUT A SCRAP OF AID. NATURALLY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE WAS OVERWHELMED, AND NATURALLY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES STILL MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE, AND YOU MAY WELL SEE CONDITIONS THAT OFFEND YOU. BUT ALSO IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED TO LIFT THE COMMUNITY OUT OF THE CONDITIONS THRUST UPON IT BY MASSIVE IMMIGRATION.

+THUS OUR HISTORY HAS BEEN A STRUGGLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE CONDITIONS CREATED BY AN INFLUX OF POPULATION INTO A TERRITORY WHICH IS VERY SMALL AND WHICH HAS SO LITTLE BUILDING LAND. SHEER DETERMINATION TO SURVIVE PRODUCED INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND TRADE, AND ON THE ECONOMY SO CREATED THE GOVERNMENT HAS GRADUALLY, AND LATTERLY MORE RAPIDLY, BUILT THE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WAS LACKING. I HOPE THAT DURING YOUR VISIT YOU WILL SEE SOMETHING OF WHAT WE ARE DOING TO ESCAPE FROM THE CROWDED CONDITIONS OF THE OLD TOWN BY BUILDING NEW TOWNS LITERALLY FROM THE SEA- I HOPE YOU WILL SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING TO PROVIDE FREE AND UNIVERSAL EDUCATION, AND HEAR ABOUT THE SORT OF SAFETY NET OF SOCIAL SECURITY DEvised TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO FAIL IN THIS COMPETITIVE SOCIETY OBTAIN SUPPORT AND CARE IF THEY NEED IT.

+BUT YOU ARE DOCTORS, SO YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT IN PUBLIC HEALTH THE SAME ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE AS IN THE ECONOMY. FOR INSTANCE IN THE LAST 15 YEARS INFANT MORTALITY PER 1 000 LIVE BIRTHS HAS DROPPED FROM 33 TO 11.8. THE TB DEATH RATE PER 100 000 HAS DROPPED FROM 41.1 TO 11.8, AND WITH BCG VACCINATION COVERING 98 PER CENT OF ALL BABIES, TUBERCULOSIS IS NOW VERY RARE AMONG CHILDREN UNDER 15. EXPECTATION OF LIFE ITSELF HAS INCREASED FROM 65 - 70 FOR MEN AND 72 - 77 FOR WOMEN, AND SPEAKING AS A 62 YEAR OLD THIS SEEMS TO ME A PARTICULARLY PRAISEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT.

+I HOPE YOU WILL SEE SOMETHING OF OUR VERY LARGE AND ESTABLISHED MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, AND HEAR OF THE PLANS FOR A NEW SCHOOL TO BE OPENED SHORTLY IN THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

+THERE ARE FIELDS OF MEDICINE IN WHICH I BELIEVE THAT THE PROFESSION IN HONG KONG EXCELS AND OTHERS IN WHICH NO DOUBT THERE ARE DELEGATES WITH MUCH TO TEACH US. YOUR COLLEAGUES FROM CHINA I AM SURE WILL HAVE A FRESH AND INTERESTING CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE CONSIDERING THE VAST ADVANCE THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE HEALTH OF THEIR ENORMOUS COUNTRY.

/+YOU HAVE .....

+YOU HAVE A FULL PROGRAMME AND SPEAKERS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY, AND I HOPE THAT PROFESSIONAL INTEREST WILL NOT EXCLUDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TASTE WHAT HONG KONG HAS TO OFFER THE ARTIST, THE SYBARITE OR THE SHOPPER - PARTICULARLY THE SHOPPER.

+IN CONCLUSION I WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL CONGRESS AND A STAY IN HONG KONG FROM WHICH YOU WILL TAKE AWAY PLEASANT MEMORIES. BELIEVE ME YOU ARE ALL EXTREMELY WELCOME. I NOW DECLARE OPEN THE 1979 CONGRESS OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.+

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### FIRST TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL OPENS \* \* \* \* \*

THE FIRST TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WOULD BRING ENJOYMENT TO THOUSANDS OF COMPETITORS AND SPECTATORS, BUT IT MUST NOT SIMPLY BE A FLASH IN THE PAN, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TWO-WEEK FESTIVAL, THE FIRST EVER TO BE HELD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEXT TWO WEEKS THE FESTIVAL WOULD EMPHASISE THE PLEASURE THAT PHYSICAL RECREATION COULD GIVE.

+IT WILL STRENGTHEN LOCAL SPORTING ORGANISATIONS AND WILL PROMOTE GREATER USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WITH VALUABLE INFORMATION ON WHAT MORE CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE REGULARLY AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO BRING SPORTS AND RECREATION TO THE PEOPLE,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

THIS FOLLOW-UP WOULD BE AS IMPORTANT AS THE FESTIVAL ITSELF, HE POINTED OUT.

MORE THAN 4 000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY AT YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTSGROUND WHICH INCLUDED DRAGON, LIONS AND CHINESE FOLK DANCES BY LOCAL GROUPS. AFTERWARDS, TO KICK OFF THE FIRST EVENT OF THE FESTIVAL, AN EXHIBITION FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND HAPPY VALLEY TOOK PLACE.

A SECOND EXHIBITION FOOTBALL MATCH, BETWEEN KUI TAN AND CAROLINE HILL, WILL TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 10 ALSO AT YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTSGROUND WHILE A TENNIS EXHIBITION MATCH, FEATURING PLAYERS CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG FOR THE TENNIS CLASSIC, WILL BE PLAYED AT SHA TSUI ROAD TENNIS COURTS ON NOVEMBER 9.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BASKETBALL, BADMINTON, BOXING, VOLLEYBALL, BASEBALL, HANDBALL AND TABLE TENNIS. THERE WILL ALSO BE ATHLETICS AND AQUATIC EVENTS, GYMNASTIC AND MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAYS, AS WELL AS AN ARCHERY DEMONSTRATION.

THE FESTIVAL WILL END WITH A BASKETBALL GAMES DAY ON NOVEMBER 17 AT PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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**DRIEST OCTOBER ON RECORD**

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LAST MONTH WAS THE DRIEST OCTOBER ON RECORD WITH NO RAINFALL REGISTERED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE NEXT DRIEST OCTOBER MONTHS WERE IN 1890 AND 1912 IN EACH OF WHICH 0.4 MM OF RAIN WAS RECORDED.

LAST MONTH WAS ALSO THE SUNNIEST, LEAST HUMID AND LEAST CLOUDY OCTOBER ON RECORD.

TOTAL SUNSHINE AMOUNTED TO 297.4 HOURS, AN AVERAGE OF 9.59 HOURS EACH DAY. CLOUDINESS WAS 20.4 PER CENT AND THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY 60.6 PER CENT. TEMPERATURES WERE NEAR NORMAL.

THE DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR GORDON BELL SAID :  
+ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO RAIN FOR 36 DAYS, THIS IS NOT SO UNUSUAL. THERE WERE 60 DAYS WITH NO MEASURABLE RAIN BETWEEN NOVEMBER 13, 1909 - JANUARY 11, 1910 AND 59 DAYS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 20, 1884 - JANUARY 17, 1885."

TOTAL ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FROM JANUARY 1 TO OCTOBER 31 THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO 2 603.3 MM WHICH IS 19 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

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**71 PEOPLE TO RECEIVE INSIGNIA**

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SEVENTY-ONE PEOPLE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY WILL RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 5) EVENING.

THE INSIGNIA TO BE PRESENTED INCLUDE ONE CMG, ONE CBE, SEVEN OBE'S, 12 MBE'S, ONE QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDAL AND 19 BEM'S.

SPECIAL PARKING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR GUESTS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY.

ALL CARS CARRYING GUESTS MAY ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE. AFTER THEY HAVE ALIGHTED, VEHICLES BEARING G.H. LABELS MAY PARK IN THE FORECOURT AS DIRECTED, OR, IF CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN, RETURN AT 6.50 P.M.

VEHICLES BEARING BLUE LABELS MUST EXIT BY THE EAST GATE AND THEN PARK AT UPPER ALBERT ROAD, LOWER ALBERT ROAD NEAR CENTRAL HOSPITAL AND THE SLIP ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE BUILDING, THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD AND THE CAR PARK AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

ALL VEHICLES PARKED INSIDE GOVERNMENT HOUSE SHOULD LEAVE BY THE EAST GATE. OTHER GUESTS ARE REQUESTED TO WALK TO THEIR CARS AFTER THE CEREMONY.

PARKING FACILITIES IN METERED SPACES IN UPPER AND LOWER ALBERT ROADS AND THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 3 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M. ON THAT DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS NEWS ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 4 P.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 5).

ONLY PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WITH SPECIAL PASSES WILL BE ADMITTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THEY SHOULD MEET GIS OFFICERS IN THE GUARD ROOM OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOT LATER THAN 5.30 P.M.

NEWSPAPERS NOT RECEIVING SUCH PASSES WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PRINTS WITH GOLDEN STUDIO AT 527 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, TELEPHONE 5-777940.

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PRIMARY PUPILS GET HELP FROM STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS

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STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS HELPED MORE THAN 4 000 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH THEIR PROBLEMS IN THE 1978/79 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS JOINT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEACHERS' SEMINAR AT LEE CHING DEA MEMORIAL COLLEGE AT CLOUDVIEW ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THE RESULT OF THE STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICER SERVICE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS IS VERY ENCOURAGING, MR TOPLEY SAID.

+I CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDENT GUIDANCE SCHEME TO BE AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SYSTEM AS A WHOLE, COMPLEMENTARY TO THE TEAM OF SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHO ARE PROVIDING A MUCH APPRECIATED SERVICE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO HELP TEACHERS IDENTIFY THE LEARNING PROBLEMS OF THEIR PUPILS AND TO OVERCOME THEM.

MR. TOPLEY POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER COULD ALSO HELP IN THIS RESPECT BUT HE WOULD NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF SCHOOL HEADS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND PUPILS.

+WITHOUT THEM THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, HOWEVER PROFESSIONALLY COMPETENT HE MAY BE, CAN NEVER BE ENTIRELY EFFECTUAL,+ HE SAID.

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WOMAN OFFICER APPOINTED ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER  
FOR LABOUR  
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A WOMAN OFFICER HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

SHE IS MRS SOO MOK SAU-HA WHO SUCCEEDS MR LAO MOU-CHI, NOW RETIRING AFTER 28 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

IN HER NEW POST, MRS SOO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND LABOUR RELATIONS.

SHE JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN AUGUST 1953, AND WAS APPOINTED LABOUR OFFICER IN NOVEMBER 1956. MRS SOO WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN JANUARY 1969, AND HAS ACTED AS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS.

MR LAO, WHO PROCEEDS ON LEAVE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY), JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS ASSISTANT LABOUR OFFICER IN DECEMBER 1951. HE WAS PROMOTED TO LABOUR OFFICER IN MARCH 1962, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN JUNE 1967 AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER IN JANUARY 1973. HE HAS ACTED AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ON MANY OCCASIONS.

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PWD ENGINEERING TRAINEES BUILD SOLAR HEATING SYSTEM  
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A GROUP OF 15 UNIVERSITY GRADUATES, NOW UNDERGOING A TWO-YEAR ENGINEERING TRAINING PROGRAMME IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, HAS SUCCESSFULLY BUILT A SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEM.

THE TRAINEES, CONSISTING OF EIGHT MECHANICAL AND SEVEN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATES, WERE GIVEN THE ASSIGNMENT DURING THEIR FIRST THREE MONTHS OF TRAINING IN THE APPRENTICE TRAINING CENTRE OF THE E AND M OFFICE.

ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR MICHAEL HUTTON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE TRAINEES HAD SPENT ABOUT \$1 400 ON EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH TOOK THEM 20 WORKING DAYS TO COMPLETE.

HE SAID: +THE PROJECT AIMS TO ENCOURAGE THE TRAINEES TO THINK ABOUT USING ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY INSTEAD OF OIL ON WHICH HONG KONG IS SO DEPENDENT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE TRAINEES WILL GAIN PRACTICAL ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE OF DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT.+

/MR HUTTON .....

MR HUTTON ADDED THAT THE PROJECT WAS PURELY AN EXPERIMENTAL ONE AND, ALTHOUGH NO DIFFERENT IN CONCEPT FROM COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS, HAD ENABLED THE STUDENTS TO WORK TOGETHER AS A PROJECT TEAM IN ORDER TO PRODUCE THE SYSTEM FROM BASIC COMPONENTS SOME OF WHICH WERE RECLAIMED FROM SCRAP.

ACCORDING TO THE GROUP LEADER, MR CHAN YUET-KEUNG, ABOUT 50 PER CENT OF THE SOLAR ENERGY CAN BE ABSORBED BY THE SYSTEM. +THIS IS NOT A BAD EFFICIENCY RATE,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TEMPERATURE OF THE HEATED WATER WAS AS HIGH AS 50-60 DEGREES CELCIUS.

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UMELCO MEMBERS TO VISIT SHA TIN

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NINE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS WILL VISIT SHA TIN ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 5) TO SEE THE LATEST NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS.

THEY ARE SIR SIDNEY GORDON, THE REV. JOYCE BENNETT, MR. LEUNG TAT-SHING, FATHER PATRICK MCGOVERN, MR. WONG LAM, MR. CHARLES YEUNG, DR. HO KAM-FAI, MR. F.K. HU AND MR. WONG PO-YAN.

THE PARTY WILL BE BRIEFED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON, ON THE TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT, AND WILL VISIT TIN SUM VALLEY, WO CHE ESTATE AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THEY WILL ALSO MEET THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD. THE VISIT WILL LAST THE WHOLE MORNING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT TO SHA TIN BY UMELCO MEMBERS ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 5). PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 3214, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER FOR SHA TIN AT 9.45 A.M.

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GOVT OFFICIALS ATTEND METROLOGY MEETING IN NEW ZEALAND  
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TWO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE REPRESENTATING HONG KONG AT THE COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL (ASIA/PACIFIC) METROLOGY MEETING BEING HELD IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

THEY ARE THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE AND THE SCIENTIFIC OFFICER (METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS) OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR LAM HUNG-KWAN.

THE 12-DAY MEETING, AIMED AT REVIEWING THE PROGRESS OF THE REGIONAL METROLOGY PROGRAMME, WILL END ON NOVEMBER 9.

THE OBJECT OF THIS PROGRAMME, SET UP BY THE COMMONWEALTH SCIENCE COUNCIL, IS TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND EXISTING NATIONAL MEASUREMENT SERVICES AND TO PROMOTE COLLABORATION BETWEEN BOTH COMMONWEALTH AND NON-COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.

THE CURRENT MEETING CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF FORMAL LECTURES AND ASSOCIATED WORKSHOP SESSIONS.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
NOVEMBER 5 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
NOVEMBER 6 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
NOVEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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WATER CUT IN CENTRAL

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 5) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY THE NORTH SIDE OF BONHAM STRAND, WEST SIDE OF HILLIER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND EAST SIDE OF MORRISON STREET INCLUDING WING LOK STREET, 233-321 AND 254-320 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND THE MACAU FERRY WHARF HYDROFOIL TERMINAL.

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