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SIR JACK CATER ACTING GOVERNOR

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SIR JACK CATER HAS ASSUMED THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR FROM YESTERDAY (SUNDAY), FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE FROM HONG KONG OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE.

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KCR TO KEEP PUBLIC INFORMED OF ITS DEVELOPMENT

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A PROGRESS CHART ON THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HAS BEEN PREPARED TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THIS MAMMOTH PROJECT.

+THE CHART WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT IS DESIGNED TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED OF THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE PROJECT AND THE TRAIN DELAYS OR DISRUPTIONS ARISING FROM IT, IF THERE IS ANY,+ A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+SUCH DELAYS OR TEMPORARY DISRUPTIONS ARE INEVITABLE SINCE THE WHOLE RAILWAY IS BEING REBUILT WHILE TRAIN SERVICES ARE MAINTAINED,+ HE EXPLAINED.

COPIES OF THE CHART WILL BE POSTED AT CONSPICUOUS PLACES AT ALL STATIONS WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANY SCHEDULED CHANGES TO GIVE COMMUTERS AMPLE ADVANCE NOTICE THUS ENABLING THEM TO MAKE ALTERNATE TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS IF NECESSARY.

+ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED IS REGRETTED. HOWEVER, THIS IS PART OF THE PRICE FOR A MODERNISED AND HIGHLY EFFICIENT RAILWAY SYSTEM WITH A LARGER PASSENGER CAPACITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHEN THE ELECTRIFICATION AND MODERNISATION PROJECT IS COMPLETED KCR IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A MUCH FASTER SERVICE TO ABOUT 120 000 TO 140 000 PASSENGERS EVERYDAY. AT PRESENT, IT IS SERVING AN AVERAGE OF 50 000 PASSENGERS DAILY.

THE RE-DEVELOPMENT WORK COMPRISES DOUBLE-TRACKING, THE RE-LAYING OF EXISTING TRACKS TO NEW IMPROVED STANDARDS, THE RE-MODELLING OF OLD STATIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ONES.

THE FIRST STAGE OF DOUBLE-TRACKING AND ELECTRIFICATION WORK FOR THE SECTION BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND FO TAN, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1982.

FULL ELECTRIFICATION ALL THE WAY TO LO WU WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF 1982.

+THE PROGRESS CHART ON MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION WILL BE REGULARLY UPDATED,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PLANNING BASED ON MANPOWER SURVEYS
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THE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF STUDENT-PLACES PROVIDED IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES EACH YEAR ARE LARGELY BASED ON THE MANPOWER SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, MR. DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+THE ADVICE OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL AND OTHER BODIES IS ALSO SOUGHT ON CURRICULA AND SYLLABUSES TO MAKE SURE THEY MEET THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

MR. WATERS WAS SPEAKING TO MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND MANPOWER SUPPLY.

SIX ADDITIONAL STANDING COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN SET UP BY THE TRAINING COUNCIL TO COVER THE AREAS OF HOTELS, CATERING AND TOURISM, BANKING, INSURANCE, JOURNALISM, ACCOUNTANCY, WHOLESALE, RETAIL, AND IMPORT AND EXPORT.

+THESE COMMITTEES WILL CONDUCT SURVEYS AND WE SHALL THEN HAVE MORE ACCURATE DATA IN COMMERCE AND THE SERVICES ON WHICH TO PLAN OUR TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, HE SAID, EVERY FULL-TIME TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVEL PLACE IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WAS OVERSUBSCRIBED.

ON AVERAGE THERE WAS A RATIO OF SEVEN QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO 1.7 PLANNED PLACES, MR. WATERS SAID.

COMMENTING ON PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES RUN BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, HE SAID THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THIS MODE OF STUDY HAD INCREASED FROM ABOUT 600 IN 1970 TO 6 200 IN 1978/79.

THIS STRIKING INCREASE WAS PARTLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE 1976 APPRENTICESHIP ACT AND THE DESIGNATION OF 36 TRADES WHICH STIPULATED COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT THE COURSES FOR CRAFT APPRENTICES UNDER THE AGE OF 19, MR. WATERS SAID.

+CREDIT MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TO A NUMBER OF ENLIGHTENED AND FAR-SIGHTED EMPLOYERS WHO WERE ABLE TO SEE THE LONG-TERM VALUE OF RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING OF THE ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF HONG KONG, MR. WATERS SAID IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT A SOUND SYSTEM OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

+AS THE TERRITORY MOVES TOWARDS GREATER DIVERSIFICATION AND TRADING-UP WITHIN INDUSTRY TAKES PLACE THE NEED FOR THE REVAMPING OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, IN ORDER TO KEEP IN STEP WITH INDUSTRY, WILL BE ESSENTIAL,+ HE SAID.

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FOURTH QUARTER RATES TO BE PAID BY OCTOBER 31

RATEPAYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT RATES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1979 MUST BE SETTLED BY 4 P.M. ON OCTOBER 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT WOULD BE IMPOSED ON LATE PAYMENTS. A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE AMOUNT, INCLUDING THE INITIAL FIVE PER CENT, IF LATE PAYMENTS WERE STILL NOT PAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE SAID DEMAND NOTES HAD ALREADY BEEN SENT TO RATEPAYERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THEM SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE RATES SECTION OF THE TREASURY, ROOM 203, HANG CHONG BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR, 5 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

+NON-RECEIPT OF THE DEMAND NOTE DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES SHOULD BE PAID BY THE DUE DATE,+ HE SAID.

TO AVOID QUEUING, RATEPAYERS ARE ADVISED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER BY POST, OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THERE WILL BE NO REFUND IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED, OR INTENDED TO BE USED, WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES (UNLESS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT).

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29 PWD CONTRACTS AWARDED IN AUGUST

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED A TOTAL OF 29 CONTRACTS WORTH MORE THAN \$206 MILLION IN AUGUST.

NINE WERE AWARDED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND THE OTHERS ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PWD TENDER BOARD.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTRACTS WAS FOR SITE FORMATION, ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN TSUEN WAN NORTH.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$61 MILLION, FORMS PART OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

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DHA TO VISIT TUNG WAH NURSERY
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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, WILL PAY AN INSPECTION VISIT TO THE TUNG WAH HONG KONG DAY NURSERY IN WAN CHAI TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE CHILD CARE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS IN THE AREA.

THE HONG KONG DAY NURSERY WHICH WAS OPENED LAST YEAR HAS AN AREA OF MORE THAN 280 SQUARE METRES (3 250 SQUARE FEET). IT IS EQUIPPED WITH UP-TO-DATE FACILITIES AND TEACHING MATERIALS GEARED AT DEVELOPING THE CHILDREN PHYSICALLY AND INTELLECTUALLY.

THE NURSERY HAS AN INTAKE OF 100 CHILDREN AGED 2 TO 5 AND A STAFF OF 13, INCLUDING SEVEN PROFESSIONAL CHILD CARE WORKERS.

THE MONTHLY CHARGE OF \$350 PER CHILD COVERS EXPENSES FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCHEON AND AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS.

MR. WALDEN WILL TOUR THE PREMISES AND SEE SOME TRAINING ACTIVITIES OF THE CHILDREN IN SESSION. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF TUNG WAH, MR. STEPHEN YOW MOK-SHING AND TEN ASSOCIATES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER MR. WALDEN'S VISIT TO THE TUNG WAH HONG KONG DAY NURSERY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11.30 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY). THE NURSERY IS LOCATED AT 12 - 22 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, FIRST FLOOR, TUNG HEY MANSION, WAN CHAI.

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WARNING TO SHIPPING
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ADVISED MASTERS AND PERSONS IN CHARGE OF ALL CRAFT TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION WHEN THE HONG KONG MARATHON CANOE RACE TAKES PLACE BETWEEN KELLETT ISLAND AND REPULSE BAY ON OCTOBER 28.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE RACE WOULD START FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB ON KELLETT ISLAND AT 9 A.M. AND PROCEED EASTWARDS, PASSING CHAI WAN AND CAPE D'AGUILAR TO FINISH AT REPULSE BAY.

THE ORGANISERS OF THE EVENT HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ENSURE THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL GIVE SHIPPING A WIDE BERTH, HE ADDED.

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NEW BLOOD FOR THE FIRE SERVICES
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TWENTY-ONE RECRUIT FIREMEN TODAY (MONDAY) BEGAN 26 WEEKS OF TOUGH TRAINING AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE RECRUITS WERE ISSUED WITH UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT AT THE FIRE SERVICES STORE AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION COMPLEX.

ANOTHER BATCH OF 50 TRAINEES IS DUE TO BEGIN TRAINING NEXT WEEK, A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT 130 MORE RECRUITS WILL ENTER THE SCHOOL FOR TRAINING BEFORE NOVEMBER 15.

+ADDITIONALLY, IN VIEW OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE RECEIVED TO OUR EARLIER RECRUITMENT DRIVE, IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED TO LAUNCH ANOTHER RECRUITING CAMPAIGN IN EARLY NOVEMBER,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE CHALLENGING CAREER OFFERED BY THE FIRE SERVICES IS CATCHING THE IMAGINATION OF THE YOUNG MEN OF HONG KONG, AND A GOOD RESPONSE IS AGAIN EXPECTED,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, 54 FIREMEN WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR BASIC TRAINING TODAY REPORTED TO VARIOUS STATIONS FOR DUTY.

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LOCAL CRAFT OPERATORS WARNED OF
MARINE WORK OFF PO TOI
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) WARNED OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF LOCAL CRAFT THAT MARINE BORING OPERATIONS AND SITE INVESTIGATION WORK IS TAKING PLACE NEAR SOUTHWEST PO TOI ISLAND.

THE WORK, WHICH BEGAN TODAY NEAR THE NORTHERN SHORE OF WAN TSAI AND IN THE VICINITY OF A PROPOSED FERRY BERTH ON THE SOUTHWEST OF THE ISLAND, WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+FLOATING PLANTS DISPLAYING APPROPRIATE SIGNALS MAY BE ENCOUNTERED IN THE AREA AND MARINERS ARE ADVISED TO BE CAREFUL,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON CITY
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 3) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE THE RENEWAL OF SLUICE VALVES AT BROADCAST DRIVE.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDER ROAD AND 15-89 BROADCAST DRIVE.

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