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TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL NEARS COMPLETION

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FINAL TOUCHES ARE BEING PUT TO THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL IN PREPARATION FOR ITS OFFICIAL OPENING BY PRINCESS ALEXANDRA EARLY NEXT MONTH.

ENGINEERS ARE NOW INSTALLING THE LAST PIECES OF EQUIPMENT FOR A MODERN STAGE LIGHTING AND SOUND SYSTEM WHICH WILL BE USED FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN THE SECOND TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 23.

THE TOWN HALL IS THE FIRST MULTI-PURPOSE CULTURAL COMPLEX TO BE BUILT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE OPENING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN OCTOBER 1977, WHEN CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE TOWN HALL BEGAN, STATED THAT THE STANDARD OF AMENITIES IN URBANISED AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD BE COMPARABLE TO THOSE IN THE OLD URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG.

HE SAID HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN HALLS AND AUDITORIA IN THE NEW TOWNS AS A FOCUS OF LOCAL INTEREST AND ACTIVITY.

THE \$25 MILLION TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL IS CONSTRUCTED ON A 5 872 SQUARE-METRE SITE NEXT TO THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY BUILDING AND IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED NEAR THE BUS TERMINUS AND FERRY PIER.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DONATED \$10 MILLION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE PROJECT AND THE REST MET BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE BUILDING IS A 1 500 SEAT AUDITORIUM WHICH IS SIMILAR IN DESIGN TO THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL, BUT WITH MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE IT MORE SUITABLE FOR CHINESE OPERA PERFORMANCES. THE THREE-STORY HALL WILL SERVE AS AN IDEAL VENUE FOR CONCERTS, DRAMA AND DANCE PERFORMANCES.

THE MAIN STAGE COVERS AN AREA OF 186 SQUARE METRES WITH AREAS FOR SIDE AND BACK STAGES TOTALLING 233 SQUARE METRES. THE ORCHESTRA PIT MEASURES 75 SQUARE METRES WITH ROOM FOR UP TO 50 MUSICIANS. ANOTHER 100 PLAYERS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON STAGE.

APART FROM WORKING SPACE AND OFFICES FOR PRODUCTION TEAMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, THERE WILL BE SIX DRESSING ROOMS AND TWO REHEARSAL ROOMS IN THE AUDITORIUM.

THE CONCERT MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE TO PERFORMING ARTISTS INCLUDE A STEINWAY GRAND PIANO AND A MEDIUM-SIZED +GRAND+. THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS DONATED \$30 000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE LATTER INSTRUMENT.

THE BACK STAGE AREA ALSO HOUSES A LECTURE ROOM AND CONFERENCE ROOM FOR HOLDING CLASSES AND MEETINGS.

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ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE TOWN HALL ARE A CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL AND AN EXHIBITION GALLERY TOTALLING 747 SQUARE METRES IN AREA WHICH ARE SUITABLE FOR STAGING DISPLAYS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS.

ON THE GROUND FLOOR IS THE FOYER AND A COFFEE LOUNGE.

THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL IS A PROJECT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REALISED IN THE PLANNING STAGE.

THE DESIGNS FOR ITS EMBLEM AND MURALS WERE CHOSEN THROUGH AN OPEN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IN WHICH \$23 000 IN CASH AND OTHER PRIZES WERE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.

THE DESIGN OF THE EMBLEM, WHICH WILL BE PLACED ON THE OUTER WALL OF THE TOWN HALL, INCORPORATES THE CHINESE CHARACTER FOR +TSUEN+ TO SIGNIFY THE SHAPE OF A BUILDING.

THERE ARE THREE MURALS IN THE BUILDING, ONE ON EACH FLOOR.

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EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FOR
PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
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MORE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN EDUCATION THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR, MORE THAN 700 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS ARE STUDYING IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THE PROGRESS OF THEIR STUDIES IS CLOSELY WATCHED BY THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' CO-OPERATION.

+THESE STUDENTS ARE VIRTUALLY TREATED THE SAME WAY AS OTHERS. THEY ARE TAUGHT BY THE SAME TEACHERS, FOLLOW THE SAME CURRICULUM AND DO THE SAME AMOUNT OF CLASSWORK AND HOMEWORK,+ SAID THE PRINCIPAL OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE WHICH HAS THREE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS.

+THOUGH THEY HAVE TO WALK ON CRUTCHES, THEY ARE IN EVERY WAY, AND LIKE EVERYBODY, VALUABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. IN FACT, THEY ARE AS COMPETENT AS THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS AND MIX WELL WITH THEM,+ HE SAID.

AMONG THE THREE, A FORM 4 STUDENT, MR. YEUNG MING-KUNG, HAS DEMONSTRATED HIS ABILITY AND CAME FOURTH IN THE LAST ACADEMIC SESSION. THE OTHER TWO, ONE IN FORM 7 AND ONE IN FORM 5, ARE ALSO DOING WELL IN THEIR STUDIES.

ALL THREE OF THEM ARE ALSO ENJOYING THEIR SCHOOL LIFE.

/+MY SCHOOL

+MY SCHOOL LIFE HAS NOT BEEN DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS. MY CLASSMATES AND I STUDY AND DO PROJECTS TOGETHER AND AFTER SCHOOL WE OFTEN GO TO THE CINEMA AND ATTEND CONCERTS,+ MING-KUNG SAID.

+I FIND THE TEACHERS AND FELLOW STUDENTS ALL VERY HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY, AND INDEED I HAVE ENJOYED SCHOOLING VERY MUCH,+ HE ADDED.

MR. C.K. LAM, SENIOR INSPECTOR IN THE EDUCATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION, SAID THAT EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR INTEGRATION OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS WAS STARTED IN THE EARLY 1960'S BUT INITIAL RESPONSE FROM THE SCHOOLS WAS NOT SO GOOD.

+HOWEVER, MANY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ARE NOW VERY WILLING TO TAKE IN PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS,+ HE SAID.

+EVEN MORE ENCOURAGING, SOME OF THEM APPROACH US ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE TO INFORM US OF THE ADMISSIONS OF THESE STUDENTS AND TO KEEP US INFORMED OF THEIR PROGRESS OR REFER THOSE WHO HAVE LEARNING AND ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION FOR GUIDANCE,+ HE ADDED.

MR. LAM EXPLAINED THAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE, PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN SHOULD BE PLACED IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS SO THAT THEY CAN LEARN IN THE SAME ENVIRONMENT AS THE NON-HANDICAPPED.

ONLY THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR SEVERE HANDICAP CANNOT BE SATISFACTORILY EDUCATED IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR PLACEMENT IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

HE SAID WHEN PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WERE REFERRED TO THE SECTION FOR EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT, THEY WOULD BE ASSESSED EDUCATIONALLY AND, IF NECESSARY, A MEDICAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THEM BEFORE CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN FOR PLACEMENT IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS.

ONCE THEY ENROL IN A SCHOOL, THEIR HEALTH AND MOBILITY, ACADEMIC PROGRESS, SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT AND ADAPTABILITY IN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ARE REGULARLY FOLLOWED UP AND REVIEWED WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS.

MR. LAM SAID INSPECTORS OF THE SECTION OFTEN PAY VISITS TO SCHOOLS AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF THEIR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS.

+THE SECTION ALSO OFFERS COUNSELLING SERVICE TO PARENTS OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS AND GIVE ADVICE ON VARIOUS PROBLEMS SUCH AS SCHOOL LEAVING OR TRANSFER, RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME AND MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR CHILDREN'S PRESENT AND FUTURE EDUCATION,+ MR. LAM SAID.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS TAKING VARIOUS PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS CAN BE REFERRED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION FOR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND IF NECESSARY SPECIAL EXAMINATION CENTRES ARE SET UP FOR THEM.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY COURSES ON EDUCATION OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ARE ALSO CONDUCTED FOR ORDINARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES OF TEACHING THESE STUDENTS IN A NORMAL SCHOOL SETTING. SO FAR, MORE THAN 1 200 TEACHERS HAVE ATTENDED THESE COURSES.

MORE NT VILLAGES TO GET STREET-LIGHTS

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NINE MORE NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGES WILL SOON BE PROVIDED WITH STREET-LIGHTS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S VILLAGE LIGHTING SCHEME.

TWO CONTRACTS VALUED AT \$210 000 HAVE BEEN AWARDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 66 LIGHTS AT PAK WAI, CHUNG WAI AND NAM WAI, NEAR FANLING, AND AT TUNG TAU TSUEN, FOOK HING TSUEN, CHUNG SAM WAI, LAM UK TSUEN, YEUNG UK TSUEN AND SAI TAU WAI, NEAR YUEN LONG.

WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED ON THE TWO PROJECTS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE LIGHTS WILL BE INSTALLED ON ROADS LEADING TO THE VILLAGES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE PROJECTS WOULD HELP ENSURE VILLAGERS' SAFETY AS ACCESS TO THE VILLAGES WAS OFTEN ALONG NARROW PATHS.

THE VILLAGE LIGHTING SCHEME FIRST STARTED IN OCTOBER, 1977, AND A TOTAL OF 39 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES AT A COST OF \$3.41 MILLION.

THERE ARE PLANS FOR ANOTHER 792 STREET-LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED NEXT YEAR WHEN THE SCHEME WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE OVERALL ROAD LIGHTING PROGRAMME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NEW DSNT OFFICIATES AT ISLANDS DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET

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THE NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. CHUI KAM TODAY (SUNDAY) MADE HIS FIRST OFFICIAL APPEARANCE WHEN HE PRESENTED PRIZES AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEETING.

MR. CHUI PRAISED THE HARDWORK AND CO-OPERATION OF THE RURAL COMMITTEES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

HE SAID, +AS THE ISLANDS DISTRICT COVERS A WIDE AREA AND HAS FINE NATURAL SURROUNDINGS, THE MAJORITY OF YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE ACQUIRED A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR SPORTS.+

HOWEVER, THERE WAS, IN THE PAST, A LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR APPROPRIATE TRAINING AND COMPETITION.

+THE FACT THAT TODAY'S 2ND ATHLETICS MEETING INVOLVED OVER 400 ATHLETES - AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 80 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S FIGURE - SERVES TO DEMONSTRATE THE ATHLETICS MEETING'S POPULARITY WITH THE DISTRICT'S YOUTHS.+

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COMPANIES REMINDED OF OBLIGATION TO FILE RETURNS
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OPERATORS OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN COMPANIES ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO SEND IN THEIR ANNUAL RETURNS AND REPORT CHANGES TO THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES.

COMPANIES INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND FOREIGN COMPANIES WHICH HAVE A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT RETURNS AND TO INFORM THE REGISTRAR OF ANY CHANGES.

FOR LOCAL COMPANIES, THEY SHOULD SEND IN THEIR ANNUAL RETURNS WITHIN 28 DAYS OF THEIR FIRST OR ONLY GENERAL MEETING IN THE YEAR.

+ IF FOR ANY REASON A COMPANY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO HOLD A GENERAL MEETING IN 1979, AN ANNUAL RETURN MADE UP TO DECEMBER 31, 1979 SHOULD BE FILED NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 28, 1980, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES OFFICE SAID.

THESE COMPANIES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO INFORM THE REGISTRAR WITHIN 14 DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE REGISTERED PARTICULARS OF THE DIRECTORS, OR WITHIN 28 DAYS OF ANY CHANGE IN THE SITUATION OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE.

FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES, THEY SHOULD IN EVERY CALENDAR YEAR MAKE OUT A BALANCE SHEET IN THE PRESCRIBED FORM AND SEND A COPY TO THE REGISTRAR.

THEY SHOULD ALSO INFORM HIM WITHIN 21 DAYS OF ANY CHANGE EITHER IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMPANY, IN THE LIST OF DIRECTORS OR IN THE NAMES OR ADDRESSES OF THE PERSONS AUTHORISED TO ACCEPT SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY.

THE REGISTRAR POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO FILE ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS MAY RENDER COMPANIES AND THEIR OFFICERS LIABLE TO PENALTIES.

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RADIO TALKS ON WOMEN'S HEALTH
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A SERIES OF 10 RADIO TALKS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HEALTH FOR WOMEN WILL BE GIVEN BY STAFF OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT STARTING TUESDAY (JANUARY 8).

THE SERIES OF WEEKLY PROGRAMMES PRODUCED JOINTLY BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL BE ON AIR IN TUESDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2.30 PM TO 3 PM ON THE CHINESE AM CHANNEL.

THE TALKS WILL CENTRE ON THE COMMON PROBLEMS OF WOMEN, INCLUDING BACKACHE, MENSTRUATION, BREAST CANCER AND MENTAL HEALTH.

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THE FIRST HALF OF THE 30-MINUTE PROGRAMME IS A BRIEF TALK BY A SPEAKER WHO IS A SPECIALIST IN A PARTICULAR FIELD, AND THE REMAINING HALF IS FOR ANSWERING PHONE-IN QUESTIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID RADIO TALKS HAD PROVED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.

THE TWO DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN RUNNING PROGRAMMES FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AS PART OF A LONG-TERM HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

IN THE PAST, TOPICS PRESENTED INCLUDED HEALTH FOR THE ELDERLY, HYPER-TENSION, KIDNEY DISEASES, CARE FOR THE EYE, EAR AND NOSE, AND MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH.

+IN VIEW OF THE GOOD RESPONSE TO THESE PROGRAMMES, AND THE FREQUENT REQUESTS FOR MORE, THE TWO DEPARTMENTS HAVE DECIDED TO BROADCAST EPISODES ON PERSONAL HYGIENE AND FAMILY HEALTH,+ HE SAID.

ASIDE FROM ARRANGING RADIO TALKS, THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT ALSO HOLDS CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS TO ENHANCE THE AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC ON HEALTH. FURTHERMORE, IT PRODUCES A VARIETY OF VISUAL AID MATERIALS, SUCH AS MOVIES, SLIDES, POSTERS AND LEAFLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION.

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WATER CUT IN HUNG HOM
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HUNG HOM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAIN WORK.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MA TAU WAI ROAD, HOK YUEN STREET AND KAI MING STREET, INCLUDING CHUN TING STREET, SUNG KIT STREET, WAN LOK STREET, WAN HING STREET, WAN FAT STREET, WAN KING STREET, WAN SHUN STREET, WAN FUK STREET, WAN ON STREET AND WING KWONG STREET.

ALSO AFFECTED IS THE AREA BOUNDED BY HOK YUEN STREET, PAK KUNG STREET, MA TAU WAI ROAD AND GILLIES AVENUE.

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