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NEW AGREEMENT FOR SCHEME OF CONTROL
WITH CHINA LIGHT AND EASTERN ENERGY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH CHINA LIGHT AND EASTERN ENERGY ON A REVISED SCHEME OF CONTROL COVERING A 15 YEAR PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 1978, FOR CHINA LIGHT, THE PENINSULA ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY AND A NEW COMPANY, THE KOWLOON ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY) A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT REPLACES THE SCHEME OF CONTROL WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT FROM OCTOBER 1, 1963 AND WHICH EXPIRES AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

+THE ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF THIS SCHEME ARE TO ENSURE THAT THE SERVICE TO CONSUMERS CONTINUES TO BE ADEQUATE TO MEET DEMANDS AND IS PROVIDED AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE TARIFFS.+

+THE TARIFFS, TOGETHER WITH THE PROFITS OF THE COMPANIES, WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONTROLLED,+ HE SAID. +THE NEW SCHEME IS SIMILAR TO THE PRESENT ONE AND THE PERMITTED RETURN ON AVERAGE NET FIXED ASSETS BASICALLY WILL REMAIN AT 13-1/2 PER CENT.+

TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED CONFIDENCE AND INVESTMENT IN THE COMPANIES, HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE PERMITTED RETURN ON FIXED ASSETS, ACQUIRED BY SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW GENERATING, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES, SHOULD BE RAISED BY 1-1/2 PER CENT.

+THE EFFECT ON TARIFFS OF THIS EXTRA 1-1/2 PER CENT WILL BE MINIMAL,+ THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED. +IT WILL ENCOURAGE NEW AND EXISTING INVESTORS TO HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE COMPANIES AND TO HELP FINANCE FUTURE EXPANSION BY SUPPORTING NEW CAPITAL ISSUES+ HE WENT ON. +IT WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE THE COMPANIES THEMSELVES TO RETAIN FUNDS IN THEIR OWN BUSINESS.+

ANY SURPLUS PROFITS WHICH ACCRUE AFTER MEETING DEPRECIATION AND THE PAYMENT OF CORPORATION AND OTHER TAXES ABOVE THE PERMITTED RETURN, WILL, AS AT PRESENT, BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEVELOPMENT FUND.

INTEREST AT 8 PER CENT PER ANNUM WILL CONTINUE TO BE PAID BY CHINA LIGHT ON THE DEVELOPMENT FUND AND WILL BE PASSED ON TO THE CONSUMERS IN THE FORM OF A REBATE.

THE FINANCIAL POSITIONS OF THE COMPANIES WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND, WITH THE FULL AGREEMENT OF THE COMPANIES, FINANCING AND ANNUAL AUDITING REVIEWS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY ADJUSTMENT TO TARIFFS IS JUSTIFIED.

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THE PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT NO ADJUSTMENT TO THE BASIC TARIFF IS LIKELY BEFORE 1980.

A NEW FEATURE OF THE SCHEME OF CONTROL IS THAT IT PROVIDES FOR A REVIEW AND POSSIBLE MODIFICATION AT FIVE-YEAR INTERVALS. PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT TO SEE WHETHER THE PERMITTED RETURN IS STILL RELEVANT TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING IN 1983 AND 1988.

+FAILURE TO PLAN IN A PRACTICAL WAY FOR FUTURE ELECTRICITY NEEDS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL GROWTH AND PROSPERITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

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A COMMUNITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WAS LAUNCHED TODAY TO FOSTER +A MORE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY AS A UNIT TO COMBAT SOCIAL PROBLEMS+.

ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MISS ANNIE CHAN, SAID THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, HAD DRAWN UP A PROGRAMME OF TALKS, SEMINARS AND FORUMS, COUNSELLING, EXHIBITIONS, CARNIVALS AND OTHER ITEMS DESIGNED TO INVOLVE THE FAMILY.

+ALL THESE ACTIVITIES WILL AIM TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE AMONG MEMBERS BY ENHANCING THE UNDERSTANDING OF ONESELF SUCH AS HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIP SUCH AS THE QUESTION OF GENERATION GAP AND THE ROLE EACH FAMILY MEMBER PLAYS,+ SHE SAID.

+IT IS ALSO TO PREVENT FAMILY BREAKDOWN BY EQUIPPING INDIVIDUALS WITH KNOWLEDGE ON SUCH MATTERS AS DATING AND COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE, CHILD CARE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN ENRICHING FAMILY LIFE.+

MISS CHAN SAID THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING HAND-IN-HAND WITH VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES TO PROMOTE THIS PROGRAMME.

+AS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS A WIDE-RANGING CONCEPT EMBRACING MANY ASPECTS AND SUBJECTS, AND IF IT IS TO HAVE ANY IMPACT AT ALL, IT MUST BE A LONG-TERM EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WITH THE COMMUNITY AS THE TARGET.

+THIS IS BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF ANY ONE WELFARE ORGANISATION OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT TO TACKLE ON ITS OWN,+ SHE SAID.

/COMMENTING

COMMENTING ON THE REASONS FOR THIS CAMPAIGN, MISS CHAN SAID: +IN AN EVER-CHANGING SOCIETY LIKE HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY IN THE PAST 20 YEARS, IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE FOR THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE FAMILY TO WITHSTAND THE IMPACT OF ALIEN INFLUENCES AND THE RAPID ECONOMIC PROGRESS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE AND CONCEPT OF THE FAMILY. AS A RESULT MANY SOCIAL PROBLEMS HAVE EMERGED IN THEIR NEW FORM AND CONTEXT.+

SHE MENTIONED SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS AS GENERATION GAP, UNMARRIED MOTHERHOOD, MARITAL DISCORD, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, DRUG ADDICTION AND COMMUNITY DISORGANISATION.

MISS CHAN NOTED THAT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WAS NOT A NEW INVENTION.

+IN FACT, APART FROM THE 11 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH ARE NOW DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN THIS SERVICE, MANY SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING A GREAT DEAL OF THIS SERVICE EVERYDAY THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES IN THE FAMILY SERVICE SETTING, IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRES AND IN PROGRAMMES WHICH INVOLVE LOCAL COMMUNITIES,+ SHE SAID.

+ATTENTION HAS IN RECENT YEARS BEEN REFOCUSSED ON THE CONCEPTS FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT ON 'SOCIAL CAUSES OF VIOLENT CRIME AMONG YOUNG OFFENDERS IN HONG KONG'. ALTHOUGH NO SINGLE FACTOR WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE STUDY, THE VERY FIRST RECOMMENDATION MADE WAS ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WHICH WAS REGARDED TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT PREVENTIVE MEASURE,+ MISS CHAN ADDED.

ELABORATING ON THE PROGRAMME OF THE CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR, MISS CHAN SAID THAT ALL PUBLICITY MATERIALS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CONCEPT.

APART FROM THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST ON TELEVISION, RADIO MESSAGES AND POSTERS, A DRAMA SERIES CALLED 'UNDER THE SAME ROOF' WILL BE PRODUCED AS A JOINT RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG-SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT VENTURE.

THE SERIES, COMPRISING TEN WEEKLY EPISODES BASED ON ACTUAL CASE HISTORY SUPPLIED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WILL BE SCREENED ON THE CHINESE CHANNELS OF THREE TELEVISION STATIONS.

OTHER PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A NUMBER OF VARIETY SHOWS TO BE STAGED DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AT VARIOUS PUBLIC PARKS. THE SHOWS WILL INCLUDE SONGS, DANCES, MAGIC, ACROBATICS AND STAGE PLAYS WITH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION THEMES FEATURING WELL-KNOWN TV ARTISTES.

A BOOKLET INTRODUCING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OFFICES OFFERING THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN PRODUCED.

COPIES OF THE BOOKLET WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE URBAN AREA, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

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\$38M LAND FORMATION CONTRACT FOR TUEN MUN SIGNED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$38 MILLION CONTRACT TO LEIGHTON CONSTRUCTION PTY. LTD. FOR THE FORMATION OF SOME 29 HECTARES OF LAND IN TUEN MUN.

THE CONTRACT IS PART OF THE SECOND STAGE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND WAS FORMALLY SIGNED THIS MORNING.

THE WORKS INVOLVE EXCAVATING OVER A MILLION CUBIC METRES OF SOIL FROM AREAS TO THE WEST OF TUEN MUN AND USING IT TO FILL LOW-LYING AREAS TO THE NORTH OF THE NEW TOWN.

MR. STAN BARDEN, THE P.W.D. PROJECT MANAGER FOR TUEN MUN, SAID THAT THE LAND MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE EXCAVATION WOULD BE USED TO BUILD A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR SOME 20,000 PEOPLE.

PART OF THE LAND OBTAINED BY FILLING THE LOW-LYING AREAS TO THE NORTH OF THE NEW TOWN WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL TO SERVE THE WHOLE OF TUEN MUN AND MUCH OF THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE REST OF THE FORMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND FOR A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES WHICH WILL SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN.

OTHER WORKS IN THE CONTRACT INCLUDE A MAJOR DRAINAGE SYSTEM TO SERVE THE NEWLY FILLED LAND AND ADJACENT AREAS, AS WELL AS TWO MAJOR RIVER CHANNELS DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE FLOODING OF LAI TEI AND FU TEI.

A ROAD BRIDGE AND FOUR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES WOULD BE BUILT ACROSS THE RIVER CHANNELS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VILLAGES IN THE AREA.

GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE
FOR FANLING HOSPITAL EXTENSION
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY THAT WITH IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE URBAN AND RURAL AREAS HE EXPECTED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY TO GROW AND OTHER SERVICES TO DEVELOP FAST IN THE NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE FANLING HOSPITAL EXTENSION TODAY, HE SAID THE EXPANDED HOSPITAL WOULD PROVIDE A BETTER MEDICAL SERVICE FOR SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND ADJACENT AREAS WHICH ALREADY HAVE A POPULATION OF 100,000.

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BY 1982 A COMPLETE RANGE OF SERVICES WILL HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEARER TO FANLING BY THE COMPLETION OF THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL OF 1,400 BEDS AND POLYCLINIC AT SHATIN, HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY SAID THE NEW COASTAL MOTORWAY FROM SHATIN TO TAI PO WOULD ALSO BE COMPLETED BY 1982, AND THERE WOULD BE MUCH FASTER AND MORE FREQUENT TRAIN SERVICES WHEN THE LINE IS DOUBLE-TRACKED TO LO WU BY 1980.

+IN HONG KONG PROSPERITY FOLLOWS IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS, AND WITH A POPULATION OF 600,000 BETWEEN HERE AND THE LION ROCK BY DECEMBER 1983 I SHOULD EXPECT THE WHOLE NORTH EAST TO DEVELOP FAST,+ HE SAID.

+IT MUST BE THE DUTY OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, IN CO-OPERATION WITH LOCAL LEADERS, TO MATCH THAT DEVELOPMENT WITH THE SERVICES NECESSARY TO ENSURE A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE FOR ALL WHO LIVE HERE,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY SAID THE FANLING HOSPITAL EXTENSION WAS YET ANOTHER +SPLENDID+ EXAMPLE OF THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

HE THANKED THE FANLING HOSPITAL EXTENSION FUND RAISING COMMITTEE AND THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THOSE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY RESIDING OVERSEAS FOR THEIR +MAGNIFICENT+ CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE PROJECT.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR THEIR +TREMENDOUS+ EFFORTS AND GENEROUS SUPPORT IN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HE SAID THE COST OF THE WHOLE EXTENSION PROJECT WAS ESTIMATED AT \$6.3 MILLION, AND THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE AIM TO ATTAIN THE TARGET OF \$2,150,000 THE BALANCE TO BE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EXTENSION WILL BE IN TWO STAGES. STAGE I CONSISTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION OF FIVE STOREYS TO THE EXISTING HOSPITAL WHICH WILL INCORPORATE SUCH FACILITIES AS A CASUALTY DEPARTMENT, AN X-RAY UNIT, A FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE AND QUARTERS FOR DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER STAFF. WORK WILL COMMENCE EARLY THIS YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

STAGE II OF THE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING HOSPITAL BUILDING TO BRING IT UP TO A DISTRICT HOSPITAL CAPABILITY. ON COMPLETION OF THE ALTERATION WORKS, ADDITIONAL 48 BEDS WILL BE PROVIDED, THUS BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS IN THE HOSPITAL TO 102.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT
REHABILITATION AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES
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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE AND THE KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT WELFARE ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE= THE HEAD OF S.W.D.'S REHABILITATION DIVISION, MRS. ROSE GOODSTADT= THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE, MRS. JUDITH MA= AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE, MISS OPHELIA CHAN.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER LADY MACLEHOSE'S VISIT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT NINE-SEATER VAN, AM2065, WILL LEAVE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES' CARPARK AT 2 P.M. SHARP.

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KCR TRAFFIC DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CARRIED 143,063 PEOPLE TO LOWU IN THE 12 DAYS COVERING THE PERIOD OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR -- AN INCREASE OF TEN PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND 21 PER CENT OVER 1976.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLING TO LOWU ON FEBRUARY 5 WAS 24,326, WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST FIGURE RECORDED BY KCR ON SUCH AN OCCASION.

IN ADDITION, THE NUMBER OF TRAINS RUN WAS INCREASED FROM 44 IN THE NORMAL TIMETABLE TO 54 ON THE BUSIEST DAY.

DURING THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, KCR SOLD 279,100 TICKETS -- AGAIN A RECORD FIGURE.

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OPENING OF NEW FLYOVER ACROSS KWAI CHUNG ROAD

THE NEWLY COMPLETED FLYOVER ACROSS KWAI CHUNG ROAD LINKING THE HOUSING AREA ON LAI KING HEADLAND WITH THE INDUSTRIAL AREA TO THE SOUTH WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 1).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SUPPLEMENT

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GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR

FANLING HOSPITAL EXTENSION

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The following is the full text of the speech by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, at the laying of the foundation stone for the Fanling Hospital Extension today :

I am indeed happy to be able to officiate at this ceremony.

This project is yet another splendid example of the close co-operation between the community and Government to improve medical services for the common good.

I must express my gratitude to the President, Mr. Cham, the Chairman, Mr. Cheung and other members of the Fanling Hospital Extension Fund Raising Committee and the local residents as well as those members of the local community residing overseas for their magnificent contribution towards this project.

As Mr. Cheung has pointed out, this new extension will provide a better medical service for Sheung Shui, Fanling and adjacent areas which already have a population of about 100,000. By 1982 a complete range of services will have been brought nearer to Fanling by the completion of the Regional Hospital of 1,400 beds and polyclinic at Shatin.

/I expect economic

I expect economic activity in the North East New Territories to grow. The new coastal motorway from Shatin to Tai Po will be completed by 1982, and there will be much faster and more frequent train services when the line is double-tracked to Lo Wu by 1980. In Hong Kong prosperity follows improved communications, and with a population of 600,000 between here and the Lion Rock by December 1983 I should expect the whole North East to develop fast. It must be the duty of your Government, in co-operation with local leaders, to match that development with the services necessary to ensure a full and happy life for all who live here.

I therefore believe you have a bright prospect. So I am particularly pleased that Fanling and Sheung Shui should be so well endowed with public-spirited persons willing to think and work and give for the good of their fast-developing community.

I wish them and the community all success and happiness.

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