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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS DOWN

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THERE WAS A DROP IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECORDED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT IN THE OCTOBER TO DECEMBER QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 1 228 COMPLAINTS WAS RECEIVED, 16 PER CENT LESS THAN THE 1 459 COMPLAINTS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THE FIGURE ALSO REPRESENTS A SIMILAR PERCENTAGE DECREASE AS COMPARED WITH THE 1 443 COMPLAINTS RECORDED IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1983.

IN THE LATEST QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE TCU RELEASED TODAY, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MR STEPHEN PANG SAID THERE WAS A DECLINE IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WERE STILL THE MAIN TOPIC OF CONCERN. THERE WERE 581 CASES OF THIS NATURE, REPRESENTING 47 PER CENT OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED.

+THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICES FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DROPPED FROM 157 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 122. THE DROP WAS ATTRIBUTED TO IMPROVEMENTS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE 1984-86 KMB ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEW TOWNS,+ SAID MR PANG.

HOWEVER, COMPLAINTS ABOUT INADEQUATE BUS SERVICE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND INCREASED FROM 32 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 49. MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

MR PANG SAID THAT ALTOGETHER 104 COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB'S STANDARD OF SERVICE WERE RECEIVED. THE FIGURE SHOWS LITTLE VARIATION WHEN COMPARED TO THE 100 CASES RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND 103 CASES IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. COMPLAINTS CONCERNING BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY INCREASED FROM 30 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 41. OVER 50 PER CENT OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS IN THIS CATEGORY WERE MADE BY RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

+CASES CONCERNING CLEANLINESS OF CMB BUSES AND GENERAL STANDARD WERE ALSO ON THE INCREASE. TWENTY-ONE CASES WERE RECORDED AS AGAINST 17 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND SEVEN IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. COMPLAINTS ABOUT CMB BUS DRIVERS, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO DECREASE WITH 35 CASES RECORDED AS COMPARED TO 42 IN THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS,+ MR PANG SAID.

+THERE WAS A GENERAL DECLINE IN COMPLAINTS ABOUT KMB BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY, THE CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF BUS CAPTAINS AND CLEANLINESS OF BUSES. THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT KMB'S STANDARD OF SERVICE WENT DOWN FROM 99 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 46, A DECREASE OF 54 PER CENT. THE FIGURE ALSO REPRESENTED A DROP OF 45 PER CENT OVER THE TOTAL OF 83 COMPLAINTS IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR,+ MR PANG ADDED.

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IN THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1984, THE TCU RECEIVED 33 COMPLAINTS CONCERNING KCRC. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF THE QUARTER, A TOTAL OF 26 COMPLAINTS WERE ALREADY RECORDED. THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE DISRUPTION OF TRAIN SERVICES (SIX CASES) AND THE DISCONTINUATION OF MONTHLY TICKETS WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF COMMON STORED VALUE TICKET EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1984 (EIGHT CASES).

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT MAXICABS NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCIES AND ROUTINGS INCREASED FROM 26 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 42. ABOUT THREE IN FOUR OF THE COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MAXICAB ROUTES WHICH WERE SUBJECT TO MORE COMPLAINTS WERE NT ROUTES 60K (SHA TIN KCR STATION - FO TAN COTTAGE AREA), 61M (TAI WAI - KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION) AND 88M (KWAI FONG MTR STATION - TSING YI ROAD). THESE THREE MAXICAB ROUTES ATTRACTED 19 OR NEARLY ONE-HALF OF ALL COMPLAINTS IN THIS CATEGORY.

FEWER COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC CONDITIONS WERE RECORDED - 289 CASES IN THE QUARTER AND 383 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THERE WERE 123 CASES (43 PER CENT) ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION WHILE THE REMAINING CASES WERE MAINLY ABOUT TRAFFIC AIDS, PEDESTRIAN AND PARKING FACILITIES.

ALTOGETHER 168 COMPLAINTS ON ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS WERE REGISTERED, A DECREASE OF 26 CASES FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. MOST OF THESE CASES WERE ABOUT ILLEGAL PARKING (29 PER CENT), PLB OBSTRUCTION (23 PER CENT), LORRY OBSTRUCTION (8 PER CENT) AND TAXI OBSTRUCTION (8 PER CENT).

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING ABANDONED VEHICLES CONTINUED TO DECLINE. ONLY FOUR COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED AS OPPOSED TO 10 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND 21 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR, MR PANG SAID.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT NANKING, SHANGHAI
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE VISITING NANKING, WHERE HE HAD LIVED +FOR QUITE A LONG TIME+, BEFORE GOING TO SHANGHAI THIS SUMMER.

REPLYING TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE +GOOD CITIZENS OF THE YEAR+ AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I HAVEN'T FIXED THE EXACT DATE ON WHICH I AM LEAVING, BUT I EXPECT I SHOULD PROBABLY GO TO NANKING FIRST AND THEN TO SHANGHAI.+

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SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD BEEN INVITED TO GO ON THIS TRIP, AND SAID: +AS YOU KNOW, I WAS THERE FOR YEARS, SO IT WILL BE LIKE GOING TO VISIT ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE I LIVED FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW, SIR EDWARD SAID: +ONE OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS IS THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WISH TO BE CONSULTED VERY WIDELY, AND YOU MAY REMEMBER WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER CAME BACK, SHE SAID SHE BROUGHT BACK WITH HER AN UNDERTAKING FROM THE CHINESE LEADERS THAT THEY WOULD CONSULT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON A VERY WIDE BASIS. SO THAT'S FINE BY US.+

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+GOOD CITIZENS+ GET AWARD FROM GOVERNOR
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ELEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAD SHOWN HOW EFFECTIVELY POLICE AND THE PEOPLE CAN FIGHT CRIME TOGETHER RECEIVED THEIR AWARDS FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

OFFICIATING AT THE FIRST PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE GOOD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD IN FURAMA HOTEL, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE NEW AWARD HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TO SUPPLEMENT THE LONG-RUNNING AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME.

HE SAID: "TO QUALIFY FOR THE AWARD, RECIPIENTS MUST HAVE ACTED WITH EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY, COURAGE, RESOURCEFULNESS OR INITIATIVE IN PREVENTING OR DETECTING CRIME, OR IN APPREHENDING CRIMINALS.

"WHAT IMPRESSED ME MOST WHEN I READ DETAILS OF WHAT THEY HAD DONE WAS THE FACT THAT THESE WERE ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD, FROM ALL WALKS OF SOCIETY, AND FROM ALL AREAS OF HONG KONG WHO WERE DETERMINED TO PLAY THEIR PART IN COMBATTING CRIME.

"THEY WERE READY TO STAND UP ON THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS. THEY WERE READY TO ATTEND IDENTIFICATION PARADES AND GO TO COURT TO GIVE EVIDENCE. THEY WERE BRAVE, HONEST AND READY TO ASSIST POLICE IN HELPING TO MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER AND A SAFER PLACE TO LIVE IN."

WHEN THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED JOINTLY BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE POLICE IN 1973, CITIZEN ARRESTS MADE UP ABOUT THREE PER CENT OF ALL ARRESTS.

SINCE THEN THE NUMBER OF CITIZEN ARRESTS HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY. LAST YEAR, IT ACCOUNTED FOR 11.7 PER CENT OF TOTAL ARRESTS, SIR EDWARD NOTED.

'THE FORMULA OF THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC FIGHTING CRIME TOGETHER IS CLEARLY WORKING,' THE GOVERNOR ADDED.

GUESTS AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY INCLUDED MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS. THEY SAW A FILMED RECONSTRUCTION OF THREE OF THE SIX AWARD CASES.

IN THE FIRST CASE, MR LEE HEI-YUEN(35), A CANTEEN WORKER, HELPED SUBDUED A MAN WHO SUDDENLY SNATCHED THE SERVICE REVOLVER FROM A POLICE CONSTABLE TAKING A REFRESHMENT BREAK AT A CANTEEN IN KWAI CHUNG ON FEBRUARY 22, 1984.

THE ARRESTED MAN, AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT, WAS CONVICTED IN HIGH COURT AND ORDERED TO BE DETAINED IN CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

IN THE SECOND CASE, MR CHEUNG KAM-HUNG(24) AND MR TANG WAI-LEUNG(25) WITNESSED A GOLDSMITH SHOP ROBBERY IN NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI ON FEBRUARY 23, 1984. THEY IMMEDIATELY GAVE CHASE IN A TAXI AND LATER LOCATED THE CULPRITS' CAR. TWO SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED NEXT DAY AND BOTH MR CHEUNG AND MR TANG ATTENDED AN IDENTIFICATION PARADE AND SUBSEQUENTLY GAVE EVIDENCE IN THE HIGH COURT.

ONE ROBBER WAS SENT TO PRISON FOR 12 YEARS, WHILE THE OTHER JUMPED BAIL AND IS STILL BEING SOUGHT.

IN THE THIRD ONE, THREE SISTERS CHAN KAM-CHEE(25), CHAN KAM-LING(23), CHAN KAM-MING(19) AND THEIR BROTHER CHAN KWOK-ON(14) WERE WAKENED BY AN ARMED BURGLAR IN THEIR HOME IN HOMANTIN AT 5 AM ON APRIL 29, 1984.

AFTER CONVINCING HIM NOT TO TIE THEM UP, THEY SEIZED AN OPPORTUNITY TO JUMP ON THE ROBBER WHEN THEY REALISED THE MAN'S GUN WAS AN IMITATION.

CHAN KAM-CHEE THEN THREW A VASE AT HIM AND IMMEDIATELY THE OTHERS GRABBED AND OVERPOWERED HIM. THE ARRESTED MAN, WHO WAS WANTED FOR ANOTHER ROBBERY, WAS LATER SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

THE AWARDEES IN THE FOURTH CASE ARE HUI WING-KA(32) AND HIS SISTER HUI LAI-KA(17). AT 3 AM ON FEBRUARY 18, 1984, A MAN BROKE INTO THEIR FLAT IN SHEUNG SHUI. WHEN THEIR MOTHER RAISED THE ALARM, BOTH AWARDEES CHASED THE INTRUDER FOR A DISTANCE OF SOME 400 METRES AND SUBDUED THE MAN AFTER A STRUGGLE.

THE ROBBER, WHO WAS ALSO WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH 15 OTHER CASES, WAS SENT TO PRISON FOR SEVEN YEARS.

A ROBBER WAS ARRESTED AND \$880,600 WORTH OF STOLEN GOLD ORNAMENTS WERE RECOVERED AS A RESULT OF THE HONESTY AND SWIFT REPORT MADE BY THE AWARDEE IN THE FIFTH CASE.

LEE SHEK-LUNG(38), A CLEANER, FOUND A LARGE QUANTITY OF GOLD ORNAMENTS IN A CANVAS BAG IN A REFUSE COLLECTION ROOM IN YAU TONG ESTATE ON MAY 31, 1984. HE IMMEDIATELY TOOK IT TO KWUN TONG POLICE STATION AND, AS A RESULT OF A POLICE AMBUSH, ONE MAN WAS ARRESTED. THE GOLD ORNAMENTS WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN IN A GOLDSMITH SHOP ROBBERY WHICH OCCURRED IN KWUN TONG EARLIER THAT DAY.

THE ARRESTED MAN WAS CONVICTED OF ROBBERY AND SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

IN THE SIXTH CASE, MR LI CHI-SANG(23), A POLICE INTERPRETER, SAW SOMEONE BREAKING INTO A NEIGHBOUR'S FLAT ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND ON OCTOBER 26, 1984. HE IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED THE POLICE BUT, BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY OF EXACTLY PIN-POINTING THE LOCATION, HE RUSHED TO THE POLICE STATION AND LED OFFICERS TO THE SCENE.

TWO SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED AND WERE FOUND TO BE CONNECTED WITH 16 CASES OF BURGLARIES AND SEVEN OTHER RELATED OFFENCES. THEIR CASE HAS STILL TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE DISTRICT COURT.

THE AWARDEES IN THREE CASES EACH RECEIVED A CASH AWARD OF \$10,000 GIVEN BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IN THE OTHER THREE CASES WITH MORE THAN ONE AWARDEE, RECIPIENTS SHARED A COLLECTIVE AWARD OF \$10,000.

THE 11 AWARDEES WERE ALSO GIVEN A GOLDEN WHISTLE AWARD BY THE ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED WHICH IS AN CO-ORGANISER OF THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WERE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY; THE CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR JACK TANG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF ATV, MR DEACON CHIU.

SOME 60 MEMBERS OF THE YIP'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR PERFORMED AT THE CEREMONY.

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TEXTILE REPORTS 'LARGELY ACCURATE'
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, TODAY (SATURDAY) COMMENTED ON PRESS REPORTS THAT FINAL REGULATIONS ON THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ISSUE WOULD SHORTLY BE ISSUED BY THE USA, AND THAT THEY DIFFER ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM THE INTERIM REGULATIONS AGAINST WHICH HONG KONG AND MANY OTHERS HAD BEEN PROTESTING.

+WHILST MORE DETAILED AND CONSIDERED COMMENT MUST AWAIT RECEIPT OF THE WORDING OF THE FINAL REGULATIONS, FROM OUR SOURCES WE BELIEVE THE REPORTS TO BE LARGELY ACCURATE. NATURALLY IF IT IS INDEED THE CASE THAT NO CHANGE HAS BEEN MADE IN THE RULES CONCERNING KNITWEAR, WE SHALL BE BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED. WE SHALL BE CONSULTING THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE DETAILS.+

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VOTING FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE
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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT TO SHOW CONCERN FOR THE DISTRICT AND HONG KONG'S FUTURE POLITICAL SYSTEM BY VOTING ON MARCH 7.

SPEAKING AT AN ELECTION FAIR ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, MR JONES SAID THAT HONG KONG'S DEVELOPING SYSTEM OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION HAD PROGRESSED GREATLY OVER THE PAST YEAR.

+HOWEVER, NO SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXIST WITHOUT ACTIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, AND PEOPLE CAN ONLY PARTICIPATE IF THEY VOTE,+ HE SAID.

HE URGED RESIDENTS TO LISTEN TO THE POLITICAL PLATFORMS OF CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ELECTIONS SO THEY COULD DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHO WOULD BEST REPRESENT THEIR INTEREST.

AT TODAY'S ELECTION FAIR, THE 30 CANDIDATES STANDING FOR THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION SET UP INDIVIDUAL BOOTHS TO PUBLICISE THEMSELVES AND PRESENT THEIR ELECTION PLATFORM.

VISITORS TO THE FAIR WERE TREATED TO PERFORMANCES BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND, MIME SHOWS AND A MUSICAL BY THE ARTS FESTIVAL FRINGE AND FOLK SINGING.

A GIANT BALLOON WITH A MESSAGE REMINDING PEOPLE TO VOTE ON MARCH 7, WAS THE MAIN ATTRACTION AT THE FAIR.

AN EXHIBITION, VIDEO-TAPE AND SLIDE SHOWS AT THE FAIR ALSO PROVIDED VISITORS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

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BOARDS' GREATER FUTURE ROLE STRESSED
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FUTURE DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD HAVE A GREATER ROLE TO PLAY IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, DR J.W. HAYES, SAID TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL, DR HAYES SAID:

+THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7 WILL OPEN A NEW CHAPTER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.+

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+I THEREFORE CALL ON EACH AND EVERY REGISTERED VOTER TO SHOW CONCERN FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS BY CASTING THEIR VOTE.+

DR HAYES SAID THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL, SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD HAD FULLY REFLECTED THE SPIRIT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE FESTIVAL BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 23 HAD PROVIDED SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WITH MORE THAN 10 ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

IT INCLUDED GAMES DAYS, TELEMATCHES, MUSIC NIGHTS, SOCCER MATCHES AND MARATHON.

THE GRAND CLOSING WAS MARKED BY TONIGHT'S VARIETY SHOW STAGED BY NINE FAMOUS ARTISTS IN THE TERRITORY.

THE VARIETY SHOW, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE FESTIVAL'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WOULD BE BROADCAST ON TVB ON MARCH 9.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY ARE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR CLIVE OXLEY.

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CARNIVAL FOR CENTRAL, WESTERN RESIDENTS

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A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD FOR RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY), AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN.

THE TWO-HOUR CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE CANTONESE OPERA, CHINESE DANCING, FOLK SINGING, A DRAMA PERFORMANCE AND A LION DANCE. THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES STALLS AND A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE CARNIVAL.

IT WILL BE OPENED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG.

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SAI YING PUN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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BRIEFING ON MTR ISLAND LINE
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EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE BY THE PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER OF THE MTR CORPORATION, MR MARTIN EVAN-JONES AT THEIR MEETING ON MONDAY (MARCH 4) AFTERNOON.

A SPECIAL TALK WILL ALSO BE GIVEN BY MR HENRY CHIU, A CONSULTANT OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE ON HOW THE CENTRE COULD ASSIST COMPANIES TO CONTROL POLLUTION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 4) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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MEDICAL CARE HOME FOR AGED OPENED
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LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, TODAY (SATURDAY) OPENED A MEDICAL INSTITUTION COSTING \$8.8 MILLION FOR THE ELDERLY IN YUEN LONG.

THE POK OI HOSPITAL YEUNG CHUN PUI CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR ELDERLY PATIENTS HAS 140 BEDS - 42 FOR THE POK OI HOSPITAL AND 98 FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

ADMISSION TO THE NEW INSTITUTION IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THREE PHASES. THE FIRST PHASE BEGAN RECENTLY, THE SECOND PHASE WILL BE IN APRIL AND THE FINAL STAGE IN JUNE.

THE INSTITUTION IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN AUGUST.

AFTER TURNING THE KEY TO OPEN THE MAIN DOOR OF THE HOME AND UNVEILING A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE, LADY YOUDE TOURED THE INSTITUTION TO SEE THE FACILITIES THERE.

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BE POLITE, CUSTOMS RECRUITS TOLD
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR HARNAM GREWAL TODAY REMINDED SOME 70 NEW RECRUITS OF THE SERVICE THAT THEIR ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR WOULD REFLECT ON BOTH THE SERVICE ITSELF AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE.

+IT IS THEREFORE INCUMBENT UPON YOU THAT YOU SHOULD, IN THE COURSE OF DAY-TO-DAY CONTACT, DEAL WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC POLITELY, PATIENTLY, FAIRLY AND HELPFULLY,+ MR GREWAL SAID.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF THE OFFICERS, HE SAID:
+I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT I HAVE SEEN AND UNDERSTAND WHY THE SERVICE IS HELD IN SUCH HIGH REGARD LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS FOR ITS PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION. I AM PROUD, AS I AM SURE YOU ARE, TO BE PART OF THE SERVICE.+

HE SAID THAT FROM ITS BEGINNINGS 76 YEARS AGO WHEN IT HAD 26 OFFICERS ENFORCING ONE PIECE OF LEGISLATION, THE SERVICE HAD EVOLVED INTO A SOPHISTICATED, FORWARD-LOOKING CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ADMINISTRATION WITH 2 600 MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL RANKS HAVING ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY UNDER 28 SEPARATE PIECES OF LEGISLATION.

+APART FROM ITS TRADITIONAL ROLE OF PROTECTING AND COLLECTING REVENUE FROM DUTIABLE COMMODITIES NOW RUNNING AT SOME \$3 BILLION ANNUALLY, THE SERVICE IS CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTERDICTING NARCOTIC DRUGS, PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND ENFORCING A WIDE RANGE OF TRADE, SECURITY AND HEALTH-RELATED MEASURES FOR THE SECURITY AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY,+ SAID MR GREWAL.

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RETRAINING COURSES FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS
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FOUR RETRAINING COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BETWEEN THIS SEPTEMBER AND JULY 1986.

THE EIGHT-WEEK COURSES AIM AT ACQUAINTING SERVING TEACHERS WITH MODERN METHODS AND APPROACHES TO TEACHING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, INTRODUCING NEW CONCEPTS OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, AND PROMOTING FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THE USE OF RESOURCES.

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EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS, HELPING TEACHERS TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTIVITY APPROACH AND DEVELOPING MODERN METHODS IN PROGRAMMED LEARNING, TEAM TEACHING AND MIXED ABILITY GROUPING.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN CLASSROOM SITUATIONS, TO CONSTRUCT AND DESIGN TEACHING AIDS, AND TO VISIT VARIOUS TEACHING CENTRES AND SCHOOLS ADOPTING THE ACTIVITY APPROACH.

THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE FOR THE COURSE.

ATTENDANCE WILL NOT LEAD TO ANY QUALIFICATIONS, BUT CERTIFICATES WILL BE ISSUED TO PARTICIPANTS WITH SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD EACH NOMINATE FOUR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSES. THE TEACHERS NOMINATED SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE FOLLOWING THEIR INITIAL TRAINING.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO SCHOOLS INTENDING TO ADOPT OR ALREADY ADOPTING THE ACTIVITY APPROACH.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SENT BY MARCH 29 TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 2ND FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON 3-910043 OR 3-957609.

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SLIP ROAD CLOSURE
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THE SLIP ROAD LINKING LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 5), FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, GENERAL TRAFFIC AND KMB ROUTES 86A, 87A, 87B AND 848 LEAVING FROM LION ROCK TUNNEL ON JOURNEYS TO WEST KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN AREAS WILL BE DIVERTED TO WATERLOO ROAD, CORNWALL STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET.

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NOTE TO TV NEWS EDITORS:

PLEASE BROADCAST THE ABOVE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR MORNING TRAFFIC BULLETINS.

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HAPPY VALLEY SITE FOR SALE BY TENDER
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A 2 516-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT SING WOO ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY, KNOWN AS INLAND LOT. 8601, IS BEING PUT UP FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE USED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, THE UPPER PODIUM FLOORS FOR USE AS A CAR PARK, AND THE FLOOR AREAS ABOVE THE PODIUM WILL BE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE DEVELOPER WILL HAVE TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 15 000 SQUARE METRES OF GROSS FLOOR AREA WITHIN 48 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF AGREEMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 29.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND SALES CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND THE PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

MEANWHILE, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR LETTING THE GROUND FLOOR, YARD AND COCKLOFT OF A GOVERNMENT-MANAGED THREE-STOREY BUILDING AT 19 LI CHIT STREET, HONG KONG.

THE PREMISES, TOTALLING 58 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR AND IS RENEWABLE ON MONTHLY BASIS THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS MARCH 22.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE PREMISES WILL BE OPEN FOR VIEWING FROM 10.30 AM TO 12 NOON ON MARCH 6 AND MARCH 13.

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TWO MORE SQUASH COURTS FOR KWAI CHUNG
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TWO NEWLY-COMPLETED, AIR-CONDITIONED SQUASH COURTS WILL BE OPENED IN KWAI CHUNG ON MONDAY (MARCH 4).

THEY ARE THE SECOND EXTENSION TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS, ADJACENT TO THE KWAI SHING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL, AND BRING THE NUMBER OF SQUASH COURTS THERE TO SIX.

THE EXTENSION WORK COST \$800 000, ALL PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID SQUASH WAS BECOMING MORE POPULAR AMONG YOUNGSTERS IN KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT, AND THE EXISTING FOUR COURTS AT THE COMPLEX WERE ALWAYS FULLY USED DURING THE DAY.

THE TWO NEW COURTS WERE A VERY WELCOME ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MODULAR INCINERATOR FOR MUI WO
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A MODULAR INCINERATOR FOR THE DISPOSAL OF COMBUSTIBLE WASTE MATERIAL ON LANTAU ISLAND IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT MUI WO AS PART OF THE TOWNSHIP'S CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT.

IT WILL REPLACE MOST OF THE EXISTING 18 OBSOLETE VILLAGE INCINERATORS ON THE ISLAND WHICH ARE CONSIDERED INEFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY UNDESIRABLE.

THE ALL-PURPOSE INCINERATOR IS CAPABLE OF COMPLETE COMBUSTION OF MOST TYPES OF WASTE AND OF MEETING HIGHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STANDARDS.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF THE PLANT IS THAT ITS CAPACITY CAN BE INCREASED BY INSTALLING ADDITIONAL MODULES.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE FIRST STAGE IN THE INSTALLATION OF THE INCINERATOR WHICH WILL SERVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF MUI WO AND SOUTH LANTAU.

WORK ON STAGE I IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND TAKE 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL INCLUDE FOUNDATION WORK, ERECTING ONE MODULAR UNIT, A CONCRETE REFUSE RECEPTION SHED, AN OFFICE AND WORKSHOP, A LOADING MACHINE, OIL STORAGE FACILITIES, STAFF QUARTERS AND BASIC ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

DEPENDING ON THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST STAGE, STAGE II WILL CONSIST OF SETTING UP A SECOND MODULAR UNIT, THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL OIL STORAGE TANK AND THE PAVING OF MOST OF THE AREA.

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LANDS AND WORKS OFFICER RETIRES
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PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR JOHN MARSHALL IS RETIRING AFTER 19 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, THIS AFTERNOON PRESENTED HIM WITH A DINNER SERVICE SET AND A CHAFING DISH ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE BRANCH AND THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS.

MR CHAN SAID THAT MR MARSHALL JOINED THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY 1966 AS A QUANTITY SURVEYOR AND HAD BEEN WITH THE PWD HEADQUARTERS AND THE BRANCH.

MR MARSHALL WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST IN MARCH 1983.

MR CHAN SAID THAT MR MARSHALL WAS +VIRTUALLY A FIXTURE IN MURRAY BUILDING+ AND WAS THE LONGEST SERVING OFFICER ON THE 20TH FLOOR.

MR MARSHALL, WHO WILL BE PROCEEDING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE SHORTLY, HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH THE HONG KONG SINGERS.

A KEEN SUPPORTER ALSO OF THE RED CROSS, HE HAD DONATED BLOOD 50 TIMES.

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YUEN LONG FOOT, CYCLE LINK PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE LINK IN YUEN LONG, BETWEEN LONG PING ESTATE AND YUEN LONG TOWN.

THE WORKS INVOLVE BUILDING A PEDESTRIAN - CYCLE BRIDGE FROM LONG PING ESTATE IN THE NORTH, TO THE PEDESTRIAN LANE ADJOINING PING CHEONG PATH IN THE SOUTH.

THE EXISTING BRIDGE ACROSS THE NULLAH WHICH LIES ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED BRIDGE WILL BE DEMOLISHED TOO.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG= THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE WORKS OR USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY APRIL 30.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEET-THE-MEDIA

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR COLIN GREENFIELD, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON MONDAY (MARCH 4) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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TSING YI TAPS OFF

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSING YI ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS - FROM 10 AM TO 7 PM - ON TUESDAY (MARCH 5) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE TSING YI TOWN AND TSING YI NORTH, INCLUDING CHINA RESOURCES OIL DEPOT.

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