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GOVERNOR TO OPEN NEW LEGCO SESSION

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The Governor, Sir Murray Maclehoze, will review the affairs of Hong Kong when he opens the new Legislative Council session for 1977/78 on Wednesday (October 5).

The proceedings, which begin at 2.30 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber, will be broadcast live on Radio Television Hong Kong Channel 2 (Chinese) and Channel 3 (English).

Commercial Radio will broadcast the address in Chinese on its Channel 1 while the three television stations will give highlights of the Governor's review in their regular news programmes.

On October 26, the Chief Secretary will move a motion to thank the Governor for his address and unofficial members will speak on the motion on the same day and the following day (October 27), if necessary.

Official members of the council are scheduled to reply to the points raised by the unofficials on November 9 and, if necessary, November 10.

Members of the Legislative Council will be joined by their three newly-appointed colleagues in the new session. They are the Director of Home Affairs, Mr. John Walden (Official); Dr. Rayson Lisung Huang and Mr. Charles Yeung Siu-cho (Unofficials).

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WORK SET TO START ON STAGE II  
DEVELOPMENT OF TUI MIN HOI

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Government will soon embark on another stage of a massive development programme for the Tui Min Hoi area of Sai Kung to develop the area into a self-contained rural township.

Engineering works will start later this year on land formation and reclamation to provide more sites for new housing, improved road access and recreational and community facilities.

At present, work is well underway on the first stage of development which includes the construction of a main access road leading from Hiram's Highway into the development area, and the formation of sites for a rural public housing estate and a fishermen's housing estate.

The second stage will involve the provision of sites for an extension of the main access road along the foreshore, a sewage treatment plant, an abattoir, a sand depot, and a marine fueling station and an ice storage plant to meet the needs of Sai Kung's large fishing community.

Eighty-six sites will be created in the area for New Territories "exempted houses" - those not more than 700 square feet and three storeys high.

There will also be a car park and public open spaces.

To make way for the second stage of development, about 12,250 square metres of agricultural land in Tui Min Hoi area will have to be resumed, and a notice of the resumption has been published in the Government Gazette.

A New Territories Administration spokesman said today the landowners would be offered cash compensation or land exchanges.

The Government would also pay ex-gratia allowances for poultry-breeders and cultivators, as well as compensation for fruit trees, pine trees, crops, and the removal of fences, pipe-lines, water tanks, rubble walls and graves, he said.

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The spokesman said seven temporary domestic structures and two squatter boats would have to be cleared.

"The families occupying these structures will be offered either space in a local temporary housing area or, if they opt for resiting outside a layout area, an ex-gratia rehabilitation allowance," he said.

In addition, he said, 25 other temporary structures would have to be cleared.

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PRISONS DRUG TREATMENT "A VERY SPLENDID ACHIEVEMENT"

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Nearly 60 per cent of the 7,859 persons released from the Prisons Department's Drug Addiction Treatment Centres between 1969 and 1976 have not been "reconvicted or relapsed into drug taking."

This was disclosed by the Medical Training Administrator of the Medical and Health Department, Dr. C.O. Lee, at a graduation parade of 98 Prison Officers and Assistant Officers at the Prisons Department's Staff Training Institute in Stanley this (Saturday) morning.

Dr. Lee described this as "a very splendid achievement" and said it was a reflection on the hard work put in by the staff of the Prisons Department.

Dr. Lee has been closely associated with the work of the Prisons Department as Medical Officer at Stanley Prison for 10 years from 1948 to 1957.

"At the time when I commenced my service with the department in 1948, there were only three prisons, namely Stanley, Victoria and the female prison at Lai Chi Kok. They were overcrowded with limited accommodation and few, if any, facilities for the re-education and social rehabilitation of prisoners, young and old," he said.

Dr. Lee stressed that because of the important and essential work of the department in safe-guarding the security of our society and for the protection of the community, new prisons and institutions had to be planned and commissioned.

"Equally important," he added, "is the need to assist the department to provide effective and practical systems of rehabilitation through correctional treatment, educational, vocational and work training for the different categories of persons through the courts.

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The first treatment centre for young offenders was established in Stanley in 1953 and this marked the beginning of the expansion programme of the department which today runs 18 institutions.

Dr. Lee said some of these institutions are among the best organised and modern correctional institutions in the world.

He also told the officers at the passing out parade that they would find the work of a Prison Officer not merely confined to ensuring the safe custody of persons convicted and sentenced by the courts.

"It can be much more meaningful and rewarding in terms of job satisfaction, working conditions and career prospects," said Dr. Lee.

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#### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HOI FOO STREET

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A section of Hoi Foo Street between Shau Kei Wan Road and Sai Wan Ho Street will be closed to traffic for about three months from 10 a.m. on Wednesday (October 5) to facilitate the laying of cables.

At the same time, the section of Sai Wan Ho Street between Hoi An Street and Hoi Foo Street will be re-routed two way. Appropriate traffic signs will be set up to guide motorists.

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