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HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH OPENS DENTAL HOSPITAL

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HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH TODAY UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE \$200 MILLION PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL IN SAI YING PUN.

PRINCE PHILIP, IN A JOVIAL MOOD, SPENT SOME TIME CHATTING AND JOKING WITH STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC STAFF DURING HIS HOUR LONG TOUR OF THE HOSPITAL.

AS CENTENNIAL PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION, HE SHOWED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF DENTISTRY TO STUDENTS AND STAFF AND SPENT HALF OF HIS VISIT IN THE HOSPITAL'S PROSTHETICS DEPARTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY EXAMINING THE FACILITIES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITAL'S BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, THE HON LYDIA DUNN WAS PRESENTED TO PRINCE PHILIP BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE HON D.W. MCDONALD- THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH- DR THE HON K.L. THONG- THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE HON E.P. HO- AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL, PROF GEOFFREY L. HOWE WERE PRESENTED TO HRH BY MISS DUNN.

ON THE HOSPITAL'S FOURTH FLOOR, HE SAW VARIOUS SURGERIES, FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY, TOOTH ANOMALIES AND GENETICS, IMPRESSIONS AND WAX RECORDS, PLAQUE DISCLOSURE AND CONTROL AND RESEARCH LABORATORIES. IN THE TECHNOLOGY UNIT HE SAW SURVEYING MODELS, POLISHING SKELETONS, PREPARATION OF DIES, WAXING OF DENTURES AND OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS.

AFTER TOURING OTHER FLOORS OF THE HOSPITAL HE RECORDED THE FIRST SIGNATURE IN THE HOSPITAL'S VISITORS BOOK. THE GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT MR EDWIN WONG- THE CONSULTANT ARCHITECT, MR JOHN ROSS- THE HOSPITAL'S COMPTROLLER, MR D.H. MACE AND THE SECRETARY TO THE DENTAL ACADEMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR A.P. WALKER, WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO THE DUKE BY MISS DUNN.

AS THE PARTY WAS LEAVING THE HOSPITAL, SIR MURRAY THREW BACK THE ROOF OF THE OFFICIAL CAR TO ENABLE A LARGE APPLAUDING CROWD OF SPECTATORS TO HAVE A BETTER GLIMPSE OF THE ROYAL VISITOR.

PRINCE PHILIP LEAVES FOR AUSTRALIA TONIGHT AND WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SATURDAY FOR ANOTHER BRIEF STOP-OVER VISIT.

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HONG KONG-CHINA RELATIONS +ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY+
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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA IS NOW ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY AND GREATLY ASSISTED BY THE UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE OF CHINA AND THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THAT COUNTRY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITIES CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVE HEADS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

HONG KONG'S COMMUNITY, SIR MURRAY SAID, STOOD ON THREE LEGS. THE FIRST WAS ITS OWN SELF-RELIANCE, ECONOMIC DYNAMISM AND SOCIAL COHESION- THE SECOND WAS THE SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT- AND THE THIRD WAS A CORRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA.

+IT IS THESE THREE THINGS THAT THE CONFIDENCE AND GROWTH THAT YOU SEE AROUND YOU IN HONG KONG ARE BASED,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY WENT ON TO TRACE HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATION OVER THE YEARS AND SAID THAT WHILE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WERE TO BE FURTHER EXPANDED, HONG KONG COULD NOT HOPE TO BE SELF SUFFICIENT IN ALL FIELDS OF EDUCATION.

+NOR DO WE AIM TO BE, SINCE THE EXPERIENCE OF OVERSEAS EDUCATION IS HIGHLY BENEFICIAL. SO, MANY OF OUR STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK HIGHER EDUCATION IN INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS.

+WE OF COURSE REGRET THE DISCOURAGING EFFECT ON THIS PROCESS OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY FEE STRUCTURE IN THE UK. OBVIOUSLY ITS BUDGETARY PROVISION IS ENTIRELY A MATTER FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT, BUT SINCE WE REGARD THESE TRADITIONAL ACADEMIC LINKS AS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, WE HOPE THE PRESENT MEASURES WILL BE MODIFIED AS FINANCIAL PRESSURES EASE.

+MEANWHILE, MY GOVERNMENT IS CONSCIOUS OF ITS DUTY TO MAINTAIN OUR STUDENTS' OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OVERSEAS AND NOT ALLOW THESE LONG STANDING ACADEMIC LINKS TO WITHER BY DEFAULT,+ SAID SIR MURRAY.

+SO, FOR THE TIME BEING, WE WILL TAKE WHATEVER FINANCIAL STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO EASE THE POSITION OF OUR STUDENTS AND KEEP THE OLD TRADITION GOING MEANWHILE.+

HE TOLD THE UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVES THAT HONG KONG WAS ALSO PRESSING AHEAD WITH AN AMBITIOUS EXPANSION OF MEDICAL TRAINING.

SIR MURRAY CITED THE OPENING THIS AFTERNOON OF THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL BY HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND ADDED THAT A SECOND MEDICAL SCHOOL AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY WOULD START PRE-CLINICAL INTAKE IN SEPTEMBER AND AN ASSOCIATED PRINCE OF WALES TEACHING HOSPITAL AT SHA TIN WOULD OPEN IN 1982.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR LORD CARRINGTON'S VISIT
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THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE MEDIA TO COVER THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, THE RT HON THE LORD CARRINGTON, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FROM ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN, BY RAF VC-10 AT 8 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 29).

THERE WILL BE A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY AT THE AIRPORT FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO TAKE PICTURES OF HIS ARRIVAL.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER THIS EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM AT THE AIRPORT AT 7 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

VISIT TO KOWLOON ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY'S SITE AT TAP SHEK KOK

ON MONDAY MORNING (MARCH 30), LORD CARRINGTON WILL VISIT THE KOWLOON ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY'S SITE AT TAP SHEK KOK.

A PRESS FACILITY FOR BOTH REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE ARRANGED. ON ARRIVAL AT TAP SHEK KOK, THE PRESS PARTY WILL BE BRIEFED BY COMPANY OFFICIALS AND OFFERED REFRESHMENT. LORD CARRINGTON WILL ARRIVE BY CAR AT 12.45 PM. AFTER COVERING THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT, THE PRESS PARTY IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE TAP SHEK KOK AT ABOUT 1.15 PM.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER THIS EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE CGO CAR PARK AT 10 AM.

VISIT TO URBAN COUNCIL

ON TUESDAY MORNING (MARCH 31), LORD CARRINGTON WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO COVER LORD CARRINGTON'S ARRIVAL. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10.45 AM.

VISIT TO SHUN LEE ESTATE

ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, LORD CARRINGTON WILL VISIT SHUN LEE ESTATE, CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, KOWLOON.

ONE COACH WILL LEAVE CGO CAR PARK FOR SHUN LEE ESTATE AT 2.45 PM.

PRESS CONFERENCE AT BEACONSFIELD HOUSE

ON TUESDAY EVENING (MARCH 31), LORD CARRINGTON WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 6 PM IN THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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UMELCO DINNER

LATER ON TUESDAY EVENING, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WILL ATTEND A DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER HIS ARRIVAL AT THE PEDDER STREET ENTRANCE TO SWIRE HOUSE. THOSE WHO WISH TO COVER THIS EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE AT 7.40 PM.

DEPARTURE FROM KAI TAK

LORD CARRINGTON WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA BY RAF VC-10 ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 1) MORNING.

DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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BUDGET DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW
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THE BUDGET DEBATE WILL RESUME IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN NINE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE BUDGET PROPOSALS. THE DEBATE WILL CONTINUE ON THURSDAY WITH 10 OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS SPEAKING.

TOMORROW'S SPEAKERS ARE THE HON O.V. CHEUNG, THE HON ROGER LOBO, THE HON LI FOOK-WO, DR THE HON FRANCIS TIEN, THE HON ALEX WU, REV THE HON JOYCE BENNETT, THE HON S.L. CHEN, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, AND DR THE HON HENRY HU.

THE OTHER 10 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO WILL SPEAK ON THURSDAY ARE THE HON PETER C. WONG, THE HON WONG LAM, THE HON ANDREW SO, DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, THE HON ALLEN LEE, THE HON D.K. NEWBIGGING, THE HON F.K. HU, THE HON WONG PO-YAN, THE HON W.C.L. BROWN AND THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COUNTERPARTS ON APRIL 8 AND, IF NECESSARY, APRIL 9.

THE SITTINGS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON RADIO 2 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 4 (ENGLISH) FROM 2.30 PM.

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GUIDE TO CHOOSE FORM IV PLACES

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FORMS FOR SELECTING SCHOOLS UNDER THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) SYSTEM TOGETHER WITH GUIDEBOOKS FOR PARENTS, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO FORM III STUDENTS THIS WEEK.

+PARENTS WILL BE ASKED TO CHOOSE 15 SCHOOLS IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE FROM A FULL LIST OF SCHOOLS PROVIDING SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES. THEY WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO CHOOSE FIVE PREFERRED GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GUIDEBOOKS ARE PUBLISHED IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WITH SEPARATE VERSIONS FOR CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOLS. PARENTS SHOULD READ THEM CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING THEIR CHOICE OF SCHOOLS.

ALLOCATION OF SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES, BASED ON PARENTS' CHOICE AND THE STUDENTS' POSITION IN THE RELEVANT ORDER OF MERIT, WILL BE PERFORMED BY COMPUTER.

+ELIGIBLE STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS WITH SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES WHO HAVE MADE THEIR OWN SCHOOL THEIR FIRST CHOICE WILL BE ALLOCATED FIRST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IF THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT FORM IV PLACES IN A SCHOOL TO ACCOMMODATE ALL SUCH STUDENTS, THE REMAINDER WHO CANNOT BE GIVEN PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED NEXT. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS WITHOUT ANY SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES WILL BE GIVEN THE SAME PRIORITY AS THIS GROUP.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS WITH SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES WHO HAVE NOT MADE THEIR OWN SCHOOL THEIR FIRST CHOICE WILL BE ALLOCATED LAST.

IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED NUMBER OF FORM IV PLACES IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ELIGIBLE STUDENTS IN THESE SCHOOLS MAY CHOOSE AN ANGLO-CHINESE GRAMMAR OR A TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

BUT STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT STUDYING IN FORM III OF A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL MAY NOT OPT TO GO TO FORM IV OF A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

+PARENTS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE SCHOOLS THEY CHOOSE DO NOT OFFER SUBJECTS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN STUDYING IN FORM III,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN RESPECT OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.+

STUDENTS CHOOSING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS MUST BE CAPABLE OF TAKING ON VARIOUS TECHNICAL SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN THESE SCHOOLS AT FORM IV LEVEL, HE SAID.

WHEN FILLING IN THE FORMS, PARENTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE PUPIL REFERENCE NUMBER ENTERED INTO THE FORM SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT PRINTED ON THE PUPIL'S IDENTIFICATION FORM.

/+EACH SCHOOL

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+EACH SCHOOL CODE IS IN THREE FIGURES AND IS PRINTED ON THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN OF THE LIST OF SCHOOLS IN THE GUIDEBOOK. ONLY CODE OF SCHOOLS LISTED IN THE GUIDEBOOK SHOULD BE INSERTED IN THE FORM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RESULTS OF SELECTION AND ALLOCATION WILL BE RELEASED TOWARDS THE END OF JULY.

PARENTS SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT THE JSEA SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 5-276359.

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**SWD SEES RESIDENTIAL SERVICE
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY (TUESDAY) INSPECTED THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY ONE OF HONG KONG'S LARGEST INSTITUTIONAL HOMES FOR ORPHANS AND CHILDREN — THE ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME IN TAI PO.

DURING HIS VISIT MR ALLEYNE STUDIED THE HOME'S DAILY PROGRAMMES AND LEARNED OF ITS PLANS TO CREATE AN EXTRA 62 PLACES FOR CHILDREN AGED BELOW SIX YEARS. HE ALSO MET THE INSTITUTION'S SUPERINTENDENT, MR MICHAEL LAI, AND HONORARY SECRETARY, MR FRED LEE.

FOUNDED BY THE SHENG KUNG HUI IN 1935, THE GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED INSTITUTION PROVIDES FREE SERVICES TO 312 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED UP TO 21 YEARS WHO ARE EITHER ORPHANS OR COME FROM BROKEN HOMES OR FAMILIES WITH OTHER PROBLEMS.

APART FROM PROVIDING BASIC CARE, THE HOME ASSISTS THE CHILDREN WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH SCHOOLING, SOCIAL WORK SERVICE, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, TRAINING AND MEDICAL CARE.

ITS HOME STAFF KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON THE CHILDREN'S PROGRESS AND, TOGETHER WITH REFERRING SOCIAL WORKERS, ARRANGE TO REUNITE THEM WITH THEIR FAMILIES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

THE HOME ALSO ARRANGES ADOPTION OF ORPHANS UNDER CARE, AND HELPS OLDER CHILDREN, ON THEIR DISCHARGE, IN FURTHER STUDIES AND FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

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HK REPRESENTED AT AIRPORT OPERATORS' CONFERENCE

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE 1981 ECONOMIC SPECIALTY CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL OPENING IN GULFPORT-BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

MR C.E. JONES, SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, WILL ATTEND THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE WHICH IS SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR DELEGATES REPRESENTING AIRPORTS, AIRLINES, CONCESSIONAIRES, CONSULTANTS, FINANCIERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHERS HAVING A DIRECT INTEREST IN THE ECONOMICS OF AIRPORTS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL MAINLY DEAL WITH AIRPORT FINANCING, AIRPORT LEASING AND PRICING POLICIES, GROUND TRANSPORTATION AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SESSION ON THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION.

ABOUT 200 DELEGATES FROM AIRPORTS AND GOVERNMENTS WILL PARTICIPATE.

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NT LAND SALES FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT IT WILL OFFER MORE THAN 29 HECTARES OF LAND FOR SALE DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTA SAID THIS WAS FIVE HECTARES MORE THAN THE AMOUNT OFFERED DURING THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS, NINE HECTARES MORE THAN THAT DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, AND DOUBLE THAT OFFERED 18 MONTHS AGO.

A TOTAL OF 32 SITES ARE TO BE PUT UP FOR SALE -- 15 IN SHA TIN, SIX IN YUEN LONG, FIVE IN TUEN MUN, THREE IN ISLANDS, TWO IN TAI PO AND ONE IN TSUEN WAN.

THERE WILL BE AUCTIONS IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER AT WHICH A TOTAL OF 15 SITES MEASURING 6.6 HECTARES WILL BE SOLD.

ELEVEN SITES MEASURING 2.54 HECTARES WILL BE RESERVED FOR HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS 'A' AND 'B') AND THE REMAINING SIX SITES MEASURING 20.2 HECTARES WILL BE SOLD BY CASH TENDER.

THE LAND TO BE SOLD IS FOR RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL, NON-INDUSTRIAL, HOSPITAL, FISHPOND AND DANGEROUS GOODS STORAGE PURPOSES.

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APART FROM THE FISHPOND, WHICH WILL OCCUPY 12 HECTARES OF LAND AT TAI O AND WHICH WILL BE SOLD BY CASH TENDER IN JULY, THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF LAND - MORE THAN 10 HECTARES - WILL BE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SHA TIN (10 SITES), ISLANDS (TWO SITES) AND TUEN MUN (ONE SITE).

THE BIGGEST OF THE RESIDENTIAL SITES IS AT SHA TIN, MEASURING OVER FOUR HECTARES. IT IS FOR A JOINT VENTURE PROJECT TO INCLUDE GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.

TWO OTHER SITES, ONE IN SHA TIN MEASURING 0.46 HECTARES AND THE OTHER IN TUEN MUN MEASURING 1.18 HECTARES, ARE FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS.

ANOTHER SITE IN SHA TIN, MEASURING MORE THAN TWO AND A QUARTER HECTARES, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

SEVEN OF THE RESIDENTIAL SITES WILL BE AUCTIONED, THREE WILL BE FOR LETTER 'A' AND 'B' HOLDERS AND THREE WILL BE SOLD BY CASH TENDER.

INDUSTRIAL

ON OFFER ARE 12 INDUSTRIAL SITES, MEASURING ABOUT 2.6 HECTARES, IN SHA TIN, YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN.

THE LARGEST, COVERING 0.7 HECTARES, IS FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AT SHA TIN.

SIX OF THE INDUSTRIAL SITES MEASURING ABOUT 1.56 HECTARES WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION AND THE OTHERS WILL BE SOLD UNDER THE LETTER 'A' AND 'B' SYSTEM.

COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL

THERE ARE THREE SITES FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT MEASURING ABOUT 1.75 HECTARES. TWO ARE IN TAI PO AND THE OTHER IS IN TSUEN WAN.

NON-INDUSTRIAL

THE ONLY NON-INDUSTRIAL SITE MEASURING 0.3 HECTARES, IS IN YUEN LONG. IT WILL BE SOLD TO LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS FOR A MULTI-STORY CAR PARK DEVELOPMENT.

HOSPITAL

THE HOSPITAL SITE IS IN SHA TIN AND WILL BE SOLD BY CASH TENDER. IT MEASURES 1.93 HECTARES.

DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN

THE SITE FOR A DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN IS IN YUEN LONG AND WILL ALSO BE SOLD BY CASH TENDER. IT MEASURES 0.45 HECTARES.

THE NTA SPOKESMAN, STRESSING THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL AT THIS STAGE, SAID THE LAND TO BE OFFERED DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WOULD BRING TO 87 HECTARES THE AMOUNT PUT UP FOR DISPOSAL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS. THE NUMBER OF SITES OFFERED OVER THE SAME PERIOD WILL TOTAL 164.

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NEW RESERVOIR FOR SHA TIN
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT AH KUNG KOK, AN AREA OPPOSITE THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE.

THE WORK WILL ALSO INCLUDE 1 500 METRES OF MAINLAYING.

THE RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 17 000 CUBIC METRES AND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN REINFORCED CONCRETE. THE MAINS WILL BE LAID TO FEED THE RESERVOIR AND CONVEY WATER FROM THE RESERVOIR TO A NEARBY AREA WHERE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IS TAKING PLACE.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN MAY 1981 AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FOOTPATHS TO BE CLOSED FOR OCEAN PARK EXTENSION
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT OF AN EXTENSION TO THE OCEAN PARK FOR THE PROVISION OF A SECOND ENTRANCE TO THE PARK'S HEADLAND, THOSE FOOTPATHS AFFECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AS THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN PHASES, IT WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE EXISTING LOCAL FOOTPATH SYSTEM IN THE AREA UNTIL CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE RESPECTIVE PHASES COMMENCED.

+IN ORDER TO ALLOW UNINTERRUPTED USE OF THE FOOTPATH SYSTEM, ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL, WHERE APPROPRIATE, BE PROVIDED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS NOT LATER THAN APRIL 20, 1981. ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST REACH THE DIRECTOR BEFORE MAY 20, 1981.

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WATER CUT IN PAT HEUNG AREA

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF AREAS IN KAM TIN, PAT HEUNG AND SHEK KONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY (MARCH 26) TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE WING LUNG WAI, CHEUNG KONG TSUEN, PAT HEUNG POLICE STATION, LO UK TSUEN, YAU UK TSUEN, HA WAI, WING NING LEI, WANG TOI SHAN, WANG TOI SHAN SAN TSUEN, SAN LUNG WAI, CHUK HANG, HA CHE, SHEUNG CHE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL.

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SALT WATER CUT IN NGAU TAU KOK

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES AROUND JORDAN VALLEY WILL BE CUT OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 26) FOR PIPE TESTING.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED INCLUDE JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE- LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE BLOCKS 8 - 14- NGAU TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD AND CHOI WAN ROAD- AND PING SHEK ESTATE.

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Speech by H E. The Governor on the Occasion
of the Opening of the Association of
Commonwealth Universities Conference of
Executive Heads on Tuesday, March 24, 1981

Hong Kong is honoured to be host to such a distinguished academic gathering. As the Vice-Chancellor has said, the occasion is unique, and I am proud and pleased to bid you welcome.

Your deliberations will be about the major problems that confront universities all over the world. But before you start let me tell you something about this city in which this conference is held.

Its outstanding feature has been rapid expansion of population from 600 000 just after the war to 2 million in 1950 and over 5 million today. Anywhere in the world such unnatural surges of immigration would have presented great problems of subsistence, shelter and employment. How much more so in a place almost devoid of natural resources. The solution was found in the processing of imported materials and their export for sale in overseas markets, and so this great centre of industry emerged supported by a progressively larger financial sector, magnificent communications by sea and air, and a large tourist industry. It is a city built by the value its people have added to imported materials - literally by their sweat - and without a cent of outside aid. Its success is founded on an ethic of self-reliance, the industry and adaptability of its work force, the courage and imagination of its manufacturers and traders, and the ever present pressure of external events in far away markets beyond its control.

The Government's contribution has been the preservation of a stable economic and political environment free of unnecessary or doctrinaire controls.

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Since Hong Kong is dependent on external market forces the economy has had to be left to adjust to them, so there are no tariffs or quantitative restrictions on trade, nor are there subsidies or schemes of preference. For the same reason our tax structure is comparatively low and simple. The businessman is thus free within bounds dictated by prudence, safety and justice to risk his money and provide employment in the knowledge that his profit is his to keep. The recipe is well proven. Over the last ten years our Gross Domestic Product has increased by 138% and our trade by 170% and these figures are in real not money terms.

The same decade has seen a growth in public spending of 210% again in real not money terms, achieved not through increases in taxation but through growth in wealth. Much of this expenditure has gone towards the building up of the social infrastructure swamped by press of population. Slowly at first but with increasing momentum the improvements have been made; housing; medical care; education; a welfare safety net for the less fortunate; provision for culture and recreation. From time to time fresh influxes of immigration have threatened our hopes. None more serious than the 300 000 people who flooded into Hong Kong in the two years up to last October. Of course an enormous amount remains to be done.

This community, in which you are honoured guests, stands on 3 legs. The first is its own self-reliance, economic dynamism, and social cohesion, of this I have already spoken. The second is the support of the British Government. The third is a correct relationship with China. This is of course of particular importance. It is now entirely satisfactory and greatly assisted by the understanding attitude of China and by the excellent relations between that country and the United Kingdom. It is on these three things that the confidence and growth that you see around you in Hong Kong are based.

Your field is education so I will speak briefly about some of our efforts in this field. Since last year there has been 9 years of free and compulsory education for all children. Thereafter heavily subsidised places at form 4 and 5 level are or will be provided for about 60% of that age group. To put this in context, full primary education was not achieved until 1971. As an indication of the effort involved, in the last 5 years 136 000 additional secondary places have been provided by the Government; and in the last 7 years, 14 500 tertiary places.

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We have two well established and flourishing universities and a younger but very robust polytechnic, and are pressing ahead with an ambitious expansion of medical training. This afternoon HRH the Duke of Edinburgh will open a new and magnificently equipped Dental School in the Hong Kong University. A second medical school at the Chinese University will commence its pre-clinical intake in September this year and the associated Prince of Wales Teaching Hospital at Shatin will open in 1982.

Of course while we intend to expand further our educational facilities, we cannot hope to be self sufficient in all fields. Nor do we aim to be, since the experience of overseas education is highly beneficial. So, many of our students will continue to seek higher education in institutions overseas. We of course regret the discouraging effect on this process of the new university fee structure in the U.K. Obviously its budgetary provision is entirely a matter for the United Kingdom Government, but since we regard these traditional academic links as of great importance, we hope the present measures will be modified as financial pressures ease. Meanwhile my government is conscious of its duty to maintain our students' opportunities for higher education overseas and not to allow these long-standing academic links to wither by default. So, for the time being, we will take whatever financial steps are necessary to ease the position of our students and keep the old tradition going meanwhile.

Fundamental to our planning has been the certain knowledge that our future well-being depends on the better education of all sections of our population. We have been greatly assisted by the deep-rooted conviction of the local community of the merit of self-improvement. This is reflected both in the sacrifices parents are prepared to make to secure their children's education, and the concentration children apply to their studies. It is reflected too in the healthy critical interest of the community in our education policies.

We have now reached something of a quantitative plateau and are taking stock. This is being done in two ways. Firstly we are conducting an internal review of post-secondary and technical education with a particular

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eye to the need for greater opportunity and emphasis on technical training. Secondly the whole structure and equilibrium of our educational system is to be examined by an International Panel of Visitors.

We must face questions which many of you will already have encountered; the balancing of academic choice against accountability for public funds; the financing of post graduate research; the involvement of industry; the role of the universities in contributing to and guiding public policies; the provision of greater opportunity for part-time learning. I have no doubt that your presence in Hong Kong will help to provide us with new insight into these problems.

Your programme is full, your speakers are distinguished and you are in for a stimulating week of discussion. The Commonwealth connection which we all share provides a favourable background. The countries of the Commonwealth have rightly gone their own independent and individual ways. But from their independent and individual standpoints most have freely concluded that they share much common ground which is precious and worth preserving. This is of particular value in an age all too prone to point up differences and ignore underlying agreement. Amongst the many areas of association in the Commonwealth that are strong and creative are the academic links to which this gathering of distinguished Vice-Chancellors bears witness. So too is the role of the Crown as Head of the Commonwealth. It is therefore a particular pleasure and honour that His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh is present in Hong Kong at the time of this gathering and will be meeting its members this evening.

In the spirit of the Commonwealth, I welcome you to Hong Kong, I wish you a successful conference, and have pleasure in declaring open the Association of Commonwealth Universities Conference of Executive Heads.