



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS VISITS FACTORIES  
AND WELFARE CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN

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LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SPENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON VISITING TWO FACTORIES AND THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. DENYS ROBERTS, LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS VISITED THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. THEY WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY MR. MORRIS MORGAN, ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE- MR. HENRY AU, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION AND MRS. MARGARET AU, THE WARDEN OF THE CENTRE.

THE PARTY FIRST SAW A NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT PLAY IN THE CENTRE'S GROUP ACTIVITIES AND COMMON ROOMS. THEY THEN WENT ON TO THE NON-PROFIT NURSERY RUN BY THE Y.W.C.A. ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE CENTRE. THIS NURSERY CATERS FOR SOME 200 CHILDREN OF WORKING PARENTS AT A COST OF \$30 FOR EACH CHILD.

BEFORE VISITING THE WELFARE CENTRE, LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS, ESCORTED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TOURED TWO FACTORIES IN TSUEN WAN.

THE PARTY STARTED WITH A VISIT TO THE SUN CHEONG FOAM RUBBER MANUFACTORY LTD., WHERE THEY WERE MET BY THE FACTORY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR. Y.T. CHOW AND THE FACTORY MANAGER, MR. PIE DOW-YEUNG.

THIS COMPANY, ESTABLISHED IN 1968, MAKES FOAM RUBBER AND FOAMED PLASTICS FOR LOCAL FURNITURE AND GARMENT MANUFACTURERS, AND EMPLOYS 37 DAILY-RATED WORKERS.

THE SECOND FACTORY VISITED WAS PENINSULA KNITTERS LTD. HERE THE COMPANY CHAIRMAN, MR. H.C. TANG, AND A DIRECTOR, MR. C.L. SUN, LED THE OFFICIAL PARTY ON A TOUR OF THE FACTORY.

LORD GORONWY-ROBERTS WAS TOLD THAT THIS COMPANY EXPORTS ABOUT \$20 MILLION WORTH OF FASHIONED KNITWEAR A YEAR, MAINLY TO THE UNITED STATES. THE FACTORY EMPLOYS 200 WORKERS.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, LADY GORONWY-ROBERTS ALSO SPENT AN HOUR VISITING THE TAI LAM PRISON FOR WOMEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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## INCREASING RESPECT FOR HONG KONG PRODUCTS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING PRAISED THE TECHNICAL SKILLS AND CREATIVE ABILITY OF HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HONG KONG DESIGN AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HE SAID THOSE PRODUCTS ON VIEW TODAY SHOWED THAT HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY HAD COME A LONG WAY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

+THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE 'HONG KONG' MARK IS CONTINUING TO GAIN INCREASING RESPECT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE GOVERNOR ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE YEAR WHICH HAD JUST PASSED WAS A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT ONE FOR HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURERS.

LIKE THOSE ELSEWHERE, THEY WERE FACED WITH RISING COSTS AND WEAK MARKETS.

SIR MURRAY SAID THAT THESE CONDITIONS, THOUGH WOULD NOT LAST FOREVER, +WOULD REMAIN WITH US FOR SOME TIME YET.+

IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID, WE MUST DO ALL THAT ENERGY AND IMAGINATION CAN TO CONTRIVE THAT WHEN THE UP-TURN COMES, AS COME IT WILL, HONG KONG WILL BE THE FIRST TO CLIMB OUT OF THE TROUGH AND RESUME ITS FORMER EXPANSION TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL ITS CITIZENS.

THE DESIGN COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES. THERE WERE 60 ENTRIES.

THE GOVERNOR'S AWARD WAS WON BY ARVIN (HONG KONG) LTD. FOR ITS REMOTE SECRETARY TELEPHONE ANSWERING DEVICE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY THIS ANNUAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY GIVES ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THE +HONG KONG PRODUCT+. THOSE PRODUCTS ON VIEW HERE TODAY SHOW THAT OUR INDUSTRY HAS COME A LONG WAY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE 'HONG KONG' MARK IS CONTINUING TO GAIN INCREASING RESPECT.

+THE YEAR WHICH HAS JUST PASSED WAS A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT ONE FOR OUR MANUFACTURERS. LIKE THOSE ELSEWHERE, THEY WERE FACED WITH RISING COSTS AND WEAK MARKETS. IT IS APPARENT THAT THESE CONDITIONS, AND THE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THEM, WILL REMAIN WITH US FOR SOME TIME YET.

/+DURING THIS PERIOD .....

+DURING THIS PERIOD MANAGEMENT AND LABOUR NO LESS THAN POPULATION AND GOVERNMENT WILL ALL HAVE TO SHOW RESTRAINT AND UNDERSTANDING IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER. IF THE PRESENT AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE MAY BE DISAPPOINTING WE CAN REST ASSURED IT WILL NOT LAST FOREVER.

+MEANWHILE IN FACTORY AND BUSINESS HOUSES, IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE OFFICES OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD, WE MUST DO ALL THAT ENERGY AND IMAGINATION CAN CONTRIVE THAT WHEN THE UP-TURN COMES AS COME IT WILL, HONG KONG WILL BE THE FIRST TO CLIMB OUT OF THE TROUGH AND RESUME ITS FORMER EXPANSION TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL ITS CITIZENS.

+OBVIOUSLY A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY RESTS ON OUR SALESMEN WHO HAVE TO GO OUT AND CULTIVATE MARKETS WHERE THEY CAN BE FOUND, RATHER THAN, AS IN EASIER DAYS, WAITING FOR THE BUYERS TO COME TO THEM. THIS IS HAPPENING, AND HERE I WOULD LIKE TO PAY A TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

+I AM SURE THAT A CHARACTERISTIC OF THE FUTURE WILL BE, AND INDEED MUST BE IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN OUR GROWTH IN THE FACE OF INCREASING LOW-COST COMPETITION, BETTER QUALITY AND MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS, BRINGING WITH THEM THE PROSPECT OF GROWTH ON THE BASIS OF HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY AND MORE SKILLED AND BETTER PAID EMPLOYMENT. IN THIS OBVIOUSLY DESIGN WILL PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE.

+IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT TODAY'S PRIZE WINNING ENTRIES WERE CONCEIVED AND PRODUCED. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT OUR MANUFACTURERS HAVE ACCEPTED THE SITUATION WHICH CONFRONTS THEM AS ONE OF CHALLENGE- THE KIND OF SITUATION, IN FACT, WHICH BRINGS OUT THOSE OUTSTANDING QUALITIES OF INITIATIVE, VERSATILITY AND DRIVE WHICH HAVE CHARACTERISED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN THE PAST.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT THEIR PRODUCTS MATCH UP TO THE VERY HIGH STANDARDS WHICH, AS YOU HAVE OBSERVED, MR. ANN, CONSUMERS OVERSEAS ARE COMING INCREASINGLY TO DEMAND.

+TODAY'S AWARD WINNING PRODUCTS AMPLY DEMONSTRATE THE HIGH TECHNICAL SKILLS AND CREATIVE ABILITY WHICH EXIST IN HONG KONG AND I AM DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT SIR MISHA BLACK CONSIDERS THEY WOULD WIN DESIGN COMPETITIONS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

+WHAT I THINK IS OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE IS THE WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES AND MANUFACTURING PROCESS WHICH THEY REPRESENT. ELECTRONICS, ONE OF OUR NEWER AND MOST MODERN INDUSTRIES, IS AGAIN WELL REPRESENTED BUT THE QUALITY OF DESIGN DISPLAYED IN THE PRODUCTS OF OTHER INDUSTRIES IS EQUALLY HIGH. THIS INDICATES THAT THE INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL IS SUCCEEDING IN ITS TASK OF IMPRESSING UPON ALL HONG KONG INDUSTRY THE NEED TO USE TO THE FULL THE DESIGN SKILLS AND ABILITIES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE HERE. NOT ONLY THE COUNCIL, BUT ALSO THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, MUST BE MOST ENCOURAGED BY THIS.

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+I AM INTERESTED TO HEAR THAT THE JUDGES WITHHELD TWO AWARDS THIS YEAR. THIS CANNOT HAVE BEEN AN EASY DECISION TO TAKE FOR IT MUST HAVE BEEN A GREAT TEMPTATION TO GIVE THE AWARDS TO SOME OF THE OTHER COMPETITORS. IF THIS WOULD HAVE MEANT THAT THE STANDARDS WOULD HAVE DROPPED BELOW THE HIGH LEVELS WHICH WE HAVE SET OURSELVES HOWEVER, I AM SURE THEY MADE THE RIGHT DECISION AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT COMPETITORS WILL ACCEPT IT AS A DEMONSTRATION OF THE VALUE OF THE AWARDS AND AS A CHALLENGE TO THEIR DESIGN CAPABILITY.

+I THINK I CAN NO LONGER WITHHOLD FROM YOU THE NAME OF THE WINNER OF THIS YEAR'S GOVERNOR'S AWARD. IT IS ARVIN (HONG KONG) LTD. WHO HAVE WON IT WITH THEIR REMOTE SECRETARY TELEPHONE ANSWERING DEVICE.

+I AM TOLD THAT THE JUDGES WERE IMPRESSED BY THE EFFECTIVE INTEGRATION OF TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN DEMONSTRATED BY THIS PRODUCT WHICH IN THEIR VIEW SHOWS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER EXISTING EQUIPMENT OF THIS NATURE.

+I NOW HAVE PLEASURE IN ASKING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ARVIN LTD. TO COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THE TROPHY.+

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BRIEFING ON PROVISIONAL PROFITS TAX  
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ABOUT 60 KAIFONG LEADERS FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ATTENDED A BRIEFING THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON ON THE PROPOSED PROVISIONAL PROFITS TAX SYSTEM ORGANISED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

DURING THE BRIEFING, MR. VICTOR LADD, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, EXPLAINED IN DETAILS THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE NEW PROVISIONAL TAX SYSTEM. ASSESSMENT FORMS WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO THE KAIFONG LEADERS AND VARIOUS EXAMPLES WERE USED TO ILLUSTRATE THE METHODS USED IN ASSESSMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THIS BRIEFING SESSION WAS AIMED AT HELPING THE KAIFONG LEADERS TO HAVE A BETTER AND CLEARER IDEA OF THE NEW PROVISIONAL PROFITS TAX SYSTEM. +IT IS HOPED THAT THEY CAN PASS THE INFORMATION THEY HAVE ACQUIRED TO THE PEOPLE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS,+ HE SAID.

HE ALSO DISCLOSED THAT BRIEFING SESSIONS OF THIS NATURE ON SPECIFIC ISSUES WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD IN FUTURE.

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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER  
FOR HIGHWAYS AND CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICES  
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AS PART OF MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD SYSTEM IN MURRAY BUILDING - THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - THE USE OF THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENTAL NUMBER, 5-251111, WILL FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) BE EXTENDED TO REPLACE THE NUMBER 5-243111 IN USE FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FROM TOMORROW ONWARDS ANYONE WANTING TO TELEPHONE STAFF OF EITHER OF THESE TWO OFFICES HITHERTO LISTED UNDER 5-243111 SHOULD DIAL 5-251111. BUT THE SAME EXTENSIONS AS THOSE GIVEN FOR THE OLD NUMBER WILL STILL APPLY, AND THE WATERWORKS OFFICE WILL RETAIN THE EXISTING SEPARATE MAIN NUMBER 5-225011 FOR ITS MURRAY BUILDING STAFF.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE OLD NUMBER BY 5-251111 WILL MEAN THAT THE SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS CAN BE DEPLOYED MORE FLEXIBLY TO MEET PEAK-HOUR SURGES OF INCOMING CALLS.

+THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS NOW PLANNED+, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED. +WE ARE ALSO TAKING STEPS TO ELIMINATE THE SITUATION WHERE AN OUTSIDE CALLER CAN HEAR ONE OF THE MURRAY BUILDING NUMBERS RINGING BUT THE INCOMING CALL DOES NOT REGISTER ON THE SWITCHBOARD.

+FURTHER, AS HAS BEEN STATED BEFORE, WE HOPE EVENTUALLY TO HAVE THE PRESENT SYSTEM REPLACED BY A FULLY AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE - AND WORK ON THIS, IN LIAISON WITH THE POST OFFICE, HAS NOW STARTED.+

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**44 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH**  
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BUILDING PLANS FOR A NUMBER OF MULTI-STOREY COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING ONE OF 32 STOREYS AT THE SITE OF THE FORMER ALEXANDRA HOUSE IN CENTRAL, HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY LAST MONTH.

ANOTHER BUILDING, OF 26 STOREYS, IS TO BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF YEE WO STREET AND SUGAR STREET IN THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF CAUSEWAY BAY.

IN KOWLOON, AN 18-STOREY PLAZA WILL BE BUILT IN CANTON ROAD.

FOUR PLANS FOR COMBINED COMMERCIAL/APARTMENT BUILDINGS, WHICH RANGE FROM 22 TO 28 STOREYS, HAVE ALSO BEEN APPROVED. THE NEW BUILDING COMPLEXES ARE AT NELSON STREET, MONGKOK= SAI WAN HO STREET, SHAUKIWAN= SUN CHUN STREET, TAI HANG= AND KING'S ROAD, QUARRY BAY.

OF THE TOTAL 44 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN DECEMBER, 16 ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 IN KOWLOON, AND 16 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE SAME MONTH, 55 NEW BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THREE SCHOOLS, WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION. THEIR COMBINED DECLARED COST WAS MORE THAN \$134 MILLION.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR 56 BUILDING PROJECTS TO START WORK AND FOR 43 OLD BUILDINGS, INCLUDING TEN WHICH HAVE BEEN DECLARED DANGEROUS, TO BE DEMOLISHED.

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**DISABLED PEOPLE TO SUPPORT CHARITY WALK**  
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A TOTAL OF 28 PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED PEOPLE CURRENTLY UNDER THE CARE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION CENTRE IN ABERDEEN, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S +WALK FOR A MILLION+ ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 19) TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR WELFARE SERVICES.

THE GROUP INCLUDES BOTH MEN AND WOMEN AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 35.

SEVENTEEN OF THEM WHO ARE NOT SUFFERING FROM ANY SEVERE DISABILITY AND CAN GET ABOUT BY THEMSELVES, WILL BE STARTING OFF FROM CHECKPOINT FOUR AT MT. AUSTIN PLAYGROUND AT 9 A.M. UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TWO STAFF MEMBERS.

THE OTHERS, EIGHT OF WHOM ARE WHEEL-CHAIR BOUND, WILL JOIN IN THE +CIRCLE WALK+ IN THE STADIUM, ARRIVING THERE AT 10.45 A.M. THREE VOLUNTEERS AND A STAFF MEMBER WILL BE WITH THEM.

ALL THE 28 DISABLED TAKING PART IN THIS +WALK+ HAVE FOUND THEIR OWN SPONSORS.

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