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NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL PLANNED FOR KWAI CHUNG

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PLANS ARE IN HAND FOR A NEW NON-PROFIT-MAKING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN KWAI CHUNG.

+THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND MY DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING HAND IN HAND TO PROCESS THE GRANT OF SITE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, + THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF JU CHING CHU ENGLISH COLLEGE AT THE CONCERT HALL OF CITY HALL.

MR. TOPLEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW SCHOOL WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE THREE-YEAR BOUGHT PLACES SCHEME AND OFFER AS MANY FORM 1 TO FORM 3 PLACES AS POSSIBLE(((

THE DIRECTOR ADDED: +THE SITE CHOSEN IS A VERY GOOD ONE AS IT IS IN A RATHER DENSELY POPULATED AREA OF TSUEN WAN. INDICATIONS ARE, THEREFORE, THAT THE NEW SCHOOL SHOULD FIND NO DIFFICULTY IN BECOMING ESTABLISHED.+

THE SPONSORS OF THE PROJECT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING THE JU CHING CHU ENGLISH COLLEGE, WHICH IS A PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

MR. TOPLEY SAID THAT THE NEW PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE MORE SECONDARY PLACES, THUS MAKING A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THE DIRECTOR CONGRATULATED THE COLLEGE FOR ITS AWARENESS THAT ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION ALONE WAS NOT ENOUGH IF AN ALL-ROUND EDUCATION WAS TO BE OFFERED.

+THE IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL AWARENESS IS EQUALLY RECOGNISED AND PROVIDED FOR IN THE WIDE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED WITHIN THE SCHOOL AND IN THE ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN TO THE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS AND IN ACTIVITIES INVOLVING COMMUNITY SERVICE, + HE SAID.

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LEGCO TO DEBATE COMMODITY EXCHANGE PLAN ON WEDNESDAY
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON WEDNESDAY WHETHER OR NOT A COMMODITY EXCHANGE SHOULD BE SET UP IN HONG KONG.

A MOTION SEEKING LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR ESTABLISHING A COMMODITY EXCHANGE WAS MOVED IN COUNCIL LAST MONTH BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WHO SAID AT THE TIME THAT PROPOSALS FOR THE SCHEME HAD REACHED +A MORE DETAILED AND DEFINITIVE FORM.+

THE DEBATE ON THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE IS ONE OF THE MAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY'S COUNCIL SITTING.

DURING THE MEETING, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE ANOTHER MOTION SEEKING APPROVAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BORROW 6.5 MILLION POUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF GENERAL REVENUE.

IN AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE, THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN WILL RAISE THE MATTER OF HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXTILES WITH THE E.E.C. AND HONG KONG'S FUTURE POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY'S GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES.

DURING QUESTION TIME, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE NINE QUESTIONS RELATING, AMONG OTHERS, TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, TOWN PLANNING, SQUATTERS, AND THE CARRYING OF ARMS BY POLICE OFFICERS.

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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITS OI MAN
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LADY MACLEHOSE TODAY VISITED OI MAN ESTATE IN KOWLOON TO SEE CONDITIONS THERE. IT WAS HER FIRST VISIT TO THE ESTATE.

SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. IAN LIGHTBODY, SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND MR. DONALD P.H. LIAO, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING.

ARRIVING SHORTLY BEFORE 6 P.M., LADY MACLEHOSE VISITED THE FAMILIES OF MR. WONG KAN-LAM IN TAK MAN HOUSE AND MR. LEUNG SAI-LO IN HONG MAN HOUSE.

LATER, SHE TOURED THE OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, THE ESTATE'S MARKET AREA AND THE NEW TYPE COOKED FOOD STALLS, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

BEFORE WINDING UP HER TOUR, LADY MACLEHOSE MET THE CHAIRMEN OF THE ESTATE'S TWO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, MR. POON KAI-CHEUNG AND MRS. MAN LOK HENG-CHOI AND DISCUSSED MATTERS ON PUBLIC SECURITY IN THE ESTATE.

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RESERVOIRS NOW HOLD MORE WATER THAN EVER

HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS HELD A RECORD 66,660 MILLION GALLONS OF FRESH WATER THIS MORNING — THE HIGHEST STORAGE FIGURE IN HISTORY.

THE LAST HIGHEST STORAGE FIGURE WAS RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1973 WHEN THE RESERVOIRS HELD 66,452 MILLION GALLONS OR 98.7 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS.

THIS MORNING'S FIGURE WAS 99.0 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY.

PLOVER COVE, WHICH HAS A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS, WAS FILLED TO THE BRIM — THE SECOND TIME SINCE THE RESERVOIR'S EXTENSION WAS COMPLETED IN AUGUST 1973. IT OVERFLOWED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEPTEMBER 1973.

AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR, THE TOTAL STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS WAS ONLY 36,808 MILLION GALLONS, WHILE THAT AT PLOVER COVE WAS 28,601 MILLION GALLONS.

DURING THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY, 0.5 MM (0.02 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY. THE TOTAL RAINFALL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR IS 1,379.5 MM (54.31 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 790.5 MM (31.12 IN).

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COURSE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND VOLUNTEER WORK

A COURSE TO TRAIN YOUNGSTERS IN VOLUNTEER AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORK WILL BE RUN BY THE GROUP WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN.

IT WILL BE HELD EACH WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENING BETWEEN 7.30 AND 9.30 P.M. FROM JUNE 25 TO JULY 18.

ABOUT 60 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE COURSE AND THOSE WISHING TO JOIN SHOULD CONTACT THE UNIT. APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 16 AND THE FEE IS \$5.

THE SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED WILL INCLUDE THE CONCEPT OF SOCIAL SERVICE= THE ROLE, ATTITUDE AND RELATIONSHIP OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE= AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING. AT THE END OF THE COURSE, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE TAKEN TO FIELD VISITS AS PART OF THEIR PRACTICAL WORK.

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ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF ECONOMIC UPTURN
NOTED IN TUEN MUN

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THERE ARE POSITIVE SIGNS THAT HONG KONG IS RECOVERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC RECESSION, ACCORDING TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. DAVID LAN.

ONE INDICATION, HE TOLD NEW TERRITORIES ROTARIANS TODAY, WAS TUEN MUN WHERE +THINGS ARE PICKING UP AT A VERY SATISFACTORY PACE+.

HE SAID FACTORIES THERE HAD RESUMED A THREE-SHIFT OPERATION AND GREATER INTEREST WAS BEING SHOWN IN REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

MR. LAN REASSURED PRIVATE DEVELOPERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS FIRMLY DETERMINED TO PROCEED WITH THE TOWN'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND CALLED FOR +ACTIVE PARTICIPATION+ IN THIS VENTURE BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS.

WHILE CERTAIN LESS ESSENTIAL PROJECTS, SUCH AS A CULTURAL COMPLEX AND A SWIMMING POOL, HAD TO BE REVIEWED BEFORE PLANS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED, THIS DID NOT MEAN A SLOW DOWN BY ANY MEANS, HE SAID.

SEVERAL SITES, HE SAID, HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR DISPOSAL BY A PUBLIC TENDER SYSTEM IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIALISTS AND DEVELOPERS WHO WERE KEEN TO BUILD NEW FACTORIES QUICKLY IN TUEN MUN.

IN THIS NEW SCHEME THE LAND TO BE DISPOSED OF WOULD NOT NECESSARILY GO TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER BUT WOULD PROBABLY GO TO THE DEVELOPER WITH A GENUINE INTEREST TO DEVELOP HIS LAND QUICKLY, SAID MR. LAN.

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ROAD CLOSURE

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT A SECTION OF ROAD D5 NEAR RIVER CHANNEL IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN HAS BEEN CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC TO ENABLE EMERGENCY ROAD WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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POSTAL SURVEY OF INSTRUCTORS

A POSTAL SURVEY OF INSTRUCTORS IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTOR TRAINING OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY IS TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON EXISTING AND FUTURE NEEDS FOR INSTRUCTORS IN INDUSTRIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL BE USED AS BASIS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL ON HOW TRAINING FACILITIES FOR INSTRUCTORS CAN BE IMPROVED.

THE SURVEY WILL COVER ABOUT 2,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE TEN MAJOR INDUSTRIES, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A LETTER, TOGETHER WITH TWO COPIES OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE FORMS, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WERE SENT OUT TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

THE COMMITTEE STRONGLY URGED ALL EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE BY COMPLETING ONE COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURNING IT BY USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. NIL RETURN OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE FORM IS REQUIRED EVEN IF THE ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT EMPLOY INSTRUCTORS. EMPLOYERS ARE ASSURED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND RELEASED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

ANYONE WHO HAS QUERIES ABOUT THE SURVEY CAN CONTACT MR. YEUNG PUI-SANG, THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTOR TRAINING AT 5-281862.

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SIR MURRAY TO VISIT SINGAPORE

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE IS TO PAY A FOUR-DAY PRIVATE VISIT TO SINGAPORE FROM JUNE 22 TO 26. HE WILL STAY AT THE ISTANA (THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE) ON THE INVITATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. LEE KUAN YEW.

DURING HIS STAY, SIR MURRAY WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF BRIEFING HIMSELF ON ASPECTS OF ADMINISTRATION RELEVANT TO HONG KONG SUCH AS HOUSING, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CRIME PREVENTION.

BEFORE TAKING UP HIS APPOINTMENT AS GOVERNOR IN 1971, SIR MURRAY VISITED SINGAPORE ON HIS WAY TO HONG KONG AND SAW SOMETHING OF THE WAY IN WHICH SINGAPORE WAS DEALING WITH PROBLEMS COMMON TO BOTH COMMUNITIES.

SIR MURRAY WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

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THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN IS DONATING \$8,000 TOWARDS THE SETTING UP OF EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1975/76.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL BE ACCEPTING THE MONEY ON BEHALF OF THE INSTITUTE TONIGHT (MONDAY) AT THE CLUB'S MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE KINGS GARDEN RESTAURANT BEGINNING AT 8.00 PM.

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE BY MR. WU PO-LING, THE CLUB'S NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

IN ADDITION TO THIS DONATION, SERVICE ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE CHIU CHOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OTHER LIONS CLUB, HAVE ALSO DONATED OR PLEADED DONATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE INSTITUTE.

UNLIKE THEIR COUNTERPARTS AT THE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES EDUCATION, STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE DO NOT HAVE ACCESSSES TO BURSARY, SCHOLARSHIP, OR LOAN SCHEMES. NOR ARE THEY ABLE TO TAKE JOBS DURING THE SUMMER AS THE INSTITUTE'S PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR FIELD WORK WHICH IS SO VITAL IN SOCIAL WORK TRAINING.

+THE GENEROUS OFFER OF THESE ORGANISATIONS TO SET UP OF SCHOLARSHIPS WILL, I AM CERTAIN, BE WELCOME BY ALL CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY THE STUDENTS, SOME OF WHOM HAVE GIVEN UP JOBS TO ENROLL AT THE INSTITUTE OR TO OTHERS WHO MAY OTHERWISE FACE DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION+ MR. LEE SAID.

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