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GOVERNOR CONTINUES VISIT TO NEW TERRITORIES
DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WILL MOVE TO ITS OWN PREMISES IN THE NEW TOWN LATER THIS YEAR.

BY TAKING OVER THE PREMISES IN LEK YUEN ESTATE PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY LAND STAFF OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE BOARD IS CONFIDENT THAT IT COULD +MORE QUICKLY ESTABLISH A LOCAL IDENTITY IN SHA TIN.+

THIS WAS ONE OF THE POINTS RAISED TODAY (THURSDAY) WHEN THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE SHA TIN BOARD TO LISTEN TO THEIR PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR AND TO OFFER HIS HELP AND ADVICE. IT WAS PART OF HIS ROUND OF VISITS TO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SIR MURRAY, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES IN THE VISIT, WAS TOLD THAT THE SHA TIN BOARD IS ALREADY USING THE LEK YUEN PREMISES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

WHEN THE DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF MOVE OUT IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, THE BOARD WILL HAVE A CONFERENCE ROOM AND WILL SET UP A PERMANENT EXHIBITION TO HELP KEEP LOCAL RESIDENTS IN TOUCH ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ALSO SET UP A PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE IN THE SAME PREMISES WITH FULL-TIME TOWN LIAISON OFFICERS ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC.

SIR MURRAY WAS TOLD THAT SUB-COMMITTEES DEALING WITH RECREATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS, MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS HAD BEEN SET UP TO DEVISE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF SPENDING THE \$300,000 ALLOCATED TO THE SHA TIN BOARD.

AFTER SPENDING AN HOUR WITH MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN BOARD, SIR MURRAY CONTINUED HIS VISIT TO THE TAI PO DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD. HE ALSO SPENT AN HOUR WITH THE TAI PO BOARD.

SIR MURRAY WAS TOLD THAT THE TAI PO BOARD WAS IN THE PROGRESS OF ESTABLISHING THREE SUB-COMMITTEES - THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE, RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE AND LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

LATER THIS MONTH THESE SUB-COMMITTEES WILL BEGIN TO CONSIDER WAYS OF SPENDING THE \$500,000 ALLOCATED TO THE TAI PO BOARD.

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IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, SIR MURRAY ANNOUNCED THE SETTING UP OF SEVEN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED \$3.7 MILLION TO THE BOARDS SO THAT THEY CAN CARRY OUT MINOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PROMOTE THE ARTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION IN THEIR DISTRICTS.

THE BOARDS COMPRISE BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS. THE SHA TIN BOARD HAS EIGHT UNOFFICIALS AND SIX OFFICIALS, WHILE THE TAI PO BOARD HAS 15 UNOFFICIALS AND FIVE OFFICIALS.

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16 PRISONS STAFF COMMENDED

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. MAK PAK-LAM, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION TO 16 STAFF OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

THE 16 RECIPIENTS WERE: MR. LEE HAK-KIU, MR. MAK SUN, MR. TSE SIK-KEE, MR. CHAN MING-CHEE, MR. MAN KAM-WAN, MR. CHAN PUI-YIN, MR. CHENG YAM-MAN, MR. TING TAK-LEUNG, MR. TANG KEI, MR. LAM KWONG, MR. HUNG KEI-NAM, MR. NG PING-CHIU, MR. WONG MING-HUNG, MR. WAN TAK-CHOI, MR. YUEN SIU-KUN AND MR. CHAN CHUNG-KAI.

THEY WERE COMMENDED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS FOR THEIR ZEAL AND ENTHUSIASM IN WORK, FOR BRAVERY AND DILIGENCE IN DETECTING SMUGGLING, ALERTNESS AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY IN THE FACE OF PERSONAL ATTACK.

AT THE PRESENTATION, MR. MAK SAID ALL OFFICERS SHOULD CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES, BUT THOSE WHO EXCEED THEIR NORMAL BOUNDS OF DUTY SHOULD RECEIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION.

MR. MAK SAID PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WORK OF A PRISON OFFICER IS DIFFICULT, OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL RISK AND OCCASIONAL FRUSTRATION.

+TO DO THIS TYPE OF WORK, YOU HAVE TO BE PROFESSIONAL, VERY DEDICATED AND HUMANE,+ HE SAID.

+THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF THOSE UNFORTUNE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY DEPENDS VERY LARGELY ON THE APPROACH AND ATTITUDE OF PRISON OFFICERS,+ HE ADDED.

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HONG KONG FOURTH LARGEST CONSUMER OF FISH IN THE WORLD
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HONG KONG IS THE WORLD'S FOURTH LARGEST CONSUMER OF FISH ON A PER CAPITA BASIS, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS STATED.

HE SAID THAT THE DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY FRESH FISH, WAS SO STRONG IN MOST SOUTH EAST ASIAN AREAS THAT THE BULK OF FISH PRODUCED WAS CONSUMED WITHIN THE REGION ALTHOUGH EXPORTS OF HIGH VALUED SPECIES WAS INCREASING.

MR. NICHOLS MADE THE COMMENTS AT THE CITY LIONS CLUB LUNCHEON TODAY WHEN REFERRING TO THE INDO-PACIFIC FISHERY COMMISSION WHICH HE ATTENDED IN MANILA LAST MONTH.

HE WARNED HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS MORE FISHING PRESSURE ON DEEP SEA (DEMERSAL) SPECIES THAN ON COASTAL AND OFFSHORE MID-WATER (PELAGIC) SPECIES WHERE +POTENTIAL EXPANSION COULD WELL LIE.+

+COMMERCIAL FISHING IS GENERALLY STILL INTENSIVE WITHIN COASTAL ZONES AND MARICULTURE IS PRACTISED ONLY IN INSHORE WATERS.

+YET, IT IS WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONES THAT SEA-BORNE TRAFFIC IS HEAVIEST=POLLUTION FROM WASTE DISPOSAL IS WORST= WHERE CONCENTRATIONS OF YOUNG LIVING ORGANISMS MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO POLLUTION OCCUR= WHERE SEAWATER IS TAKEN FOR COOLING POWER PLANTS OR FOR DESALINISATION= AND FROM WHICH, INCREASINGLY, EXPLOITED MINERALS ARE TAKEN,+ SAID MR. NICHOLS.

ON THE +LAW OF THE SEA+ CONFERENCE, MR. NICHOLS SAID IT WAS MEETING TO CONSIDER AN INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING TEXT+ WHICH IT IS HOPED, WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION WITHOUT AFFECTING THE RIGHTS OF ANY STATE TO SUGGEST REVISIONS IN THE SEARCH FOR A CONCENSUS.+

+ALTHOUGH THE FINAL OUTCOME IS STILL TO BE DETERMINED, THE MAJORITY OF NATIONS NOW SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF A BROAD ECONOMIC ZONE, ALTHOUGH DIFFERENT COUNTRIES MAY HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF JURISDICTION WITHIN SUCH A ZONE.

+THE GENERAL TREND, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN FOR AN INCREASING NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO EXTEND NATIONAL JURISDICTION OVER FISHING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES TO EXPLOIT NATIONAL RESOURCES.

+THE EFFECTS OF THIS GENERAL TREND OF EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES ARE ALREADY APPARENT IN SOME REGIONS.

+DISTANT WATER FISHING FLEETS THAT HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE AREAS NEWLY CLAIMED FOR NATIONAL JURISDICTION MUST EITHER MOVE INTO OTHER AREAS OR REACH SOME LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO ALLOW THEIR CONTINUED FISHING WITHIN THE CLAIMED LIMITS,+ SAID MR. NICHOLS.

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AWARDS FOR NEW TERRITORIES VOLUNTEER LIFE GUARDS

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MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB WHO WORKED 6,000 DUTY SHIFTS PROTECTING SWIMMERS AT NEW TERRITORIES BEACHES LAST SUMMER RECEIVED A SPECIAL PAT ON THE BACK THIS EVENING FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES.

HE SAID THAT THE CLUB'S VOLUNTEER LIFE GUARDS DESERVED SPECIAL PRAISE BECAUSE NEW TERRITORIES BEACHES WERE MORE VULNERABLE TO THE DANGEROUS EFFECTS OF WIND AND CURRENTS, AND LIFEGUARDS VERY OFTEN HAD TO RISK THEIR OWN LIVES TO SAVE THOSE OF OTHERS.

MR. AKERS-JONES WAS OFFICIATING AT THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF MERITORIOUS RESCUE AND LIFE SAVING AWARDS TO CLUB MEMBERS.

HE SAID THAT THE CLUB WAS NOTED FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS -- AND LAST YEAR IT HAD MARKED UP ANOTHER BY SENDING A NUMBER OF COACHES TO THE UNITED STATES TO LEARN THE LATEST TECHNIQUES OF SAVING LIVES IN HEAVY SEAS.

+A HEAVY SEAS LIFE SAVING CLUB WAS FORMED UPON THE RETURN OF THESE YOUNG COACHES WHO HAVE IMPARTED THEIR SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE TO OTHERS SO THAT WE WILL ALL BE SAFER WHEN WE GO TO THE BEACH,+ HE SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

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ANTI-DRUG VARIETY SHOW

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN ANTI-DRUG VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, KOWLOON.

THE SHOW, STARTING AT 7.30 P.M. AIMS AT PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HELPING REHABILITATED DRUG ADDICTS TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING BY OFFERING THEM EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.

IT IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EMPLOYMENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE FOR VOLUNTARILY REHABILITATED ADDICTS (SPONSORED BY LIONS INTERNATIONAL -- DISTRICT 303), THE ENTERTAINMENT SECTION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS.

THE CEREMONY WILL START WITH A LION DANCE, WITH THE EYES DOTTED BY MR. LEE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY RIBBON-CUTTING. PROGRAMMES OF THE NIGHT WILL INCLUDE MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS, SINGING AND AN ANTI-DRUG DRAMA.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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+OLD COUPLE+ PORTRAYED IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION DRAMA
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THE CHILDREN HAVE GROWN UP AND FOUND THEIR OWN WAYS OF LIVING. THE FATHER IS ONLY INTERESTED IN HIS WORK. THE MOTHER IS LEFT ALONE AT HOME MOST OF THE TIME. THIS FAMILY SITUATION IS PORTRAYED IN A TRUE-TO-LIFE TELEVISION DRAMA TO BE SCREENED ON THE THREE CHINESE CHANNELS STARTING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) EVENING.

IN +THE OLD COUPLE+, THE SIXTH EPISODE OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION DRAMA SERIES ENTITLED UNDER THE SAME ROOF PRODUCED BY RTHK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THE AUDIENCE IS PRESENTED WITH A PROBLEM WHICH IS FOUND IN MANY FAMILIES IN HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID: +WE HAVE COME ACROSS MANY CASES IN WHICH MARITAL RELATIONSHIP IN THE MIDDLE-AGE GROUP CAN BECOME SOMETHING QUITE ROUTINE AND UNEVENTFUL. HAVING BEEN LIVING TOGETHER FOR OVER 20 OR 30 YEARS, A COUPLE MAY FIND THEIR MARRIED LIFE MONOTONOUS. THE HUSBAND MAY HAVE REACHED THE PEAK OF HIS CAREER, AND, WITH THE CHILDREN ALL GROWING UP, THE WIFE MAY ALSO FIND LIFE UNCHALLENGING.+

+YET IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE TRAGIC. A SMALL GIFT, A WORD OF CONCERN, OR A HOLIDAY TOGETHER MAY REVITALISE THE MARRIAGE, AND THE RELATIONSHIP SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE A REWARDING ONE,+ HE SAID.

+WITH MORE UNDERSTANDING, THE RIGHT ATTITUDE AND CONCERN THE PROBLEM CAN BE OVERCOME AND FAMILY LIFE BECOMES HAPPIER.+

THE EPISODES IN THE UNDER THE SAME ROOF SERIES, AS WELL AS OTHER FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ARE ALL AIMED AT EDUCATING THE PUBLIC TO LIVE A HAPPIER FAMILY LIFE.

THE +OLD COUPLE+ WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB JADE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 8.30 P.M.= ON RTV CHANNEL 1 AT 7 P.M.= AND ON CTW ON SUNDAY AT 6 P.M.

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