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HONG KONG DRUMS AND CYMBALS AT CARDIFF CIVIC CENTRE

SEVERAL HUNDRED INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE WELSH COMMUNITY WERE TREATED TO A RARE PERFORMANCE OF CHINESE DANCE AND MUSIC YESTERDAY (MARCH 15) WHEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STAGED A GALA EVENING IN CARDIFF.

THE PRESENTATION WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES BEING STAGED IN THE REGIONS AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST PROMOTION OF HONG KONG IN BRITAIN. THE PROMOTION WAS LAUNCHED WITH A GALA EVENING IN LONDON THREE DAYS AGO.

THE SOUND OF DRUMS AND CYMBALS RANG THROUGH THE CITY HALL IN CARDIFF'S CIVIC CENTRE AND BRIGHT COLOURS FILLED THE STAGE AS THE SHOW WAS OPENED WITH A NORTHERN LION DANCE. THIS AND OTHER ORIGINAL WORKS BASED ON HISTORICAL CHINESE THEMES WERE PERFORMED BY 14 ARTISTES OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY VISITING BRITAIN SPECIALLY FOR THE GALA EVENTS. THE AUDIENCE WAS ALSO GIVEN A TASTE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC IN THE FORM OF A PIPA SOLO AND ER-HU SOLO PERFORMED BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SHOW WAS A MULTI-SCREEN AUDIO VISUAL SPECTACULAR SHOWING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AT WORK AND AT PLAY. IT ILLUSTRATED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HOW HONG KONG HAS DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BRITAIN AS A TRADING PARTNER WITH HONG KONG.

THE GALA EVENING WAS ATTENDED BY THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF, MRS OLWEN WATKIN. AT A RECEPTION THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, SIR JACK CATER, AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET CIVIC DIGNITARIES, BUSINESSMEN, SENIOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS IN WALES.

THE WELSH HAD FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT HONG KONG THROUGH A SPECIAL SIX-PAGE SUPPLEMENT PUBLISHED BY THE CARDIFF NEWSPAPER, THE WESTERN MAIL.

SIMILAR GALA EVENINGS WILL BE HELD IN NEWCASTLE AND GLASGOW NEXT WEEK.

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QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDALS FOR FIRE OFFICERS
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TWO HONG KONG FIRE OFFICERS AND A FIREMAN HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDAL -- ONE POSTHUMOUSLY -- FOR THEIR RESCUE WORK DURING TYPHOON ELLEN ON SEPTEMBER 9 LAST YEAR.

AND THREE FIREMEN HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT DURING THE SAME OPERATION.

THE POSTHUMOUS GALLANTRY MEDAL WAS AWARDED TO SENIOR STATION OFFICER CHIU SHING-CHOW, WHO WAS KILLED IN THE OPERATION. THE TWO OTHERS RECEIVING THE GALLANTRY AWARD ARE PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICER CHEUNG WAI-LEUNG, WHO LOST HIS LEFT LEG DURING THE RESCUE ACTION, AND SENIOR FIREMAN LEUNG SIU-LIN.

RECEIVING THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT ARE THREE FIREMEN MA SHUI-LUN, CHIU KWOK-YIN AND LI KEI-KIT.

THE RESCUE OPERATION TOOK PLACE AT HOI PONG VILLAGE IN MOUNT DAVIS, AND SENIOR STATION OFFICER CHIU WAS LEADING A PARTY OF OFFICERS WHO HAD RESPONDED TO REPORTS THAT A NUMBER OF WOODEN HUTS HAD COLLAPSED IN A LANDSLIDE AND THAT PEOPLE WERE TRAPPED IN THE EARTH AND DEBRIS.

DESPITE THE STRONG WINDS AND IMMINENT RISK OF FURTHER LANDSLIPS AND COLLAPSES, THE PARTY CONTINUED WITH THE RESCUE WORK AND MANAGED TO PULL OUT A 77-YEAR-OLD WOMAN.

HOWEVER, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CARRY THE WOMAN TO SAFETY, OFFICER CHIU WAS SWEEPED, TOGETHER WITH THE WOMAN, INTO THE SEA. HIS BODY WAS RECOVERED LATER THAT DAY, WHILE THE WOMAN'S WAS RECOVERED TWO DAYS LATER. OTHER PEOPLE BURIED IN THE LANDSLIDE WERE RESCUED BY OTHER FIREMEN.

RECIPIENTS WERE NOTIFIED OF THE AWARDS TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON, WHO PRESENTED THEM WITH LETTERS FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

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ARBITRATION CENTRE, NEEDED IN HONG KONG - AG
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING ADVOCATED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE IN HONG KONG.

AND HE SAW THE ESTABLISHMENT AS COMMON CAUSE AMONG PROFESSIONS IN HONG KONG.

ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, MR THOMAS NOTED THAT ENGINEERS AND LAWYERS HAD A JOINT PROFESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE PURSUIT OF ARBITRATION.

HONG KONG HAD ABOUT THE BEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE SET OF ARBITRATION LAWS IN THE WORLD, AND THE NEED NOW WAS TO PUSH THE ARBITRATION CENTRE PROJECT INTO A REALITY.

+GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED AT THE OUTSET TO MAKE AVAILABLE SUITABLE PREMISES RENT FREE, IF THE PROFESSIONS AND THOSE WHO WISH TO SEE ADEQUATE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR EFFICIENT ARBITRATION WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDS NEEDED TO GET THE PROJECT OFF THE GROUND,+ HE ADDED.

ANOTHER COMMON CAUSE AMONG THE PROFESSIONS IN HONG KONG WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL CENTRE AS PROPOSED BY THE INSTITUTION'S PRESIDENT, MR THOMAS CONTINUED.

DESCRIBING THE PROPOSED CENTRE AS A REAL STEP FORWARD, MR THOMAS SAID IT WOULD ENABLE PROFESSIONALS TO PLAY A MORE IMPORTANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE TERRITORY.

HE NOTED THAT UNLIKE THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION IN BRITAIN WHICH HAS BEEN FRAGMENTATED INTO MANY RIVAL INSTITUTIONS, THE PROFESSION IN HONG KONG HAD SHOWN ENTERPRISE IN ADVOCATING UNITY AND A COMMON CAUSE.

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APPRENTICES TOLD OF ROLE IN FUTURE
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A GROUP OF APPRENTICES GRADUATING FROM A FOUR-YEAR GOVERNMENT TRAINING SCHEME WERE DESCRIBED TODAY (FRIDAY) AS THE +NEW WAVE+ OF TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE ON WHOSE SKILLS HONG KONG WOULD BE DEPENDING IN THE FUTURE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION OF 96 CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES FROM A TRAINING SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HELD AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

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MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID THE APPRENTICES HAD A REMARKABLE FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BUILD: PREVIOUS GENERATIONS HAD BY THEIR INGENUITY AND INITIATIVE TURNED HONG KONG INTO THE BUSTLING, THRIVING AND DYNAMIC PLACE IT HAD BECOME.

HE URGED THEM +NOT TO SELL THEMSELVES SHORT, AS THEY HAD AN +IMPORTANT PART IN SHAPING THE DESTINY OF HONG KONG IN THE FUTURE.+

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE FINE EXAMPLE SET BY YOUR PREDECESSORS, AND BY YOUR HARD WORK AND INITIATIVE MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTINUING SUCCESS SSTORY OF HONG KONG AS WE HEAD FOR THE TURN OF THE CENTURY,+ MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID.

HE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO THE GRADUATING APPRENTICES AND THE BROWN CUP TO THE BEST TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES, MR CHAN SUI-KEUNG, OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION, AND MR WONG SIU-FAI, OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE LAISHLEY CUP TO THE TOP CRAFT APPRENTICE, MR WONG SHU-KEUNG, OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE HOWES PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED FOR THE FIRST TIME TO THE BEST FIRST-YEAR APPRENTICE OF THE TRAINING COURSE, MR CHAN KAI-CHOR.

ABOUT 1 250 TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT APPRENTICES HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICES TRAINING SCHEME SINCE IT WAS INAUGURATED IN SEPTEMBER, 1969.

APPRENTICES RECEIVE FOUR YEARS THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING AS CRAFTSMEN OR TECHNICIANS IN THE ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC FIELDS.

TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES EARN FROM \$1 490 TO \$1 980 PER MONTH, WHILE CRAFT APPRENTICES GET \$1 100 TO \$1 490.

TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES ATTEND A SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING COURSE AFTER WHICH THEY ARE DEPLOYED TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND WORKSHOPS TO GAIN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

CRAFT APPRENTICES UNDERGO A SIX-MONTH FULL-TIME COURSE AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES BEFORE THEIR BASIC TRAINING. ON COMPLETING THIS, THEY ALSO WORK IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR WORKSHOPS.

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT ALL APPRENTICES WHO COMPLETE TRAINING WILL BE EMPLOYED BY THE GOVERNMENT, ARTISAN AND WORKS SUPERVISOR POSTS ARE MOSTLY FILLED BY THESE YOUNG PEOPLE.

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NEW MANAGEMENT TRAINING CENTRE BEING SET UP
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A MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IS BEING ESTABLISHED FOR THE PROMOTION OF MANAGEMENT TRAINING IN HONG KONG, DR FRANCIS TIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

+THE VTC HAS RECOGNISED THAT THERE IS AN OVERRIDING NEED TO UPDATE AND EXPAND MANAGEMENT TRAINING IF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES ARE TO DIVERSIFY SUCCESSFULLY INTO NEW PROCESSES, PRODUCTS AND MARKETS,+ DR TIEN SAID.

SPEAKING TO SOME 50 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 18 MANAGEMENT TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AT THE 1984 CO-ORDINATION CONFERENCE ON MANAGEMENT TRAINING, DR TIEN EXPLAINED THAT THE CENTRE WOULD START IN SEPTEMBER AND WOULD CARRY OUT THE WORK OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, CO-ORDINATION AND PROMOTION FOR MANAGEMENT TRAINING.

DR TIEN CALLED UPON MANAGEMENT SCHOLARS AND PRACTITIONERS TO SUPPORT THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, SO THAT COMMON OBJECTIVES AND AREAS OF CO-OPERATION COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO MEET HONG KONG'S NEEDS FOR MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

+IN RECENT YEARS, WE HAVE WITNESSED CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION IN MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING FACILITIES BUT, AT PRESENT, THE BULK OF MANAGEMENT COURSES AIM AT STUDENTS AND POTENTIAL MANAGERS AND ONLY A FEW CATER SPECIFICALLY FOR PRACTISING MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS. OUR JOINT AIM MUST BE TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

THE 1984 CO-ORDINATION CONFERENCE ON MANAGEMENT TRAINING WAS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY TRAINING (CMST) OF THE VTC WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES TO FOSTER BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S ACTIVITIES.

AT THE CONFERENCE, DR TIEN ALSO INTRODUCED THE CENTRE DIRECTOR, DR R. I. TRICKER.

DR TRICKER, A GRADUATE OF OXFORD AND HARVARD UNIVERSITIES, IS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT AND A COUNCIL MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

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WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR PROJECT TO START SOON

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AN ELEVATED ROAD FORMING STAGE III OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR WILL BE BUILT IN CHEUNG SHA WAN.

IT WILL BE ONE-AND-A-HALF KILOMETRES LONG, RUNNING FROM YEN CHOW STREET TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD NEAR CHEUNG MOU STREET, AND WILL PASS OVER RECENTLY-RECLAIMED LAND ON CHEUNG SHA WAN WATERFRONT.

A GROUND LEVEL ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO DIRECT EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON TO STAGE II OF THE CORRIDOR.

IT WILL BE 350 METRES LONG, RUNNING FROM TONKIN STREET TO KIU KIANG STREET, NEAR WHICH A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY WILL BE LOCATED.

EXISTING ROADS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMIT WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED AND MODIFIED, AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE AND UTILITIES ALTERATION WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR WILL PROVIDE A MAJOR HIGH-CAPACITY TRAFFIC ROUTE IN WEST AND NORTHWEST KOWLOON.

IT IS AN ELEVATED DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, FREE FROM TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL, RUNNING FROM GASCOIGNE ROAD TO LAI CHI KOK VIA YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK, TAI KOK TSUI AND CHEUNG SHA WAN.

STAGES I AND II OF THE CORRIDOR HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND ARE OPEN TO TRAFFIC. WORK ON STAGE III WILL START LATER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1987.

A PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORK WHICH IS GAZETTED TODAY CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, 37-39, TONKIN STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE MAY 15.

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HAYE PRAISES TEACHERS FOR PROMOTING SPORTS
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IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS GIVING UP SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME TO PROMOTE INTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FINAL OF DIVISION ONE INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND, MR HAYE NOTED THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WERE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUNG.

+THEY ARE DOING MUCH TO RAISE STANDARDS AND TO NUTURE THE TALENT ON WHICH FUTURE SPORTING AND ATHLETIC PROWESS WILL DEPEND,+ THE DIRECTOR ADDED.

THIS YEAR, A RECORD OF 626 TEAMS FROM OVER 150 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE URBAN AREA OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAKE PART IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. MORE THAN 12 500 STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED IN THE VARIOUS TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES WELFARE FUND GETS \$1 MILLION BOOST
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF WELFARE FUND HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY BOOSTED WITH A DONATION OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM SIR SHIU-KIN TANG AND MR STANLEY HO.

THE DONATION, THE LARGEST SINGLE SUM RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WAS CONTRIBUTED BY SIR SHIU-KIN AND MR HO IN SUPPORT OF THE GOOD WORK OF ITS STAFF.

AT THE OFFICERS' CLUB IN STANLEY LAST NIGHT, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF THE FUND, TWO CHEQUES FOR THE AMOUNT FROM SIR SHIU-KIN.

MR GARNER, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STAFF, THANKED SIR SHIU-KIN FOR THE DONATION, AND STRESSED THAT IT WOULD PUT TO +VERY GOOD USE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE STAFF+.

MR GARNER SAID THAT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT IN THE PUBLIC EYE, THOUGH MANY OF THE STAFF HAD TO FACE DAILY RISKS AND STRESS IN DEALING WITH OFFENDERS.

+SO THAT WHEN THE WORK YOU DO IS RECOGNISED AS IT IS TODAY, YOU KNOW IT IS DONE BY A PERSON WITH UNDERSTANDING,+ HE SAID.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE SUPPORT, SIR SHIU-KIN WAS APPOINTED A LIFE MEMBER OF THE OFFICERS' CLUB - AN HONOUR THE DEPARTMENT BESTOWED ONLY +ON PEOPLE WHO ARE SPECIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT+.

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YOUNG MUSICIAN OFF FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDIES
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A TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIAN LEAVES HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY) TO FURTHER HIS MUSICAL STUDIES IN AUSTRALIA.

HE IS 21-YEAR-OLD MR CHAN KAM-BIU, A GRADUATE OF THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, WHO HAS GAINED VALUABLE ORCHESTRAL EXPERIENCE FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AS THE LEADER OF THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND FIRST VIOLINIST OF THE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (A).

MR CHAN WILL ATTEND A FOUR-YEAR BACHELOR OF MUSIC COURSE AT THE NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC THROUGH A SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LTD.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID MR CHAN HAS SHOWN CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL AS A COMPOSER, HAVING WON FIRST PRIZE IN THE COMPOSITION CATEGORY FOR CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OF THE HONG KONG YOUNG MUSIC MARKERS' TALENT QUEST IN 1981 AND 1982-83.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, MR CHAN ALSO PARTICIPATED WITH LOCAL YOUTH ORCHESTRAS IN A NUMBER OF OVERSEAS TOURS TO EUROPE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

800 TAKING PART IN ATHLETIC FINALS
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MORE THAN 800 ATHLETES WILL MEET AT THE WAN CHAI STADIUM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 18) TO TAKE PART IN THE FINAL MEET OF THE FIRST FIVE-STAR ATHLETIC AWARD SCHEME, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

SOME 12 600 PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ORIGINALLY TOOK PART IN THE ATHLETIC SCHEME, WHICH BEGAN SIX MONTHS AGO.

THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT GIVING PEOPLE A CHANCE TO IMPROVE THEIR ATHLETIC ABILITY THROUGH GRADING, FROM ONE-STAR TO FIVE-STAR.

THE MOST PROMISING OF THEM WILL RECEIVE FURTHER TRAINING UNDER COACHES FROM THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE WAN CHAI STADIUM STARTING AT 9 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

HEALTHY CHILDREN TO COMPETE

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT HEALTHY CHILDREN COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY), STARTING AT 2.30 PM, IN THE DR SEAKER CHAN'S MEMORIAL HALL AT 210 JAVA ROAD.

THE COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE MING WAH DAI HA AND LAI TAK TSUEN YIN NGAI SOCIETIES.

OF THE 300 ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION, 15 PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO CONTEST IN EACH OF THE THREE SECTIONS. THE WINNER OF EACH SECTION WILL COMPETE IN A TERRITORY-WIDE CONTEST ON MOTHER'S DAY (MAY 13).

ADJUDICATORS WILL COMPRISE BOARD MEMBERS MR CHAN YING-LUN, MADAM CHRISTINA TING, MRS BETTY YUNG, MR PAUL YIN, AND MR TO BOON-MAN AND THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE TWO SOCIETIES.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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KENNEDY ROAD SECTION TO BE REALIGNED

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A SECTION OF KENNEDY ROAD IS TO BE REALIGNED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF 60 METRES OF NEW ROAD AND TWO FOOTPATHS NEAR THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH WAN CHAI GAP ROAD.

AS A RESULT OF THE WORK, A SHARP BEND WILL BE ELIMINATED. HOWEVER, A SECTION OF WAN CHAI GAP ROAD BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND BOWEN ROAD, WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED TO VEHICLES, AND TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS MAY BE NECESSARY WHILE THE WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR PEDESTRIANS, A TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE JUNCTION OF WAN CHAI GAP ROAD AND KENNEDY ROAD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE TODAY (FRIDAY).

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY NOT LATER THAN MAY 15.

THE PLANS CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, 25, HARBOUR ROAD, 12TH FLOOR, HONG KONG; AND
- * WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201, HENNESSY ROAD, GROUND, 1ST AND 8TH FLOORS, HONG KONG.

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SUNDAY TRAMS START LATER

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TRAM SERVICES IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL START LATER THAN USUAL ON SUNDAY (MARCH 18) MORNING TO ALLOW TRAM TRACK WORK AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

THE FIRST TRAMS FROM SHAU KEI WAN WILL DEPART FOR WESTERN MARKET AND HAPPY VALLEY AT ABOUT 8.13 AM, WHILE THOSE FROM WESTERN MARKET AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL DEPART FOR SHAU KEI WAN AT ABOUT 7.35 AM.

BEFORE THOSE TIMES, TRAM SERVICE FROM WESTERN MARKET WILL OPERATE UP TO QUARRY BAY ONLY.

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PLB RESTRICTION

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 19), THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF JARDINE'S BAZAAR FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH HENNESSY ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES 24 HOURS DAILY.

NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY 1 TO 63 WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, YIP KAN STREET AND TONG BIN LANE.

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