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**\$6.5 MILLION COMPUTERISED COMMAND AND
CONTROL SYSTEM FOR FIRE SERVICES
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THE FIRE SERVICES ARE INSTALLING A NEW \$6.5 MILLION COMPUTERISED COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM TO STREAMLINE FIRE-FIGHTING AND AMBULANCE OPERATIONS.

THE SOPHISTICATED SYSTEM HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO FURTHER CUT RESPONSE TIME TO FIRES AND ACCIDENTS, A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+WHEN THE SYSTEM GOES INTO OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER, IT WILL PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH AN EFFICIENT AND SPEEDY FIRE AND AMBULANCE RESPONSE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT SHOULD CUT DOWN THE PRESENT AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID A TEAM COMPRISING AN ENGINEER AND TECHNICIANS, TOGETHER WITH THE MAIN ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS DESIGNED AND ASSEMBLED IN BRITAIN, WILL ARRIVE ON FRIDAY TO INSTALL THE SYSTEM.

+THIS CONSISTS OF DIRECT CALL-OUT LINKS TO ALL FIRE AND AMBULANCE STATIONS AND A COMPUTER-OPERATED VEHICLE STATUS AND LOCATION SYSTEM FOR MOBILISING AMBULANCES,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+ON COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER THE SYSTEM WILL ENABLE THE APPLIANCES AT THE FIRE STATIONS TO BE DIRECTLY DESPATCHED TO INCIDENTS FROM THE CENTRALISED CONTROL. THIS WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED TO RELAY THE CALL BY TELEPHONE AND TO CONTROL THE MOVEMENTS OF AMBULANCES,+ HE SAID.

THE SYSTEM, HE SAID, WILL LINK THE DEPARTMENT'S EXISTING SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND AMBULANCE COMMAND UNDER ONE ROOF AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION.

HE ADDED THAT KOWLOON WILL BE THE FIRST TO USE THE NEW COMPUTERISED SYSTEM WHEN THE CHANGEOVER TAKES PLACE IN AUGUST. THE OTHER COMMANDS WILL FOLLOW AT TWO-WEEK INTERVALS.

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**DENTAL CARE PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
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AN AMBITIOUS DENTAL CARE PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR TO PROVIDE A BASIC DENTAL CONSERVATION SERVICE AT PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THIS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE COMPLETION OF THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE \$10-MILLION DENTAL COMPLEX ON MORRISON HILL, SIR MURRAY DESCRIBED THE CENTRE AS +AN IMPORTANT PHASE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S DENTAL SERVICE.+

THE NINE-STOREY BUILDING WILL SERVE AS THE NERVE CENTRE FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S DENTAL SERVICE, PROVIDING TRAINING FACILITIES FOR DENTAL THERAPISTS AND OTHER PERSONNEL.

SIR MURRAY SAID THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE WILL PROVIDE REGULAR EXAMINATION AND SIMPLE CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT TO ALL CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY ONE IN SEPTEMBER, 1980.

THE SERVICE WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY EXTENDED TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, HE ADDED.

TO MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND, THE GOVERNOR SAID, FOUR ADDITIONAL SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS WILL BE BUILT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, TWO IN KOWLOON AND TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT IN 1980 OF A DENTAL SCHOOL AT HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, WE WILL HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED PROVISION FOR DENTAL SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY PAID TRIBUTE TO SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, WHO DONATED \$1.8 MILLION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC ACCOMMODATED IN THE CENTRE.

HE SAID THE NUMBER OF SIR SHIU-KIN'S PROJECTS IN THE VICINITY OF MORRISON HILL HAVE TURNED IT INTO A TANG SHIU-KIN MEDICAL VILLAGE --- A REFUGE FOR THE SICK OF THE NORTH SHORE OF THE ISLAND.

+WHILE THIS CENTRE BEARS MY NAME AT SIR SHIU-KIN'S REQUEST, AS A TOKEN OF GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION IT IS ONLY BEFITTING THAT THE TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE CLINIC SHOULD BE NAMED AFTER HIM, AND I EXPRESS TO HIM MY HEARTFELT SENSE OF HIS GENEROSITY AND PUBLIC SPIRIT,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL HAD ALREADY BEEN FUNCTIONING EVEN BEFORE THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE CENTRE.

SINCE OCTOBER LAST YEAR, HE SAID, 33 STUDENT DENTAL THERAPISTS AND FIVE DENTAL HYGIENISTS HAVE BEEN UNDERGOING TRAINING COURSES LASTING THREE YEARS AND ONE YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSES, THEY WILL WORK IN THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE MENTIONED BY THE GOVERNOR, SAID DR. THONG.

+ROUTINE PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE BY DENTAL THERAPISTS AMONGST THE SCHOOL POPULATION HAS PROVED TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN MANY COUNTRIES AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IN HONG KONG WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE BENEFIT OF SUCH A SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

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HIGHER WAGE CEILING FOR NON-MANUAL WORKERS NOW EFFECTIVE
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THE WAGE CEILING COVERING NON-MANUAL WORKERS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM \$2,000 TO \$3,500 WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 27, EXTENDING THE PROTECTION OF THE ORDINANCE TO MORE NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REITERATED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE SAID MANY ENQUIRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 25.

THE AMENDMENT CAME INTO EFFECT WHEN IT WAS GAZETTED TWO DAYS LATER, HE STRESSED.

+THE REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, +IS THAT A NUMBER OF NON-MANUAL WORKERS PREVIOUSLY ENTITLED TO THE PROTECTION AND BENEFITS OF THE ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ITS COVERAGE FOLLOWING WAGE RISES BROUGHT ABOUT BY COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.+

+THEREFORE, THE RAISING OF THE WAGE CEILING FOR NON-MANUAL WORKERS IS REALLY TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EITHER BECOME 'DISENFRANCHISED' DUE TO COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS IN WAGES OR ARE LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE OF PERIODIC WAGE ADJUSTMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

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SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR NT FOLKS
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GETTING TO KNOW YOU -- THAT'S THE THEME OF GOVERNMENT'S LATEST EFFORT TO FOSTER BETTER COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND DISTRICT IDENTITY AMONG RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THOSE LIVING ON THE ISLANDS.

+WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE THIS AND WE'RE CONFIDENT WE WILL THROUGH A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES,+ SAID MR. STANLEY LEE, THE REGIONAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES).

HE ADDED THAT \$810,000 HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE +GETTING TO KNOW YOU+ PROGRAMME WHICH WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE SEVEN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEED FOR SUCH A PROGRAMME WAS APPARENT BECAUSE OF THE RAPID GROWTH IN POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON THE ISLANDS, MR. LEE SAID.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EXERCISE IS TWO-FOLD :

+OUR FIRST AIM IS TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING WITH THE MAIN ACCENT ON BEING GOOD NEIGHBOURS AND THE SECOND, TO ENABLE RESIDENTS FROM THE DIFFERENT DISTRICTS AND VILLAGES TO GET TOGETHER TO HAVE A GOOD TIME AND TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER,+ MR. LEE SAID.

+OF COURSE, WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE MANY EVENTS WE ARE PLANNING WILL SHOW THE RESIDENTS THAT WE DO CARE FOR THEIR WELFARE AND THAT THEIR TOWNS ARE PLEASANT PLACES TO LIVE IN.+

MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE JOINT PROGRAMME WILL COMPLEMENT THE ON-GOING SERVICES ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND OTHER VOLUNTARY BODIES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+UNDER THE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE ADVISORY BOARDS WILL SHARE THE MANPOWER AND FUNDS REQUIRED FOR ORGANISING SPORTS MEETS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCALITY,+ MR. LEE SAID.

+THIS WILL ELIMINATE CONFUSION AND DUPLICATION OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THIS WILL MEAN THAT FUNDS CAN BE PUT TO OPTIMUM USE,+ HE STRESSED.

THE NEW VENTURE, MR. LEE SAID, COMES AFTER A SUCCESSFUL PILOT SCHEME IMPLEMENTED LAST FINANCIAL YEAR BETWEEN THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

+IT FEATURE ABOUT 192 EVENTS WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN 21,000 PARTICIPANTS,+ MR. LEE SAID.

+I AM CERTAIN THAT QUITE A FEW FRIENDSHIPS WERE STRUCK UP DURING THOSE GET-TOGETHERS,+ HE ADDED.

THIS IS WHY MR. LEE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW VENTURE WILL PROVE TO BE YET ANOTHER SUCCESS.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR SHA TIN'S KCR DEPOT PODIUM DEVELOPMENT
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PRIVATE HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX OVER THE PROPOSED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT AT SHA TIN.

THE INVITATION CALLS FOR TENDERS TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE JUNE 1.

THE PLANS INCLUDE A HOUSING COMPLEX OF SEVEN 30-STOREY TOWER BLOCKS AND ANOTHER 16-STOREY BUILDING FOR COMMERCIAL OR HOTEL PURPOSES ON A GOVERNMENT-BUILT PODIUM COVERING AN AREA OF 2.66 HECTARES.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. ROGER THOMPSON SAID SEVERAL LARGE DEVELOPMENT COMPANIES HAD SHOWN KEEN INTEREST IN THE PROJECT AND SUBSEQUENTLY A SPECIAL BRIEFING WAS ARRANGED FOR THEM LAST MONTH TO GO OVER THE PLANS AND SALES CONDITIONS AND DISCUSSED THE OVERALL CONCEPT WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED.

+SINCE THEN,+ HE SAID,+ A NUMBER OF OTHER DEVELOPERS HAS COME UP WITH SIMILAR REQUEST AND IT IS ENCOURAGING THAT THESE COMPANIES HAVE REALISED THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE PODIUM SITE.+

TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE ANOTHER IN-DEPTH LOOK AT DETAILS OF THE SCHEME BEFORE TENDERS CLOSE ON JUNE 1, HE SAID, A FURTHER BRIEFING SESSION WILL BE HELD NEXT FRIDAY (MAY 11) AT 10.30 A.M. IN NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON.

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POLICE MARRIED QUARTERS IN SHA TIN VIRTUALLY COMPLETE
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WORK ON THE POLICE RANK AND FILE MARRIED QUARTERS IN SHA TIN IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE QUARTERS WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

THE NEW QUARTERS, LOCATED NEXT TO THE SHA TIN DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND SHA TIN POLICE STATION, CONSIST OF TWO 20-STOREY BLOCKS, CAR PARKS, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A LANDSCAPED SITTING AREA.

THE NEW COMPLEX, COSTING \$10.5 MILLION, WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 380 MARRIED POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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CLOSURE ORDER ISSUED

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THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID TODAY THAT A CLOSURE ORDER FOR NO. 58-64 LEI MUK ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, WAS MADE THIS MORNING IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR THIS CLOSURE ORDER WAS POSTED AT THE BUILDING ON MARCH 2.

AN ORDER REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THIS BUILDING WILL SHORTLY BE SERVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY, HE SAID.

APPLICATION HEARINGS FOR CLOSURE ORDERS ON TWO OTHER BUILDINGS WERE ADJOURNED.

ONE CASE, CONCERNING THE KWAI HING INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, 10-18 CHUN PIN STREET, KWAI CHUNG, WAS ADJOURNED TO JUNE 6, 1979 AS REQUESTED.

THE ADJOURNMENT IS TO ENABLE THE OWNERS TO COMPLETE THEIR EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR MAKING THE BUILDING SAFE.

THE OTHER CASE INVOLVING NO. 1 TUNG YUEN STREET, YAU TONG, WAS ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

THE REQUEST FOR THE ADJOURNMENT WAS MADE AS THE OWNERS HAD PROPOSED TO MAKE THE BUILDING SAFE AND THESE PROPOSALS WERE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED.

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DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE,
G.B.E., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., AT THE OPENING
CEREMONY OF THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1979

I am indeed happy to be with you on this memorable occasion, as I was in January 1977 when I laid the foundation stone for this building.

The completion of this Centre marks an important phase in the development of our dental service since. It makes possible the introduction of a dental care programme for school children.

Starting from September 1980, the School Dental Service will provide regular examination and simple conservative treatment to all children entering Primary One and will be progressively extended to all primary school children.

To meet anticipated demand, four additional School Dental Clinics will be built in the next five years, two in Kowloon and two in the New Territories. With the introduction of the School Dental Service and the establishment in September 1980 of a Dental School at Hong Kong University, we will have greatly improved provision for dental services in our community.

/Sir Shiu Kin

Sir Shiu Kin has rendered unflinching support to the development of social services in Hong Kong. This building is yet another splendid example of what he has done for the medical and health services. Indeed the number of his projects in this vicinity have turned it into a Tang Shiu Kin medical village --- a refuge for the sick of the North shore of the Island.

This Centre includes the Dental Therapists Training School and the School Dental Clinic. While this Centre bears my name at Sir Shiu Kin's request, as a token of Government's appreciation it is only befitting that the School and the Clinic should be named after him, and I express to him my heartfelt sense of his generosity and public spirit.

I now have the greatest pleasure in declaring the Ma Lehosse Dental Centre open.

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