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'FIRST LEGCO MEETING HERALDS NEW STYLE'
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY DESCRIBED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY AS +LIVELY+ AND SAID HE WAS SURE IT WAS +THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW STYLE.+

+I THOUGHT THE QUESTION PERIOD WAS SOMEWHAT MORE LIVELY THAN USUAL, AND I THOUGHT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS AN EXTREMELY LIVELY MEETING AND ONE WHICH I WELCOME BECAUSE IT GAVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IN PUBLIC MATTERS WHICH WERE OF WIDE PUBLIC INTEREST,+ HE SAID.

+AND THERE WAS VERY CONSIDERABLE INTEREST FROM THE PRESS AND THE MEDIA IN THAT MEETING AND I AM SURE THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW STYLE.+

SIR DAVID WAS REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT BUILDING TODAY.

ASKED WHY IT WAS NECESSARY FOR NEW MEMBERS JOINING THE COUNCIL FOR THE FIRST TIME TO DECLARE THEIR INTERESTS, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT A NEW PROCEDURE.

+NEW MEMBERS, WHEN THEY JOIN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ARE ASKED IF THEY WOULD DECLARE THEIR INTERESTS SO THAT WE HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR MAJOR INVOLVEMENT, PERHAPS IN PUBLIC COMPANIES WHICH MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF, PERHAPS, DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND IT IS JUST AS WELL TO HAVE ON RECORD THEIR INTERESTS,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+THIS ISN'T A NEW PROCEDURE. IT IS FOLLOWED IN WESTMINSTER AND IS QUITE COMMON IN OTHER PLACES IN THE WORLD.+

IT WAS A VOLUNTARY DECLARATION WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY MEMBERS.

ASKED WHETHER THE UK GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PLAYING AN ADVISORY ROLE IN LOCAL POLITICAL REFORMS, SIR DAVID SAID A LOT HAD BEEN SAID ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS BEFORE THE 1987 REVIEW.

+THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS JUST TAKEN OFFICE AND WE HAVE SAID THAT WE ARE NOW GOING THROUGH A PERIOD WHEN WE WILL SEE HOW THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SETTLE DOWN, AND BE REVIEWING OUR WORK IN THE WAY THE LEGCO WORKS DURING THIS PERIOD BEFORE THE 1987 REVIEW.

+WHEN WE COME TO THE REVIEW WE WILL BE PUBLISHING, I IMAGINE, A GREEN PAPER WHICH WILL SET OUT VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM AND THEN THAT WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS FOR A PERIOD BEFORE WE COME TO ANY FINAL DECISION,+ HE SAID.

/ASKED WHETHER

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ASKED WHETHER HONG KONG HAD THE FINAL SAY ON HOW TO CARRY OUT POLITICAL REFORMS AND WHETHER IT COULD BE SAID THAT LONDON HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, SIR DAVID SAID OBVIOUSLY LONDON WAS VERY MUCH CONCERNED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

+BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG UNTIL 1997.

+SO IT WOULD BE QUITE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE BRITISH ADMINISTRATION NOT TO BE DEEPLY AND CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS.+

ON THE ROLE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN POLITICAL REFORMS, SIR DAVID SAID ITS ROLE HAD BEEN MADE QUITE CLEAR UP TO 1997.

+IT IS SET OUT IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY STATED BY THE LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES,+ HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER ANY DECISIONS WOULD BE REACHED IN THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS ON RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENTS IN BN(O) PASSPORTS, HE SAID:
+I COULDN'T REALLY SAY. WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN PEKING. I CAN'T PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN PEKING.+

COMMENTING ON REPORTS THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE'S ZERO GROWTH POLICY WAS LIKELY TO BE RELAXED NEXT YEAR, SIR DAVID SAID THERE HAD BEEN VERY LIMITED GROWTH IN THE CIVIL SERVICE IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND THE CIVIL SERVICE WAS PRETTY WELL TRIMMED DOWN IN SIZE.

HE ADDED THAT +AS WE TAKE ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES, THEN WE'LL NEED SOME LIMITED GROWTH IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.+

SIR DAVID CITED THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AS AN EXAMPLE, AND SAID THE NUMBER OF VISITORS GOING TO CHINA FROM HONG KONG HAD INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND THEREFORE SOME LIMITED INCREASE IN ITS STAFF WAS NECESSARY.

HE HOWEVER DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE SIZE OF THE INCREASE.
+IT WOULD DEPEND UPON THE AMOUNT OF EXTRA WORK THEY HAVE TO TAKE. YOU CAN'T SAY WHAT IT WOULD BE.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A RECENT REMARK MADE BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION IN THE WALLED CITY, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT MR LIAO HAD SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN INTRODUCING INTO THE WALLED CITY A NUMBER OF MINOR IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, INCLUDING THE DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH AND LAW AND ORDER ENFORCEMENT.

/+BUT THE

+BUT THE PROBLEMS OF THE WALLED CITY ARE WELL KNOWN. THE VERY CROWDED CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE WALLED CITY ARE WELL KNOWN,+ HE ADDED.

ASKED WHETHER THIS ISSUE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, SIR DAVID SAID: +I REALLY CAN'T DISCUSS THE AGENDA OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.+

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SIR DAVID OPENS TUEN MUN GOVT BUILDING
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TUEN MUN HAS GROWN IN 20 YEARS FROM A FISHING VILLAGE AND SMALL LOCAL MARKET INTO A MAJOR CONURBATION LINKED BY MOTORWAYS TO KOWLOON AND OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, SIR DAVID SAID THAT PEOPLE SOMETIMES FORGOT THAT TUEN MUN WAS 32 KILOMETRES FROM THE CENTRE OF HONG KONG AND THAT, AS A NEW TOWN, IT HAD TO DEVELOP ITS OWN IDENTITY.

+THIS GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN THE HEART OF THE TOWN EMPHASISES GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO BUILD UP THIS IDENTITY AND TO PROVIDE THE TOWN AND ITS PEOPLE WITH A FULL RANGE OF FACILITIES,+ THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE COMPLETION OF THE TOWN HALL AND MAGISTRACY, NEXT YEAR, WAS AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THESE FACILITIES, BUT TUEN MUN'S DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT STOP THERE.

+MORE SCHOOLS ARE NEEDED: THEY ARE BEING BUILT. TUEN MUN NEEDS A HOSPITAL: IT IS BEING BUILT. TUEN MUN NEEDS AN IMPROVED TRANSPORT LINK TO THE NEIGHBOURING TOWN OF YUEN LONG: THIS IS BEING BUILT,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD ASSUMED A VITAL ROLE IN MANAGING THE TOWN AND IN ENSURING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS FULLY AND PROPERLY ADVISED OF THE NEEDS OF ITS CITIZENS.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD'S LINK WITH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE LOCAL PEOPLE IN THEIR WORK TO BUILD A BETTER TUEN MUN,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY, SIR DAVID, ACCOMPANIED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND PROJECT MANAGER (TUEN MUN), MR S.K. KWEI, INSPECTED VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR LEUNG KING AND TIN KING ESTATES IN THE NORTH-WEST OF THE NEW TOWN HAD ALREADY BEGUN AND WOULD BE COMPLETED BY LATE-1987.

/HE THEN

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HE THEN VISITED TUEN MUN TOWN PARK WHERE HE WAS MET BY MR JIMMY CHOW, DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER (TUEN MUN). THE PARK IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG TO HAVE AN ORNAMENTAL LAKE DESIGNED FOR ROWING.

DURING HIS TOUR, SIR DAVID ALSO INSPECTED THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE COMPLEX, ESTIMATED TO COST MORE THAN \$345 MILLION, WILL COMPRISE AN AUDITORIUM, A BUS TERMINUS, A COURT, A LIBRARY AND A POST OFFICE.

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TEAM LEAVES FOR PEKING DISCUSSIONS

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AS PART OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP TO BE HELD IN PEKING FROM NOVEMBER 26-29, A BRITISH TEAM LED BY MR PETER THOMSON, COUNSELLOR AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY PEKING AND A MEMBER OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, WILL BE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH CHINESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON NOVEMBER 8 AND 9 ON RIGHT OF ABODE ENDORSEMENTS IN BN(O) PASSPORTS AND THE ISSUE OF PERMANENT IDENTITY CARDS.

ASSISTING MR THOMSON IN THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE A TEAM OF EXPERTS FROM HONG KONG, WHO LEFT FOR PEKING TODAY.

THE TEAM COMPRISES THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR JOHN BOYD, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP; THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR A.J. CARTER; THE CROWN SOLICITOR, MR JEREMY MATHEWS THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS REGINA IP AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR STEVEN KUO.

THE TEAM WILL BE ASSISTED BY INTERPRETERS MR Y.P. CHENG AND MISS CHOW PEY.

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HK'S OWN ROLE STRESSED IN CHINA'S MODERNISATION

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HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MODERNISATION OF CHINA DEPENDS ON ITS REMAINING A SUCCESSFUL AUTONOMOUS COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE IN ITS OWN RIGHT, WITH MARKETS IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR ERIC HO, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, HE SAID THAT PRESSURE FROM RISING COSTS AND COMPETITION FROM NEWLY-INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES MEANT THAT HONG KONG INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD INTO NEW AND MORE SOPHISTICATED PRODUCTS AND PRODUCTION PROCESSES FOR ITS EXPORT PERFORMANCE TO BE MAINTAINED.

/+ONLY BY

+ONLY BY THIS PROCESS WILL HONG KONG ACQUIRE THE TECHNIQUES AND THE EXPERTISE WHICH WILL BE OF VALUE TO CHINA.

+ONLY BY THIS PROCESS WILL HONG KONG RETAIN AND INCREASE THE PURCHASING POWER TO BUY THE INDUSTRIAL AND CONSUMER GOODS FROM CHINA, AS A RESULT OF WHICH IT REPRESENTS A VALUABLE SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS TO CHINA.

+SINCE 1950 HONG KONG HAS SUCCEEDED BY FOLLOWING THIS PROCESS, THANKS IN NO SMALL PART TO A CONSISTENT ADHERENCE TO ITS ESTABLISHED, FREE ENTERPRISE ECONOMIC POLICIES.

+THE EVOLVING COMPLEMENTARY ROLE BETWEEN FACTORIES IN HONG KONG AND IN CHINA INDICATED BY OUR CHANGING PATTERN OF TRADE IS PART OF THIS PROCESS. SO THE PRECONDITIONS FOR HONG KONG'S CONTINUED SUCCESS ARE LIKELY TO BE MET.

+WITH THIS SUCCESS ASSURED, IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT A SOUND BASIS EXISTS FOR HONG KONG TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A GATEWAY TO TRADE WITH CHINA AND THAT THIS WILL BE TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF CHINA, THE FOREIGN CONCERNS, AS WELL AS HONG KONG,+ MR HO SAID.

REFERRING TO PREDICTIONS BY SOME OBSERVERS THAT HONG KONG'S ROLE IN CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE WOULD DIMINISH WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF DIRECT TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE DEVELOPED WORLD, MR HO SAID THE SPECTACULAR GROWTH IN HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS WAS ONE INDICATION OF HOW MISPLACED THESE PREDICTIONS HAD BEEN TO DATE.

+CHINA'S INFRASTRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS, NOTABLY IN THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FIELD, MEAN THAT HONG KONG'S ATTRactions AS A CONDUIT FOR TRADE AND OTHER FORMS OF ECONOMIC CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD ARE IN NO WAY DIMINISHED BY THE ADOPTION OF 'OPEN DOOR' POLICIES.+

IN 1980, HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS AMOUNTED TO \$30.1 BILLION AND REPRESENTED 30.6 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL EXPORTS.

IN 1984, THIS TRADE HAD GROWN TO \$83.5 BILLION, REPRESENTING 37.7 PER CENT OF TOTAL EXPORTS. WITH OVERALL EXPORT GROWTH LIMITED TO RE-EXPORT SECTOR IN 1985, RE-EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER COMPRISED 42.9 PER CENT OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

IN THIS EVOLVING SITUATION CHINA TOOK 34 PER CENT OF RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG AND ALSO SUPPLIED 34 PER CENT OF THE GOODS HONG KONG RE-EXPORTED: THUS OVER TWO-THIRDS OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORT TRADE IN 1984 INVOLVED CHINA.

IN 1985 SOME 47 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S RE-EXPORTS WENT TO CHINA.

+SO IT IS HARDLY SURPRISING THAT CHINA IS NOW HONG KONG'S LARGEST TRADING PARTNER.+

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JACOBS TO VISIT CHINA AS GUEST OF BANK
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THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA TOMORROW (FRIDAY) ON A 12-DAY FAMILIARISATION VISIT AS GUEST OF THE BANK OF CHINA.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID MR JACOBS WILL HOLD INFORMAL TALKS WITH A NUMBER OF SENIOR CHINESE BANKING OFFICIALS AND ECONOMISTS IN PEKING.

MR JACOBS WILL ALSO VISIT SHANGHAI FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND WILL TOUR XIAN AND HANGZHOU BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 20.

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IMPORTANT ROLE FOR SCHOOLS IN ANTI-DRUG FIGHT
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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS AND PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN DRUGS.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR ISAAC CHOW AT THE SEMINAR ENTITLED '+THE DRUG PROBLEM AND PREVENTIVE EDUCATION+'.

ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, THE SEMINAR IS THE THIRD OF ITS KIND AND IS AIMED AT GIVING SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG AND PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

PRESENT AT TODAY'S SEMINAR WERE ABOUT 70 ADMINISTRATORS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON CITY AND EASTERN DISTRICTS WHERE DRUG EDUCATION TALKS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE DIVISION'S SCHOOL TALKS TEAM SINCE MARCH THIS YEAR.

+GIVEN THAT MOST YOUNG PEOPLE UNDERGO A NINE-YEAR FREE EDUCATION PROGRAMME, PREVENTIVE EDUCATION PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN PROVIDING OUR YOUNG WITH THE CORRECT INFORMATION ABOUT DRUGS AND THEIR HARMFUL EFFECTS SO THAT THEY WILL NOT FALL PREY TO DRUG PEDDLERS AFTER THEY LEAVE SCHOOL,+ MR CHOW SAID.

SINCE THE SCHOOL TALKS TEAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, IT HAS GIVEN TALKS TO 128 000 STUDENTS IN 240 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

MR CHOW ALSO APPEALED TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE '+YOUTH AGAINST DRUGS SCHEME+'.

/+IT PROVIDES

+IT PROVIDES A VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO DESIGN, PLAN AND IMPLEMENT VARIOUS ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

+BY DOING SO, YOUNG PEOPLE NOT ONLY ENHANCE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE DRUG PROBLEM, BUT ALSO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY BY BRINGING THE MESSAGE TO THEIR OWN PEERS,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WAS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR S.L. CHAN, WHO EXPLAINED THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUGS.

SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU, MR JACKSON CHIK, SPOKE ON HOW THE POLICE COULD ASSIST IF A PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE SHOULD DEVELOP IN SCHOOLS.

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AIR POLLUTION IN KWUN TONG IMPROVING * * *

KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING LEARNED THAT THE AIR QUALITY IN THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN IMPROVING.

DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA, THE ASSISTANT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STANLEY YING, TOLD BOARD MEMBERS: +IN 1983, THERE WERE 21 OCCASIONS WHERE SULPHUR DIOXIDE CONTENT IN THE AIR EXCEEDED THE U.S. STANDARD, WHILE THIS YEAR THERE WERE ONLY EIGHT CASES SO FAR.

+IN 1983, THE PEAK DAILY AVERAGE OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE CONTENT IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA WAS AS HIGH AS 977 MICROGRAMS PER CUBIC METRE, BUT IN 1985, IT WAS 533.+

APART FROM LEARNING ABOUT THE AIR POLLUTION PROBLEM, MEMBERS ALSO NOTED THE SHORTAGE OF LOADING AND UNLOADING FACILITIES, AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN THE BACKLANES OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THEY WERE TOLD THAT TO TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS, A WORKING PARTY WAS SET UP UNDER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A PILOT SCHEME IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD RESUME AND MANAGE ONE OF THE BACKLANES.

FROM THE ROOF OF A FLATTED FACTORY IN KOWLOON BAY, MEMBERS HAD A COMMANDING VIEW OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

THE NUMBER OF WORKERS IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA WOULD INCREASE TO ABOUT 200 000 WHEN KOWLOON BAY IS FULLY DEVELOPED.

BOARD MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THE 140 000 WORKERS IN THE AREA ALSO LIVED IN THE DISTRICT.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDED VISITS TO THE RECENTLY-OPEN KWUN TONG PIER COOKED FOOD BAZAAR, THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE, AND THE KAI FUK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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NEW POSTINGS FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS
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A NUMBER OF SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVE JOINED THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FOLLOWING NEW POSTINGS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

FORMER DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, HAS JOINED CNTA AS THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, REPLACING MR MAYER NG.

A FORMER FINANCE OFFICER OF THE FINANCE BRANCH, MR STEPHEN SELBY, HAS ASSUMED THE POST OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER TAKING OVER FROM MR RICKY FUNG.

FORMER PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER (INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION) OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, HAS TAKEN OVER AS YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER FROM MR BOWEN LEUNG WHO IS NOW THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER.

A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE SECURITY BRANCH, MR NICHOLAS YEK, HAS BEEN APPOINTED DISTRICT OFFICER OF WONG TAI SIN, REPLACING MR PHILIP CHOK.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY
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THE REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE CENOTAPH IN STATUE SQUARE THIS SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 10) IN HONOUR OF THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

WREATHS WILL BE LAID BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL ANTHONY BOAM, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, COMMONWEALTH COMMISSIONERS, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMON ANNING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, SERVICE COMMANDERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, SERVICE UNITS, TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, EX-SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER BODIES.

THE CEREMONY WILL START AT 11 AM AND WILL END ABOUT 11.30 AM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS POSITION FOR COVERING THE CEREMONY HAS BEEN RESERVED NEXT TO THE MTR ENTRANCE IN FRONT OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING IN CHATER ROAD. SPECIAL TICKETS FOR ADMISSION TO THE CEREMONY MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE DUTY OFFICER, GIS NEWSROOM, FROM 9 AM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 9). PHOTOGRAPHERS AND REPORTERS MUST BE IN POSITION NOT LATER THAN 10.45 AM.

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CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR ORGANISED

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CARETAKERS, WATCHMEN AND RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS CRIME PREVENTION TECHNIQUES AT A CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 9) AT THE CHIU CHOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE ANNUAL SEMINAR WILL START WITH A 15-MINUTE SLIDE SHOW EMPHASISING METHODS OF CRIME PREVENTION, FOLLOWED BY TALKS GIVEN BY OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SEMINAR, MR LAWRENCE LAM; THE REGIONAL CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER (HONG KONG ISLAND), MR SUN WING-KUN, THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (CENTRAL), MR HO SZE-MING; THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER (WESTERN), MR MAK KWOK-KUEN; AND A LAWYER, MR AU KING-WAH.

TALKS WILL TOUCH ON GUIDELINES ON CRIME PREVENTION, THE DUTIES OF WATCHMEN, THE POWER OF CITIZENS' ARREST AND KNOWLEDGE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

AFTER THE TALKS, GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO SIX RESIDENTS WHOSE BRAVERY IN FIGHTING CRIME WILL BE COMMENDED.

MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR, AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO ATTEND.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 9) AT THE HALL OF THE CHIU CHOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 10TH FLOOR, 81-85 DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

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SAFETY EMPHASISED AT HK'S FIRST BOATING PARK

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THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON SAFETY WHEN HONG KONG'S FIRST BOATING PARK OPENS AT WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD NEXT SPRING.

+THE OPERATOR WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PERSON QUALIFIED TO OPERATE AN INFLATABLE MOTORISED RESCUE CRAFT PLUS A MINIMUM OF THREE QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS,+ SAID AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

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+ALSO, A LOOKOUT TOWER WITH A LIFEGUARD ON DUTY MUST BE PROVIDED.

+FINALLY, AS AN ADDED PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, ALL PEOPLE ON BOARD A BOAT MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET PROVIDED BY THE OPERATOR.+

THE URBAN COUNCIL IS NOW INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE 6.5-HECTARE WONG NAI CHUNG RESERVOIR PARK, BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE NOW DEFUNCT WONG NAI CHUNG RESERVOIR. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST SUPPLY PEDAL-WHEEL BOATS AND ROWING BOATS FOR HIRE, SUPPLY LIFE-SAVING STAFF, AND RUN A LIGHT REFRESHMENT AND CLEANSING SERVICE AT THE PARK. THE CONTRACT WILL RUN FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FROM APRIL 1986.

THE PARK WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE A MAXIMUM OF 30 ROWING BOATS AND 20 PEDAL-WHEEL BOATS AT ANY ONE TIME.

EACH CRAFT WILL BE FITTED WITH A LITTER RECEPTACLE FOR THE HIRERS TO USE WHILE BOATING.

+AS A FURTHER MEASURE TO KEEP THE PARK IN A CLEAN, TIDY AND SERVICEABLE CONDITION AT ALL TIMES, THE CONTRACTOR MUST INSTALL IN THE PARK AREA AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF DUSTBINS AS REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL,+ ADDED THE SPOKESMAN.

ANYONE WISHING TO OBTAIN TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS SHOULD CONTACT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 4/F., 203 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD (5-546092). DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS 9 A.M., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1985.

OTHER FACILITIES PROVIDED IN THE VICINITY OF THE PARK INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A FREE PUBLIC CARPARK WITH 66 SPACES. A SITTING-OUT AREA WITH A FITNESS STATION WILL ALSO BE BUILT AT A LATER STAGE.

+AS SOMETHING QUITE NEW IN THE WAY OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES THIS BOATING PARK IS EXPECTED TO BE HIGHLY POPULAR WITH THE PUBLIC,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+NOT ONLY WILL VISITORS BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE PARK ITSELF, THE MORE ENERGETIC WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE THEIR FAMILIES OR FRIENDS FOR A PEDAL TRIP OR A ROW.+

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ARGENTINA JOINS SPEEDPOST NETWORK

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO ARGENTINA FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 11), BRINGING TO 40 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO ALL AREAS IN ARGENTINA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY TO ADDRESSEES IN THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES AND ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY TO THE REST OF ARGENTINA.

BOTH +CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT PER ITEM IS 15 KG AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| * ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G | \$80 |
| * ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G | \$100 |
| * EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G | \$43 |

SPEEDPOST IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND FREE PICK-UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108.

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DETAILS OF TUEN MUN FESTIVAL

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A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL '85 AT 11 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL '85 ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THE THREE-WEEK LONG PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 16.

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR TUEN MUN FESTIVAL '85, MR YIP HING-CHUNG; CHAIRMEN OF THE SIX WORKING COMMITTEES UNDER THE COMMITTEE; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER (TUEN MUN), MR JIMMY CHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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CHINESE MUSICIANS TO SHOW SKILLS

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FOUR MUSICIANS FROM CHINA CURRENTLY TAKING PART IN THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS AT A LUNCHTIME CONCERT AT THE LANDMARK IN CENTRAL TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE GUEST MUSICIANS, DING YU-FENG, LI GUANG-CAI, PAN O-JING AND CHI XIANG-SHENG, WILL EACH PERFORM SOLO PIECES WITH FOUR INSTRUMENTS -- THE ER-HU, SUO-NA, PI-PA AND SAN XIAN.

THE FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, IS AIMED AT RAISING THE STANDARD OF PERFORMING SKILLS AND STIMULATING GREATER INTEREST IN CHINESE MUSIC IN HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CONCERT WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE LANDMARK IN CENTRAL AT 12.45 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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WORKERS ENJOY LUNCH-TIME MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA

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HUNDREDS OF WORKERS AND RESIDENTS IN SAN PO KONG WERE TODAY TREATED TO A RELAXING LUNCH-TIME MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA WITH MUSIC PERFORMED BY A POPULAR BAND.

THE CROWD ALSO TOOK PART IN A 15-MINUTE QUIZ SESSION, WITH SOME WINNING PRIZES.

TODAY'S +LUNCH HOUR DELIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA+ AT THE KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE.

+OTHER LUNCH-HOUR CONCERTS WILL BE HELD IN THE AREA ON DECEMBER 5 AND JANUARY 2,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

HE SAID THIS FOLLOWED A SIMILAR PROGRAMME FIRST SPONSORED BY THE COUNCIL LAST YEAR, WHICH HAD PROVED POPULAR AMONG WORKERS THERE.

THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR CONCERT STARTED AT NOON.

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MINI-SOCCER PITCH CLOSES FOR RESURFACING

THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH IN THE YUEN LONG SPORTS GROUND WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 11) UNTIL DECEMBER 21 TO FACILITATE RESURFACING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE BASKETBALL COURT AND THE TENNIS COURT IN THE SPORTS GROUND WILL REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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OFFICE ON THE MOVE

THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE 24TH FLOOR OF CONNAUGHT CENTRE, WILL BE MOVING TO ITS NEW OFFICE ON THE 38TH FLOOR OF TWO EXCHANGE SQUARE THIS SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

THE NEW OFFICE WILL START OPERATION FROM NEXT MONDAY (NOVEMBER 11). ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8427666.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN CENTRAL

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL FROM 0.30 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 10).

THESE MEASURES ARE:

- * THE EXISTING CLOSED SECTION OF WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN RUMSEY STREET AND CLEVERLY STREET WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARD TO THE JUNCTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND WING LOK STREET FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS. VEHICLES ON DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WESTBOUND HEADING FOR RUMSEY STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO WING LOK STREET.
- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN RUMSEY STREET AND WING WO STREET WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24-HOUR DAILY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.
- * BUSES ON CMB ROUTE 5A, 5B AND 5C WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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KWAI CHUNG WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 10) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES IN YIP SHING STREET AND 301-305, 313-317 AND 319-325 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, INCLUDING LAI SUN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, UNIVERSAL INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AND TUNG LUEN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE ORIENTAL TEXTILE LTD, THE TEXTILE CORPORATION OF HK LTD, SOUTH MACHINE WORKS LTD, WUI ON AND WUI TAT TEXTILE LTD, FU HOP CONSTRUCTION CO AND KAM SING KNITTING FACTORY.

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