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ANOTHER SECTION OF KCR GOES ELECTRIC  
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THE SECOND SECTION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY FROM THE NORTH PORTAL OF BEACON HILL TUNNEL DOWN TO RAILWAY BRIDGE NO. 7 OVER BOUNDARY STREET IN KOWLOON WILL GO 'LIVE' AS FROM 12.01 AM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KCR TODAY SAID ALL OVERHEAD WIRES BETWEEN THIS SECTION INCLUDING THE KOWLOON TONG STATION, WHERE THE INTERCHANGE STATION WITH THE MTR IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WILL BE ENERGISED AT 25 000 VOLTS.

+ONCE ENERGISED IT WILL REMAIN PERMANENTLY ENERGISED AND ALL OVERHEAD WIRES MUST BE CONSIDERED LIVE AT THIS VOLTAGE AT ALL TIMES,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT SINCE THE ENERGISATION HAS NOW PENETRATED INTO THE URBAN AREA, ANYONE GETTING TOO CLOSE TO THE OVERHEAD WIRES OR TAMPERING WITH THE EQUIPMENT COULD BE SEVERELY INJURED OR KILLED.

HOWEVER, THIS SECOND SECTION TO BE ENERGISED, FOLLOWING THE FIRST SECTION BETWEEN THE SHATIN RACE COURSE AND THE NORTHERN END OF BEACON HILL TUNNEL IN JULY 1981, WILL BE COMPLETELY FENCED IN.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL CHILDREN, NOT TO ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE THE FENCES IN ORDER TO TAKE SHORT CUTS WHICH COULD MEAN +A SHORT CUT TO DEATH+.

THE ENERGISATION OF THE TWO SECTIONS IS A STEP CLOSER TO THE COMMISSIONING OF THE FIRST STAGE OF ELECTRIFIED TRAIN SERVICES BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHATIN IN MAY THIS YEAR.

ENERGISATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE RAILWAY WILL FOLLOW IN PHASES AND THE ENTIRE RAILWAY UP TO LO WU IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETELY ELECTRIFIED IN THE SUMMER OF 1983.

MEANWHILE, THE KCR ARE CONTINUING THEIR MASSIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO WARN THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL AND SCHOOL CHILDREN IN PARTICULAR OF THE DANGERS OF GETTING CLOSE, OR TAMPERING IN ANY WAY, WITH THE HIGH 25 000 VOLTAGE WHICH IS MORE THAN A HUNDRED TIMES GREATER THAN THE ELECTRIC SUPPLY IN HOMES AND OFFICES.

APART FROM ENSURING THAT ALL FENCES THROUGHOUT THE ENERGISED AREA ARE SOUND, WARNING POSTERS WILL BE PUT UP AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS.

IN ADDITION, KCR REPRESENTATIVES WILL VISIT SCHOOLS IN THE VICINITY OF THE RAILWAY TO GIVE LECTURES ON SAFETY ASPECTS, SUPPLEMENTED BY FILM SHOW OR SLIDES.

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STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO HELP PUT ACROSS THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT, SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE STUDENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT FROM NOW ON ALL RAILWAY ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS SHOULD BE TREATED AS 'LIVE'.

+UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES TRESPASS ON OUR TRACKS AND FLYING KITES ANYWHERE NEAR THE RAILWAY IS ALSO EXTREMELY DANGEROUS,+ HE EMPHASISED.

AGAIN, THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC BY LISTING THE FOLLOWING +DON'TS+ :-

- (1) DON'T DANGLE THINGS FROM OVERHEAD BRIDGES.
- (2) DON'T THROW ANY OBJECTS AT THE OVERHEAD WIRES AND INSULATIONS.
- (3) DON'T FLY KITES ANYWHERE NEAR THE RAILWAY.
- (4) DON'T ATTEMPT TO RECOVER ANYTHING CAUGHT UP IN THE OVERHEAD WIRES.
- (5) DON'T CLIMB OR LEAN OVER BRIDGES.
- (6) DON'T TOUCH ANY ELECTRICAL WIRING ON THE TRACKS.
- (7) DON'T SPRAY WATER IN THE DIRECTION OF THE OVERHEAD WIRES FROM BELOW OR ABOVE.

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#### TRANSPORT OFFICIALS TO VISIT SINGAPORE \* \* \* \*

A DELEGATION OF FOUR SENIOR TRANSPORT OFFICIALS WILL LEAVE HONG KONG FOR SINGAPORE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR A FIVE-DAY STUDY VISIT.

IN THE PARTY WILL BE THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GARY MULLOY- THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TRANSPORT BRANCH, MR M. CLANCY- TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ENGINEER, MR JOHN BLAY AND MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINER, MR W.A.T. BOWLES.

THEY WILL STUDY THE COUNTRY'S PRIVATE CAR INSPECTION PROGRAMME AND TAXI POLICY AS WELL AS THE COMPULSORY WEARING OF SEAT BELTS.

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HONG KONG SOCIETY IN CONSTANT CHANGE, SCOUTS ARE TOLD  
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IN THE LAST 30 YEARS IN HONG KONG WE HAVE BEEN LIVING IN A SOCIETY OF CONSTANT CHANGE AND THE VERY ENVIRONMENT HAS UNDERGONE A DRAMATIC PHYSICAL CHANGE.

THIS WAS STATED THIS EVENING (SATURDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT A GATHERING OF SCOUT OFFICIALS AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL.

STATING THAT THE PACIFIC WAR HAD BROUGHT AN END TO +THAT ORDERED WAY OF LIFE+, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THERE HAD BEEN THE ENORMOUS EXPANSION OF POPULATION WHICH HAD INCREASED IN BROAD TERMS BY ABOUT ONE MILLION EVERY 10 YEARS, AND IT HAD EXPANDED, NOT BY THE EASILY ABSORBED PROCESSES OF FAMILY INCREASE, BUT BY WAVE AFTER WAVE OF IMMIGRATION= BY PEOPLE WHO WHEN THEY ARRIVED HERE WERE FOR THE MOST PART HOMELESS AND WORKLESS.

+THE VERY ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG HAS ALSO UNDERGONE A DRAMATIC PHYSICAL CHANGE BROUGHT ABOUT BY EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

+LIFE TODAY IN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL HONG KONG IS FAR REMOVED FROM THE MARKET PLACE, THE VILLAGE AND AGE-OLD TRADITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH FARMING, FISHING AND THE PASSING OF THE SEASONS.+

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE FAMILY HAD CONTRACTED AS A SOCIAL UNIT AND DEVELOPED A PROTECTIVE WALL, PLACING THE FAMILY AND ITS MATERIAL PROSPERITY ABOVE A WIDER RESPONSIBILITY TO SOCIETY.

+HOWEVER THERE SEEMS NOW TO ME TO BE A SECOND GENERATION OF CHANGE.

+YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY SEEM TO FIND THE LIMITED RELATIONSHIPS OF THE FAMILY AND THEIR IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS LESS SATISFYING AND FULFILLING.

+THEY HAVE GROWN UP IN A VERY DIFFERENT WORLD AND HAVE BEEN EXPOSED THROUGH EDUCATION, TRAVEL, BOOKS, CINEMA AND TELEVISION TO DIFFERENT LANDSCAPES, TO DIFFERENT HORIZONS.

+THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO LOOK BEYOND THEIR FAMILIES TO A MORE EXCITING AND FULFILLING EXISTENCE IN THE WIDER FRAMEWORK OF SOCIETY.

+BUT THE PROBLEM OF ROOTLESSNESS AND THE RESTLESSNESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS NOT SIMPLY A HONG KONG PROBLEM,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

THIS WAS QUITE OBVIOUS IF WE LOOKED FOR THE MOMENT AT THE PROBLEMS FACED BY OTHER COUNTRIES.

BUT OUR PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG HAD A DIFFERENT DIMENSION.

/+WE HAVE .....

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+WE HAVE TO OVERCOME THE STRESS OF CROWDED LIVING AND TO EXTRACT THE MAXIMUM POTENTIAL FOR RECREATION OUT OF A LIMITED TERRITORY,+ HE SAID.

OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS OR SO, WE HAD ATTEMPTED A MORE DELIBERATE ATTACK ON SOME OF OUR PRACTICAL PROBLEMS - CLEAN HONG KONG, FIGHT CRIME AND CORRUPTION AND DRUGS= GOVERNMENT IS MORE ACCESSIBLE AND INVOLVED AT A LOCAL LEVEL.

FACTORS SUCH AS THESE HAD BEGUN TO KNIT THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND TO BUILD UP MORE COHERENT AND INTEGRATED RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ITS VARIOUS SEPARATE ELEMENTS.

+THERE IS A GROWING FEELING OF PRIDE IN WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR AND FRUSTRATION THAT WE CANNOT DO MORE TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS MORE QUICKLY,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

+THIS IS WHERE THE SCOUT MOVEMENT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS, HAS A CLEAR AND VIGOROUS PART TO PLAY.

+OVER 40 PER CENT OF OUR PEOPLE LIVE IN HOUSING ESTATES, AND YOUR OBJECTIVE TO ORGANISE UNITS IN HOUSING ESTATES AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS IS, I AM SURE, A CORRECT STEP TO TAKE.

HE COMMENDED THE SCOUTS ALSO ON THEIR AIM TO +GIVE GREATER EMPHASIS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE, TO VISIT AND TO HELP THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED, HANDICAPPED, AND THE OLD= TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN FIGHTING CRIME, CORRUPTION, DRUG ADDICTION= AND IN KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.+

AND THERE WERE MANY OTHER EXAMPLES.

THERE WAS ALSO THE NEED TO EXPLOIT OUR LAND, SEA AND MOUNTAINS TO THE FULL FOR BOTH ENJOYMENT AND EXERCISE AND THE ACQUISITION OF SKILLS IN CAMPING, CANOEING, SAILING, ORIENTEERING AND SO ON AND THESE REMAINED AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN SCOUT TRAINING PROGRAMMES, HE SAID.

+TO CONCLUDE, THEREFORE, OUR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS NEED TO PURSUE THESE THREE PRACTICAL OBJECTIVES: FIRSTLY TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ORGANISATION HAS BEEN ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CENTRES IN OUR OLDER URBAN AREAS, AND NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES= SECONDLY TO REVISE THEIR PROGRAMMES SO THAT THEY MATCH THE CHANGING NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE= AND THIRDLY TO EXPLOIT THE VERY CONSIDERABLE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THERE ARE IN HONG KONG TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AND HAPPY SOCIETY.+

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APPOINTMENT OF HIGH COURT JUDGE  
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THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT JUDGE DE BASTO, QC AS A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT.

THE APPOINTMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1).

MR JUSTICE DE BASTO WAS BORN IN LONDON IN 1924 AND EDUCATED AT THE JESUIT COLLEGE OF RIVERVIEW IN SYDNEY.

HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY IN 1952 WITH THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS AND IN THE SAME YEAR WAS CALLED TO THE BAR OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND OF THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

HE WAS CALLED TO THE ENGLISH BAR BY LINCOLN'S INN IN 1955 AND TO THE HONG KONG BAR IN 1957, AND PRACTISED AT THE HONG KONG BAR FROM 1957 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT IN 1973.

HE WAS APPOINTED A QUEEN'S COUNSEL IN 1968 AND IN THE SAME YEAR A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE BAR FOR THREE YEARS AND REPRESENTED THE BAR ON NUMEROUS COMMITTEES.

HE WAS ALSO THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE BAR TO SIT AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME COURT, A POSITION HE HAS HELD ON VERY MANY OCCASIONS.

MR JUSTICE DE BASTO IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

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VACCINATIONS FOR FISHERFOLK  
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A MARINE LAUNCH WILL BE MOORED AT THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1) TO GIVE FREE VACCINATION TO CHILDREN IN THE FISHING COMMUNITY.

VACCINATIONS AGAINST MEASLES, DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, POLIOMYELITIS AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ARE AVAILABLE ALL THE YEAR ROUND AT ALL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES RUN BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

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YUEN LONG RESIDENTS CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR  
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MORE THAN 7 000 YUEN LONG RESIDENTS ATTENDED A FUN FAIR TODAY (SATURDAY) TO CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED GAMES STALLS, A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING SINGING, DANCING, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, FAMILY GAMES, A TELE-MATCH AND A JUDO DEMONSTRATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MADAM LEUNG SING-TAK- THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG- THE DISTRICT POLICE SUPERINTENDENT, MR DAVID GALLOWAY- AND THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR HENRY AU.

THE PROGRAMME WAS ORGANISED BY YUEN LONG TOWN HALL WITH THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD PROVIDING NEARLY \$29 000 TOWARDS THE COST.

ANOTHER EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WILL BE A ROAD RACE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

IT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE YUEN LONG OFFICE.

MORE THAN 150 RUNNERS WILL TAKE PART.

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF SIX GROUPS IN THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS, WITH DISTANCES RANGING FROM 2.4 TO 11.2 KILOMETRES.

BOTH THE STARTING AND FINISHING POINTS WILL BE YUEN LONG STADIUM.

THE RACE WILL START AT 9 AM AND THE YUEN LONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT THE FINISHING POINT AT 12 NOON.

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MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL FOR KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS  
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A MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL FOR KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS WILL START ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6) WITH A TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME OF SINGING AND DANCING AT KWAI CHUNG PLAYGROUND.

ON FOLLOWING WEEKENDS UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH, VARIETY PERFORMANCES, OUTDOOR EXCURSIONS AND CARNIVALS WILL BE HELD IN EACH OF THE SIX AREAS OF KWAI CHUNG.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERS WERE DRAWN FROM AREA COMMITTEES, LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, WAS FORMED RECENTLY TO ORGANISE THE FESTIVAL.

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A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WOULD BE A JOINT EVENT, REPLACING THE INDIVIDUAL 'AREA DAYS' HELD IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

+MONEY AND MANPOWER-WISE, THIS WILL ENABLE US TO HOLD A MORE COLOURFUL FESTIVAL AND ON A BIGGER-SCALE,+ HE SAID.

ABOUT \$200 000 WILL BE SPENT ON THE FESTIVAL, OF WHICH \$130 000 WILL COME FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REMAINDER FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE MONTH-LONG EVENT WILL BE HELD AT SUN KWONG RESTAURANT ON FEBRUARY 2 AT 3.30 PM.

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND ON SALE

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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND AND ONE FLAT WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 26 IN THE MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

TWO OF THE SITES, MEASURING ABOUT 5 500 AND 5 000 SQUARE METRES, ARE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL USES, AND ARE IN SOUTH BAY ROAD AND IN BLACK'S LINK, HONG KONG.

THE REMAINING TWO LOTS IN KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION, ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES AND MEASURE 2 796 AND 2 645 SQUARE METRES.

THE 49.5-SQUARE-METRE FLAT IS IN FLAT B ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF NO. 41-63 OAK STREET. IT ALSO HAS AN ENTRANCE AT 57-63 ANCHOR STREET.

PEOPLE WISHING TO INSPECT THE FLAT SHOULD CONTACT THE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SECTION OF THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON 3-884111 EXT. 343.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BY OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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