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GOVERNOR CONGRATULATES H.K. TEAM ON ITS
VICTORIES IN COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, HAVE SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO THE HONG KONG TABLE TENNIS TEAM NOW TAKING PART IN THE FOURTH COMMONWEALTH TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GUERNSEY, BRITAIN, FOLLOWING ITS VICTORIES YESTERDAY.

IN HIS MESSAGE, SIR MURRAY SAID : +CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS ON YOUR VICTORIES FOR HONG KONG IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.+

MR. BRAY SAID IN HIS MESSAGE, +CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FOR HONG KONG. BEST WISHES FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS LATER THIS MONTH.+

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H.K. OFFICIALS OFF TO LONDON FOR AIR TALKS

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MR. DAVID T.K. WONG, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, AND MR. B.D. KEEP, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, LEFT HONG KONG TONIGHT FOR LONDON FOR CONSULTATIONS ON VARIOUS CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS WITH THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF AIR CARGO RATES.

FOLLOWING THE CONSULTATIONS, THEY WILL PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AS PART OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION TO NEGOTIATE A NEW AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE FORTHCOMING ROUND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE THE FIFTH IN THE CONTINUING SERIES AND WILL DEAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WITH AIR LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE UNITED STATES.

FOLLOWING THE NEGOTIATIONS MESSRS. WONG AND KEEP WILL PROCEED TO MONTREAL TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF CAPACITY, TARIFF RATES AND ENFORCEMENT AND NON-SCHEDULED TRAFFIC.

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SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX FOR CHAI WAN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BEGIN WORK NEXT MONTH ON THE FIRST STAGE OF A \$10 MILLION SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND PARK AT CHAI WAN.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE SITE FORMATION WORKS ON A TWO-HECTARE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF CHAI WAN ROAD AND SUN YIP STREET.

TENDERS FOR THE MAIN CONTRACTS WILL BE CALLED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR AND THE SWIMMING COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY THE MIDDLE OF 1979.

THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR. PHILIP CHEUK, SAID THE POOL COMPLEX WOULD BE AMONG THE LARGEST IN HONG KONG, CATERING FOR SOME 5,000 SWIMMERS AT ANY ONE TIME.

IT WOULD COMPRISE EIGHT POOLS - A MAIN POOL, A SECONDARY POOL, THREE TEACHING POOLS, A DIVING POOL, A CHILDREN'S POOL AND A PADDLING POOL.

+THE MAIN POOL AND DIVING POOL HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO OLYMPIC STANDARDS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL NOW BEING BUILT,+ HE SAID.

+ONE SPECIAL FEATURE WILL BE THE ACCESS FACILITIES FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO ENABLE THEM TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE COMPLEX SAFELY AND CONVENIENTLY,+ HE ADDED.

+OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, REFRESHMENT CAFE, A COVERED STAND FOR SPECTATORS AND COVERED PARKING FACILITIES.+

THE PARK, HE SAID, WOULD PROVIDE A LUSH GREEN BELT SURROUNDING THE SWIMMING COMPLEX AND PROVIDE A PLEASANT LEISURE AREA FOR NON-SWIMMERS AS WELL AS PLAY FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN.

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CHING MING FESTIVAL -- A STATUTORY HOLIDAY
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT TUESDAY (APRIL 5), THE DAY OF THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE TEN STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. PRICE EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHEREVER THEY WORK.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE THE EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIM 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE BEFORE GIVING HIM AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= YUEN LONG 12-760261 EXT. 82= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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EXHIBITION ON PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS SERVICE IN N.T.

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A FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION ON PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN FROM MONDAY (MARCH 21).

MR. J.W. HAYES, TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER FOR TSUEN WAN, MR. F.W. BLACKWELL, PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG MAGISTRATES ASSOCIATION AND MR. CHAN PO-FONG, A CIVIC LEADER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 4 P.M.

THE EXHIBITION FOLLOWS THE SUCCESSFUL ONES HELD IN KOWLOON AND HONG KONG.

ORGANISED BY THE PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE EXHIBITION AIMS TO SHOW THE PUBLIC THE WORK ON REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS - THE PROBATION SERVICE, THE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE AFTERCARE SERVICE.

THE EXHIBITION FEATURES SLIDE SHOWS, CHARTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, CARTOON AND HANDICRAFTS MADE BY RESIDENTS OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

DURING THE CEREMONY, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF QUIZ AND CROSSWORD PUZZLES COMPETITIONS ORGANISED FOR THE VISITORS TO THE PREVIOUS EXHIBITIONS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 4 P.M. TO 9.30 P.M. ON MONDAY= 10 A.M. TO 9.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AND 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES ON MONDAY (MARCH 21) AT 4 P.M.

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PLANETARIUM CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MAIN BUILDING CONTRACT FOR THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PLANETARIUM AT TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE FORMALLY SIGNED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT 10.30 A.M. ON MONDAY (MARCH 21).

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 12TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

MR. JOSEPH LEI, CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, WILL SIGN THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS AFTERWARDS.

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MAIL LOST IN SHIP MISHAP
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OVER 100 BAGS OF MAIL, POSTED IN HONG KONG AND DESTINED FOR THE FIJI ISLANDS AND NEW ZEALAND, WERE LOST FOLLOWING THE GROUNDING OF THE VESSEL, M.V. HONG KONG SURETY, IN HEAVY SEAS OFF THE NORTHWEST COAST OF AUSTRALIA, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE VESSEL, WHICH SAILED FROM HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 6, CARRIED 38 BAGS OF MAIL FOR THE FIJI ISLANDS, POSTED HERE BETWEEN JANUARY 18 AND FEBRUARY 5, AND 64 BAGS OF MAIL FOR NEW ZEALAND POSTED BETWEEN JANUARY 28 AND FEBRUARY 5.

ALL ATTEMPTS TO REFLOAT THE VESSEL FAILED AND IT WAS ABANDONED.

IN VIEW OF THIS, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MAIL MUST NOW BE REGARDED AS LOST.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN KOWLOON
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PARTS OF TWO ROADS IN KOWLOON ARE TO BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY STARTING FROM NEXT MONDAY (MARCH 21) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

A SECTION OF MIDDLE ROAD, STRETCHING FROM A POINT TWO METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE WEST SIDE OF NATHAN ROAD RUNNING WESTWARDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 28 METRES, WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT 13 WEEKS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY MARINER STATION WALLS.

STARTING FROM THE SAME DAY, THE JUNCTION OF PITT STREET AND THE EAST SIDE OF NATHAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS FOR WORK ON ENTRANCES TO WATERLOO STATION.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MID LEVELS WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON MONDAY (MARCH 21) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CONNECT A WATER MAIN IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE ALL THE PREMISES IN PRINCE'S TERRACE, REDNAXELA TERRACE, CHICO TERRACE, YING FAI TERRACE, NOS. 22-28 MOSQUE STREET, NOS. 78-82 PEEL STREET AND NOS. 15-31 SHELLEY STREET.

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