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GOVERNOR OPENS NEW BLOOD COLLECTION CENTRE
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY CALLED UPON EACH AND EVERYONE IN HONG KONG WHO POSSIBLY CAN TO COME FORWARD AND BECOME A REGULAR BLOOD DONOR.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS'S NEW BLOOD COLLECTION CENTRE, SIR MURRAY SAID THAT 60,000 UNITS OF BLOOD WERE COLLECTED FROM SOME 25,000 DONORS IN 1975.

+HOWEVER, WE NEED MUCH MORE,+ HE SAID.

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

+I AM INDEED DELIGHTED TO SEE THE COMPLETION OF SUCH A WELL-EQUIPPED BLOOD DONATION CENTRE, AND AS MR. SHAW HAS POINTED OUT, ONE WHICH WILL DEFINITELY BE MORE ACCESSIBLE AND ATTRACTIVE TO DONORS.

+DURING THE TIME THAT I HAVE BEEN PATRON OF THE RED CROSS, I HAVE WITNESSED THE STEADY EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLOOD COLLECTION SERVICE.

+EACH YEAR, MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE COMING FORWARD, AND DURING 1975, 60,000 UNITS OF BLOOD WERE COLLECTED FROM SOME 25,000 DONORS.

+HOWEVER, WE NEED MUCH MORE. I, THEREFORE, CALL UPON EACH AND EVERYONE IN HONG KONG WHO POSSIBLY CAN TO COME FORWARD AND AS PART OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY TO BECOME A REGULAR BLOOD DONOR. ONLY IN THIS WAY WILL THE PROBLEM BE MET.

+LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT NOW GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO DECLARE THIS CENTRE OPEN.+

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PROMOTION OF EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING OF FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR GIVING SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME, ENERGY AND RESOURCES TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING OF AN IMPORTANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG - THE FISHERFOLK.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF 13 FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN SCHOOLS AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

+IN A WAY, THIS GROUP OF SCHOOLS IS UNIQUE AS THEY ARE SOLELY DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN AND IN FACT THE F.M.O. CONSIDERS ITS EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS AS PART OF ITS SERVICE TO THE FISHING COMMUNITY OF HONG KONG,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT THIS GROUP OF 12 PRIMARIES AND ONE SECONDARY PRACTICAL SCHOOL HAD A TOTAL ENROLMENT OF OVER 4,000.

IN ADDITION OVER 40 FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN WERE ATTENDING OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON F.M.O. SCHOLARSHIPS.

REFERRING TO THE REPORT ON THE F.M.O. SCHOOLS, MR. TOPLEY DESCRIBED THE PROMOTION OF ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM AS +ONE INTERESTING AND USEFUL ASPECT OF THEIR WORK.+

HE SAID: +I AM PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE ORGANISATION OF THE ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP WHICH IS NORMALLY HELD AT WU KWAI SHA.

+I UNDERSTAND IT IS A MASSIVE EXERCISE IN WHICH OVER 700 CHILDREN FROM ALL THE F.M.O. SCHOOLS TAKE PART - AN ACTIVITY WHICH GIVES THEM A FEELING OF TOGETHERNESS WHILE INDULGING IN SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL PURSUITS.+

THE DIRECTOR THEN SWITCHED TO CANTONESE AND SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD MANNERS BOTH IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL.

HE GAVE SOME PRACTICAL EXAMPLES TO SHOW HOW THIS QUALITY COULD BE INCULCATED IN SCHOOL.

+THE EMPHASIS IN CULTIVATING GOOD MANNERS IS ON PRACTICE RATHER THAN PRECEPT,+ HE SAID.

SAYING A FEW WORDS TO PARENTS IN HONG KONG'S FISHING COMMUNITY, MR. TOPLEY SAID: +I KNOW THEY HAVE TO GO OUT TO SEA WITH THE FISHING FLEET BUT I HOPE THEY WILL ALSO SEE THE VALUE OF GIVING THEIR CHILDREN A BASIC GENERAL EDUCATION.

+IT IS IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, FOR THEM TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO A PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE RIGHT AGE AND TO ENSURE REGULAR ATTENDANCE.

+ONLY THEN CAN THEIR CHILDREN BENEFIT FULLY FROM THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED.+

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SUMMER-MONTH TRAFFIC PROHIBITIONS TO BE LIFTED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SUMMER-MONTH PROHIBITIONS ON GOODS VEHICLES ALONG CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS WOULD END AT 9 A.M. THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

THE PROHIBITIONS, FOR SEVERAL HOURS OF EVERY SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY ONLY, WERE INTRODUCED ON MAY 2 THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW DURING SUMMER MONTHS WHEN MORE HOLIDAY-MAKERS TRAVELLED TO AND FROM THE MANY BEACHES ALONG THESE ROADS, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ON SUNDAY, THE PROHIBITION AGAINST EASTBOUND GOODS VEHICLES ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND FEI NGO SHAN ROAD FROM 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. AND THAT ON WESTBOUND GOODS VEHICLES BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND ANDERSON ROAD FROM 2 P.M. TO 7 P.M. WILL BE LIFTED,+ HE SAID.

+ALSO TO BE LIFTED IS THE PROHIBITION ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM SHA TSUI ROAD TO PUI TO ROAD FROM 11 A.M. TO 6 P.M.,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE HOLIDAY RESTRICTIONS ON THESE ROAD SECTIONS HAD PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY SLOW-MOVING LORRIES ON THE STEEP SECTIONS, THUS GIVING PRIORITY TO PASSENGER TRANSPORT FOR A FEW HOURS ON HOLIDAYS TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO HAVE REASONABLY QUICK ACCESS TO BEACHES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL SPOTS IN THE AREAS.

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LEK YUEN HOSTEL OPENED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY OFFICIALLY OPENED THE LEK YUEN HOSTEL, OPERATED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS FOR 140 ELDERLY PERSONS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, HE SAID THAT SERVICES OF THE HOSTEL HAD BEEN GEARED TO MEET THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF NOT JUST THE ELDERLY, BUT ALSO THE DISABLED ELDERLY.

MR. LEE SAID THAT THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS HAD BEEN A 'HIGHLY VALUED PARTNER' OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN IMPLEMENTING PLANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES IN AREAS OF IDENTIFIED NEEDS.

+THE OPENING OF THE LEK YUEN HOSTEL NOT ONLY HELPS SOLVE THE SHORTAGE OF HOMES FOR THE AGED, BUT ALSO FURTHER ILLUSTRATES THE TUNG WAH'S SPIRIT OF FULL CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS,+ HE ADDED.

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GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR STUDENT PHYSIOTHERAPISTS
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A FORMER DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TODAY TOLD PHYSIOTHERAPY GRADUATES THAT THEY WERE ENTERING A WORTHWHILE AND SATISFYING CAREER AND WERE NOW REGARDED AS MEMBERS OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL TEAMS.

DR. D.J.M. MACKENZIE, WHO HEADED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT 20 YEARS AGO, WAS SPEAKING AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF 14 STUDENTS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED A THREE-YEAR COURSE AT THE PHYSIOTHERAPY TRAINING SCHOOL IN QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

HE TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THEY WOULD BE DEALING WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE PHYSICALLY AND, IN MANY INSTANCES, MENTALLY AFFECTED BY ILLNESS.

A PHYSIOTHERAPIST'S WORK, HE SAID, WOULD REQUIRE A DEGREE OF SYMPATHY, UNDERSTANDING AND ENCOURAGEMENT THAT COULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN WHEN THE PERSON WAS TIRED, HOT AND IRRITATED BY A LONG DAY WITH PERHAPS A FEW +STUBBORN AND SOMETIMES CAPRICIOUS PATIENTS+.

+TO INSPIRE THE CONFIDENCE NECESSARY TO MAXIMISE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR WORK WILL OFTEN DEMAND GREAT PATIENCE AND WILL DRAW ON THE RESERVES OF YOUR STRENGTH,+ HE TOLD THE GRADUATES.

DR. MACKENZIE SAID MODERN PRACTICE WAS TO ACCEPT PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AS MEMBERS OF A TEAM, EACH MEMBER GIVING HIS OR HER BEST IN THE PRACTICE OF HEALING.

HE SAID DOCTORS, NURSES, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, SHOULD ALL BE REGARDED AS MEMBERS OF THE THERAPY TEAM, EACH MAKING A CONTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT AND THE SPECIAL SKILLS THEY HAVE ACQUIRED.

THE FORMER DIRECTOR RECALLED HOW THE PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT DEVELOPED FROM ONLY ONE ASSISTANT PHYSIOTHERAPIST IN TRAINING IN 1958 TO A STRENGTH OF MORE THAN 100 TODAY.

LAST YEAR ALONE, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS HELPED SOME 80,000 PATIENTS REGAIN THEIR NORMAL PHYSICAL STRENGTH.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS VISIT SCHOOLS

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THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - REV. DEREK REID, DR. KEITH LEGG AND MR. WONG WAN-TIN - VISITED THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON THIS MORNING.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER, MR. WEI CHUN-HUEN.

THE THREE BOARD MEMBERS STARTED THE TOUR BY GOING TO THE SALVATION ARMY KWONG YUEH SCHOOL ON THE ROOFTOP OF BLOCK 14, TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE. THIS IS A SUBSIDISED BISESSIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

NEXT THEY WENT TO ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOL, A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL RUN BY THE CATHOLIC MISSION IN SHEK KIP MEI STREET.

FINALLY THEY CALLED AT THE FUK WAH STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL WHICH IS A WHOLE DAY SCHOOL.

THIS SCHOOL IS AMONG 38 PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE INTRODUCED THE CHILD-CENTRED +ACTIVITY APPROACH+ LAUNCHED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THIS NEW TEACHING METHOD STARTED IN PRIMARY 1 CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER, 1972. AS THE SCHEME HAS BEEN A SUCCESS, IT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ALL CLASSES IN THIS SCHOOL, EXCEPT PRIMARY 6.

THE BOARD MEMBERS WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL ATMOSPHERE IN THE +ACTIVITY APPROACH+ CLASSES. THEY ASKED THE HEADMISTRESS, MRS. FUNG MOK YAN-LAN, MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE METHODS USED TO TEACH 18 CHILDREN IN A SPECIAL CLASS CATERING MAINLY FOR PRIMARY 4 PUPILS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SPECIAL GUIDANCE.

AT THE THREE SCHOOLS, THE BOARD MEMBERS CHATTED WITH SOME PUPILS AND TEACHERS.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS LATER THIS MONTH AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THE PRESENT SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 2 WHEN THREE MEMBERS - PROFESSOR M.A. BRIMER, MR. B.H. TISDALL AND REV. PETER WONG - TOURED THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE MEMBERS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS AND DISCUSS WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION
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THE 1977 SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION, ORGANIZED BY THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT GOT OFF TO A GOOD START TODAY.

THE AIMS OF THE COMPETITION ARE :-

- * TO SUPPORT THE 10TH ANNUAL URBAN COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW,
- * TO ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES, BOTH INTRA AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN,
- * TO AROUSE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S AWARENESS OF PROTECTING PLANTS, AND
- * TO BEAUTIFY SCHOOL ENVIRONS.

OVER 100 SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS FROM 23 URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 36 RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED A SEMINAR IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPETITION. THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPETITION IS A NEW RECORD.

DURING THE SEMINAR, FLOWER SEEDS, GARDENING TOOLS AND FERTILIZERS PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL WERE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

ILLUSTRATIVE TALKS ON FLOWER GROWING, CRITERIA FOR JUDGING FLOWER BEDS AND PLOTS, IMPROVEMENT OF SOIL FERTILITY AND CONTROL OF PESTS WERE GIVEN BY THREE HORTICULTURISTS.

THE PERIOD OF THE COMPETITION IS FROM EARLY NOVEMBER 1976 TO MARCH 1977.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HUNG HOM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 6) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY DYER AVENUE, DOCK STREET, BULKELY STREET, CHATHAM ROAD, WUHU STREET, LO LUNG HANG STREET, STATION LANE AND MA TAU WEI ROAD, INCLUDING TAKU STREET, MARSH STREET, KUN YAM STREET, GILLIES AVENUE, WALKER STREET AND VALLEY ROAD.

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FIRST STAGE OF REDEVELOPMENT OF CHAI WAN (WEST) ESTATE
TO START IN JANUARY

Better living environment for some 27,000 tenants of the old Chai Wan (West) Estate will soon be a reality.

Blocks 24 and 25 of the estate are scheduled to be demolished in January and modernised largely through redevelopment.

Chai Wan (West) Estate, which was completed in 1963, is one of the 12 Mark I and II public housing estates which the Authority intends to redevelop. It has four Mark I blocks and eight Mark II blocks in which tenants share communal facilities.

On the site of the demolished blocks will be built a 28-storey tower block and three slab blocks providing about 920 flats to house over 5,000 people. Foundation and building works will start in March.

Flats of different sizes will be built and each will have a private balcony, kitchen, toilet and shower.

The ground floors of these four domestic blocks have been reserved for shops, a kindergarten and a residential hostel for aged singles and couples.

On full redevelopment, expected to take over ten years, the estate will have 18 domestic blocks - five tower blocks of 26 to 28 storeys; 11 slab blocks of 17 to 18 storeys and two converted Mark I blocks.

There will also be a commercial complex providing shops and shop stalls to meet requirements for the reprovisioning of the existing shop tenants and hawkers in the estate. Other facilities will include a department store and supermarket, kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, cooked food stalls and a carpark with about 380 parking spaces.

Aside from Chai Wan (West) Estate, redevelopment work is also going on at Shek Kip Mei, Tai Hang Tung and Tai Wor Hau. These estates will change dramatically as the years go by while at the same time tenants' living condition will also be greatly improved.

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