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HK IS ALL ABOUT GETTING THINGS DONE QUICKLY: GOVERNOR

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HONG KONG IS ALL ABOUT THINGS BEING DONE QUICKLY AND THAT IS WHY IT IS SO SUCCESSFUL, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AT VICTORIA PARK, SIR DAVID SAID: "OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS, WE'VE GOT TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE TALKING MORE TO CHINA. WE REALLY DO BELIEVE IN THE IDEA OF GREATER CO-OPERATION IN THESE LAST FEW YEARS BEFORE 1997.

"THAT'S ONE SIDE OF IT. THE OTHER SIDE OF IT, YOU'VE GOT A GOVERNMENT HERE WHICH TAKES DECISIONS, CAN GET ON WITH THINGS, DOESN'T HAVE TO WAIT ENDLESSLY FOR DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN," HE SAID.

"WE WANT TO ACHIEVE THAT BALANCE BETWEEN DISCUSSING THINGS AND HAVING THE AUTHORITY AND ABILITY TO GET ON WITH DECISIONS IN HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS A SENSIBLE ARRANGEMENT: "AND THAT IS A WAY IN WHICH WE ARE TALKING TO CHINA; WE ARE TELLING THEM ABOUT THINGS WHICH STRADDLE 1997; WE ARE LISTENING TO THEIR VIEWS ABOUT IT; WE ARE TAKING ACCOUNT OF THOSE WHEREVER WE POSSIBLY CAN.

"BUT WE ALSO NEED ARRANGEMENTS BY WHICH WE CAN ACTUALLY TAKE DECISIONS IN HONG KONG. IT'S THAT SORT OF A BALANCE OF ARRANGEMENTS THAT ONE NEEDS TO ACHIEVE," HE ADDED.

ON THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE GOVERNMENT STILL WANTED TO GET ON WITH THE PROJECT.

"WE BELIEVE THAT A NEW AIRPORT IS SOMETHING HONG KONG NEEDS AND INDEED, I THINK EVERYBODY AGREES ON THAT; AND I BELIEVE THAT THOSE WHO HAVE DONE REALLY SERIOUS WORK ON THE SUBJECT COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT CHEK LAP KOK IS THE RIGHT SITE BOTH FOR AN AIRPORT AND TO EXPAND THE PORT," HE SAID.

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP BOTH OF THOSE IN MIND. YOU COULD THINK UP OTHER SITES FOR AN AIRPORT, BUT THEY WOULDN'T BE SO GOOD FOR EXPANDING THE PORT AS WELL OVER THE LONG TERM.

"AND I THINK EVERYBODY WHO HAS DONE THE REALLY DETAILED WORK ON THE AIRPORT DOES REALISE THAT CHEK LAP KOK IS THE BEST SITE IN HONG KONG FOR IT," SIR DAVID SAID.

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GOVERNOR TAKES PART IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (SATURDAY) JOINED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE FESTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AT VICTORIA PARK TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

SIR DAVID WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, DR RONALD LEUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, MR RONNIE WONG, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA, AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS.

SIR DAVID WAS TAKEN ON A TOUR OF VARIOUS ACTIVITY VENUES TO SEE THE FUNFUL EVENTS IN PROGRESS, INCLUDING BALL GAMES, SUPER BOUNCE FOR CHILDREN, FUN KART FOR YOUTH AND FUNFUL CYCLING.

THE VISITORS ALSO WATCHED "TAI CHI" FOR ADULTS, PONY RIDING FOR CHILDREN AS WELL AS FUN GAMES FOR FAMILIES.

SIR DAVID THEN PROCEEDED TO THE MODEL BOAT POND AT THE PARK WHERE A GROUP OF CHILDREN TOOK PART IN FUN FISHING.

ON THE SAME DAY, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR TI LIANG YANG, AND LADY YANG PARTICIPATED IN THE CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE MORSE PARK IN KOWLOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR LO KING-MAN, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (LEISURE SERVICES) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR ANTHONY BENNETT, SIR TI LIANG WAS IMPRESSED BY THE LINE-UP OF PROGRAMMES INCLUDING A MARCHING DISPLAY, CHEERFUL GROUP PERFORMANCES, MINI-TRAIN RIDE FOR FAMILIES, POTTED SPORTS FOR CHILDREN, AND FUN KART FOR YOUTH.

THE VISITORS ALSO WATCHED A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES DESIGNED FOR THE AGED AND THE DISABLED, INCLUDING GATEBALL FOR THE ELDERLY AND SOCCER COMPETITION FOR THE DEAF.

THEY ALSO CALLED AT THE NEARBY MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WHERE AQUATIC ACTIVITIES WERE HELD.

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NEW YORK TO CELEBRATE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL TOO

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WHILE HONG KONG IS IN THE MIDDLE OF CELEBRATING THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE IN NEW YORK IS ALSO MAKING PLANS TO HOLD SIMILAR FESTIVITIES IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE HONG KONG ECONOMIC AND TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK TOGETHER WITH OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, HAVE PLANNED TWO MAJOR EVENTS OVER THE SUMMER TO BRING THE COLOUR AND TRADITIONS OF THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL TO NEW YORK CITY.

AS A KICK-OFF, A DRAGON BOAT GALA DINNER WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY NEARLY 400 TOP EXECUTIVES FROM THE CITY'S FINANCIAL, CORPORATE, LEGAL AND BUSINESS CIRCLES. A FEATURE OF THE EVENING WILL BE A DANCE BY A 75-FOOT LONG DRAGON DURING THE RECEPTION BEFORE THE DINNER.

THE SPEAKER AT THE DINNER WILL BE PROMINENT HONG KONG BANKER AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR DAVID LI.

AUGUST 4 HAS BEEN SET AS THE DATE FOR THE DRAGON BOAT RACES WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST EVER TO BE HELD ON NEW YORK'S HUDSON RIVER. THOUSANDS OF NEW YORKERS AND VISITORS TO THE CITY ARE EXPECTED TO THROG THE PROMENADE IN LOWER MANHATTAN TO WATCH THE RACES, MOST OF THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES.

DRAGON BOAT RACING TEAMS FROM ALL OVER AMERICA ARE EXPECTED TO COMPETE, INCLUDING AN ALL-WOMEN'S TEAM FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND IN OREGAN STATE. ONE STRONG CONTENDER IN THE RACE IS THE TEAM FROM NEW YORK CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS VERY ACTIVE IN DRAGON BOAT RACING.

THE WINNING TEAM WILL BE FLOWN TO HONG KONG NEXT YEAR BY DELTA AIR LINES, THE OFFICIAL CARRIER OF THE NEW YORK DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, TO COMPETE IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES.

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VEHICLE EXAMINATION FOR GOODS VEHICLES

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GOODS VEHICLES OTHER THAN LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 1.9 TONNES, SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES AND TRAILERS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN 1978 AND 1983, ARE REQUIRED TO GO THROUGH A ROADWORTHINESS TEST BEFORE THEIR VEHICLE LICENCES CAN BE RENEWED FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS IS REQUIRED FOR VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1978 AND VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN 1978 AND 1983 IF THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE VEHICLE LICENCE IS ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

CERTIFICATES OF ROADWORTHINESS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ANY OF THE 17 DESIGNATED CAR TESTING CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL CAR INSPECTION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT REGISTERED OWNERS OF PRIVATE CARS AND LIGHT GOODS VEHICLES WITH A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING 1.9 TONNES ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A VALID CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS IF THE YEAR OF MANUFACTURE OF THE VEHICLE IS 1984 OR EARLIER.

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"THE REQUIREMENT IS ALSO APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES WHILE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO COMPULSORY ANNUAL INSPECTION. THERE IS NO VEHICLE INSPECTION REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLES FOR RELICENSING PURPOSES.

"A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS WILL ONLY BE VALID WITHIN FOUR MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE AND BE ACCEPTED FOR LICENSING PURPOSES FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF 12 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS," HE SAID.

FOR ADVANCED RENEWAL OF VEHICLE LICENCES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID ONLY A CERTIFICATE ISSUED WITHIN THE FOUR MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE COMMENCEMENT DATE OF THE NEW LICENCE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATERWORKS IN SHAM TSENG

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAW WATER PUMPING STATION IN SHAM TSENG AND THE LAYING OF ASSOCIATED WATERMAINS IN SHAM TSENG AND TSING LUNG TAU.

THE WORKS INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER PUMPING STATION WITH A CAPACITY OF 36,500 CUBIC METRES PER DAY. ABOUT 2,500 METRES OF MAINS RANGING FROM 600 MILLIMETRES TO 900 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER WILL BE LAID.

THE PROJECT AIMS TO MEET THE DEMAND GENERATED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN THESE AREAS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON JULY 5.

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