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GOVERNOR IN BEIJING
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, NOW VISITING BEIJING, SPENT THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON MEETING MR. LI QIANG, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND TOURING THE FORBIDDEN CITY.

HE WILL BE ATTENDING A BANQUET THIS EVENING, GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY MR. LI.

TOMORROW AFTERNOON, SIR MURRAY WILL CALL ON MR. HUANG HUA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

IN THE MORNING, HE WILL VISIT THE GREAT WALL AND MING TOMBS.

THE GOVERNOR WILL SPEND THE EVENING WATCHING THE PERFORMANCES OF A BALLET.

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\$3.3 MILLION PROGRAMME TO BRING COLOUR ETV TO SCHOOLS
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STUDENTS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES IN COLOUR FROM THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

+EXISTING BLACK AND WHITE TELEVISION SETS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS WILL BE REPLACED BY COLOUR TELEVISION SETS BY STAGES COMMENCING THIS SUMMER, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THIS MOVE WILL MAKE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES MORE INTERESTING AND EXCITING, AND WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE PROGRAMMES. +

BLACK AND WHITE TELEVISION SETS FOR SCHOOLS WERE FIRST INSTALLED IN 1971 AND THESE ARE NOW DUE FOR REPLACEMENT OWING TO THE EXPIRY OF THEIR LIFE-SPAN.

AT THE SAME TIME, A VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED TO EVERY GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL WHICH ACCOMMODATES TWO OR MORE STREAMS OF PRIMARY 3 TO 6 IN ONE SESSION.

BY USING THESE RECORDERS THE TEACHERS CAN RECORD AND PLAY BACK EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AT TIMES CONVENIENT TO THEM.

+THE INTRODUCTION OF VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS IN SCHOOLS WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF CLASSES WILL REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TELEVISION SETS REQUIRED.

+IT WILL ALSO HELP EASE TIMETABLING DIFFICULTIES WHICH MANY SCHOOLS HAVE ENCOUNTERED SINCE SEPTEMBER 1978, AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTION OF TRANSMISSION AIR-TIME DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF THE COMMERCIAL TELEVISION, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 655 COLOUR TELEVISION SETS, 380 VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS AND 3,000 VIDEO CASSETTE TAPES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR. THE TOTAL COST IS ABOUT \$3.3 MILLION.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE MORE THAN 700 PRIMARY SCHOOLS USING EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, WITH AN AUDIENCE OF OVER 340,000 PRIMARY 3 TO 6 STUDENTS.

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS STARTED IN SEPTEMBER 1971, AND WAS INITIALLY GEARED TO PRIMARY 3 STUDENTS IN BASIC SUBJECTS SUCH AS CHINESE LANGUAGE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE, MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

THE SERVICE WAS EXTENDED TO COVER PRIMARY 4, 5 AND 6 BY 1974, AND TO FORMS 1 TO 3 WITH THE ADDITION OF SCIENCE SUBJECT BY 1978.

ALL EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED IN COLOUR SINCE 1976.

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EXPANSION OF AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM

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THE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM, NOW OPERATING IN WEST KOWLOON, IS TO BE EXPANDED TO COVER EAST KOWLOON.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY MR. K.H. LEE, SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST LUNCHEON MEETING.

MR. LEE SAID THE DECISION TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM FOLLOWED AN EVALUATION STUDY CARRIED OUT EARLY LAST YEAR ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FIRST COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEME.

THE FINDINGS INDICATED THAT, AMONG OTHER BENEFITS, THE SCHEME HAD RESULTED IN A 30 PER CENT REDUCTION IN JOURNEY TIME, A 52 PER CENT REDUCTION IN VEHICLE STOPPED TIME AND A 42 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE SPEED OF VEHICLES.

STUDIES CARRIED OUT ON SIMILAR SYSTEMS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD SHOWED A REDUCTION IN GENERAL CONGESTION, IN THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS, IN FUEL CONSUMPTION AND IN POLLUTION, BOTH IN RESPECT OF EXHAUST FUMES AND NOISE.

MR. LEE SAID THAT UNDER THE EXPANSION PLAN, THE SYSTEM WOULD CONTROL OVER 200 SETS OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS IN KOWLOON, COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING 114 SETS.

MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMPUTER CONTROL SYSTEM WOULD NOT COMPLETELY CURE CONGESTION AS IT WOULD ONLY ENSURE THAT TRAFFIC SIGNALS WERE WELL CONTROLLED, INDIRECTLY PERMITTING THE OPTIMUM UTILISATION OF THE ROAD SPACE AVAILABLE.

HE HOPED THAT ROAD USERS WOULD PLAY THEIR PART IN MINIMISING OTHER CAUSES OF CONGESTION.

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BUDGET DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW

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THE BUDGET DEBATE WILL RESUME IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN 10 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS SPEAK ON THE BUDGET PROPOSALS. IT WILL CONTINUE THE FOLLOWING DAY WITH NINE MORE UNOFFICIALS SPEAKING.

TOMORROW'S SPEAKERS ARE THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG, THE HON. LO TAK-SHING, THE HON. ROGER LOBO, THE HON. JAMES WU, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, THE HON. LI FOOK-WO, THE HON. JOHN BREMRIDGE, THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN, THE HON. ALEX WU AND THE REV. THE HON. JOYCE M. BENNETT.

SPEAKING ON THURSDAY ARE THE HON. CHEN SHOU-LUM, THE HON. LYDIA DUNN, THE HON. LEUNG TAT-SHING, THE HON. PETER C. WONG, THE HON. WONG LAM, THE HON. CHARLES YEUNG, DR. THE HON. HO KAM-FAI, THE HON. ALLEN LEE AND THE HON. D.K. NEWBIGGING.

RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL BROADCAST THE TWO-DAY RESUMED DEBATE LIVE ON RADIO 4 (ENGLISH), STARTING FROM 2.30 P.M.

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FALL IN VALUE OF HK DOLLAR NOT JUSTIFIED

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TONIGHT (TUESDAY) THAT THE SHARP FALL IN THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS WAS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE UNDERLYING ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

THE FALL APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MAINLY CAUSED BY IMPORTERS BUYING U.S. DOLLARS IN ADVANCE OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS AND BY EXPORTERS HOLDING ON TO THEIR EARNINGS OF U.S. DOLLARS AND OTHER CURRENCIES INSTEAD OF OFFERING THEM FOR SALE IN THE MARKET.

ALTHOUGH THIS OCCURS FROM TIME TO TIME IN MOST MARKETS, IT WAS OCCURRING IN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR MARKET AT THE PRESENT TIME ON AN EXAGGERATED SCALE, AND WOULD SOON BE REVERSED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE SITUATION.

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SHORT-TERM TENANCY TENDERS
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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND OFF CHA KWO LING ROAD, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 290 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES, INCLUDING VEHICLES AND NURSERY GARDEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, AND THEREAFTER MONTHLY.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE SAME OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 12.

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OFFICIALS RETURN FROM TRADE TALKS
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, RETURNED TO HONG KONG AT THE WEEKEND FOLLOWING THREE WEEKS OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN EUROPE.

MR MILLS LED DELEGATIONS FOR TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND SWEDEN ON HONG KONG'S TEXTILES EXPORTS TO THOSE COUNTRIES. A NEW TWO-YEAR TEXTILES RESTRAINT AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1, 1979, WAS CONCLUDED WITH SWEDEN.

THE AGREEMENT, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY BOTH SIDES, PROVIDES FOR SLIGHTLY INCREASED EXPORTS TO SWEDEN OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS. FULL DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY.

ON HIS TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES MR MILLS SAID, +THE TWO DELEGATIONS CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT HONG KONG-U.S. TEXTILES AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, AS TIME DID NOT ALLOW FINALISATION OF ALL POINTS, THE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE RESUMED IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF APRIL.

+THE POSITION REACHED SO FAR WAS REPORTED TO THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD THIS AFTERNOON AND THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WILL BE PREPARING A FURTHER PAPER ON THE MATTER FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION AT ITS NEXT MEETING.+

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MR MILLS DENIED THAT ANY PROPOSALS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE UNITED STATES TO CHANGE THE PRESENT CONTROL SYSTEM FROM A QUANTITY BASIS TO A VALUE BASIS.

THE TALKS WITH SWEDEN TOOK PLACE IN COPENHAGEN FROM MARCH 5-9 AND THOSE WITH THE UNITED STATES WERE HELD IN LONDON FROM MARCH 14-21.

MR MILLS ALSO ATTENDED THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL LIAISON MEETING HELD IN LONDON FOR HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVES. THE MEETING, CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR DAVID JORDAN, WAS HELD ON MARCH 12 AND 13.

MR JORDAN, WHO LEFT HONG KONG ON MARCH 9, ALSO VISITED GENEVA, BRUSSELS AND WASHINGTON WHERE HE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

MR JORDAN IS DUE BACK IN HONG KONG THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

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REGIONALISATION SCHEME WILL IMPROVE
MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT BY LINKING GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED HOSPITALS IN THE SAME REGION, IT IS POSSIBLE TO FORM AN INTEGRATED NETWORK OF SERVICES AND THUS ACHIEVE A MORE EVEN USE OF HOSPITAL BEDS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL EXTENSIONS AT TSUEN WAN, MR. HO SAID YAN CHAI IS A VALUABLE UNIT IN THE HOSPITAL REGIONALISATION SCHEME FOR THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES AND ITS EXPANSION PROGRAMME WILL IN DUE COURSE BE OF SIGNIFICANT HELP TO HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE REGION.

IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG, MR. HO EXPLAINED, HONG KONG IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR REGIONS, EACH SERVED BY A MAJOR ACUTE REGIONAL HOSPITAL, ONE OR MORE DISTRICT HOSPITALS, ONE OR MORE SPECIALIST CLINICS AND A NUMBER OF GENERAL CLINICS.

+SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE BED OCCUPANCY RATE IN THE HOSPITAL. THE SCHEME IS STILL IN ITS EARLY STAGES AND THERE SHOULD BE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS AND BETTER ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES IN EACH AREA,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. HO SAID THE GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF THE SHORTAGE OF HOSPITAL BEDS THERE, PARTICULARLY IN THE WEST REGION.

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+WITH THE RAPID GROWTH IN POPULATION IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG THERE IS A PRESSING NEED FOR YAN CHAI TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE ITS SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

+THE MAJOR PROBLEM IS TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES BUT WITH THE STRONG SUPPORT OF HOSPITALS SUCH AS YAN CHAI WITH ITS FAR-SEEING BOARD OF DIRECTORS I BELIEVE WE CAN MEET THE CHALLENGE,+ MR. HO NOTED.

ON YAN CHAI'S EXPANSION PROGRAMME, MR. HO SAID THE FIRST STAGES WILL MAKE IT INTO AN ACUTE DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

+THE OTHER STAGES OF THIS PROJECT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ENDORSED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING A CAPITAL SUBVENTION OF 75 PER CENT OF THE COST INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE FIRST PART OF THE PROGRAMME, BUT EVEN THE 25 PER CENT THE DIRECTORS HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO RAISE IS A SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT,+ HE ADDED.

IN CONCLUSION, MR. HO ACKNOWLEDGED THE GOVERNMENT'S APPRECIATION OF THE GENEROUS DONATIONS BY THE YAN CHAI CHAIRMAN, MR. WU CHUNG, MR. JOHN TUNG, MRS. CHA CHI-MING AND THE LEE KWONG YIK CLAN, EACH HAVING CONTRIBUTED \$500,000 OR MORE TOWARDS THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

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PRESIDENT OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION TO VISIT HK
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THE HON. JOHN RICHARD HARRISON, MP, PRESIDENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NEW ZEALAND, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT.

MR. HARRISON, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, IS VISITING HONG KONG AS PART OF HIS SIX-WEEK TOUR OF MEMBER BRANCHES IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

HE WILL BE GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE HON. LI FOOK-KOW AND ITS HONORARY SECRETARY, MR. STEPHEN TAM.

MR. HARRISON WILL ATTEND THE RESUMED BUDGET DEBATE AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON THURSDAY WHEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS SPEAK ON THE 1979-80 FINANCIAL BUDGET.

HE WILL ALSO MEET THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER AND THE NEW ZEALAND COMMISSIONER, MR. BART FINNY.

MR. HARRISON WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON THURSDAY EVENING.

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CHING MING -- A STATUTORY HOLIDAY
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THURSDAY, APRIL 5, THE DAY OF THE CHING MING FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. HENDERSON EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED TO ALL EMPLOYEES WHEREVER THEY MAY WORK.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY-OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY.

IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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MAJOR RETAILING GROUP BUYS SHA TIN SITE
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A MAJOR RETAILING ORGANISATION TODAY (TUESDAY) PAID \$26.8 MILLION FOR A SHA TIN NEW TOWN INDUSTRIAL SITE AT A PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE 3,102-SQUARE METRE LOT WAS KNOCKED DOWN TO A.S. WATSON AND CO. LTD. AFTER 32 BIDS HAD RAISED THE OPENING PRICE OF \$12.5 MILLION.

THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR. DAVID WILSON WHO ATTENDED THE AUCTION SAID LATER IT WAS INTENDED TO DEVELOP THE FO TAN SITE AS A WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY FOR WATSON'S RETAILING OPERATIONS.

THE PRICE REALISED WAS THE EQUIVALENT OF \$8,639 PER SQUARE METRE -- IN LINE WITH THE PRICES PAID AT AN AUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL SITES IN THE SAME AREA LAST DECEMBER.

THE ACTING SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. DON SMITH WHO CONDUCTED THE AUCTION SAID TODAY'S PRICE REFLECTED AN EMERGING TREND IN WHICH LARGE COMPANIES WERE BUYING SITES IN THE DEVELOPING AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS.

+AT THE DECEMBER AUCTION, TWO SITES WITH CONDITIONS STIPULATING HEAVY FLOOR LOADING AND HIGH CEILINGS WERE BOUGHT BY A SILK WEAVING COMPANY, +HE SAID.

+THE SITE SOLD TODAY WAS A VERY GOOD ONE WITH ENTRANCES ON TWO SIDES AND ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED CYCLE PATH NETWORK THAT WILL BE A MAIN FEATURE OF THE NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

+INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONSCIOUS OF THE ADVANTAGES OF SHA TIN, WITH ITS READY ACCESS TO BOTH THE URBAN AREAS AND THE OTHER DEVELOPING AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

MR. SMITH ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO SELL ANOTHER THREE INDUSTRIAL SITES AT FO TAN BY TENDER TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

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FREE AFTERNOON CONCERT

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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL GIVE A FREE CONCERT AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL CONCOURSE ON SUNDAY (APRIL 1) FROM 3 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

PERFORMING IN THE CONCERT WILL BE THE INSTRUCTOR'S ORCHESTRA FROM THE OFFICE, CONDUCTED BY MR. THOMAS WANG.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE SOME FAMOUS PIECES SUCH AS +BLUE DANUBE+, +VOICES OF SPRING+ AND EXCERPTS FROM +THE SOUND OF MUSIC+.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE BALLET DANCES AND A FILM SHOW ENTITLED +FESTIVE VIENNA+.

THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE AUSTRIAN CONSULATE GENERAL AND THE AUSTRIAN TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

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PRE-WAR BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (TUESDAY) DECLARED THE TWO-STOREY BUILDING BEHIND 74-76 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI, NEW TERRITORIES, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID THE PRE-WAR BUILDING, CONSTRUCTED WITH A PITCHED TIMBER ROOF ON LOAD-BEARING WALLS, WAS RECENTLY INSPECTED AND FOUND TO BE IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF DILAPIDATION.

+AS IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE BUILDING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON APRIL 10 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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SECOND REFRESHER COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS
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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH FROM GOVERNMENT AND SUBSIDISED PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE SECOND REFRESHER COURSE TO RUN FROM APRIL 23 TO JULY 12.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AIMS AT IMPROVING TEACHERS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND DEVELOPING THEIR COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

+THE BRITISH COUNCIL HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO CONDUCT THE COURSE, WHICH IS LIMITED TO 50 APPLICANTS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. THE COST WILL BE BORNE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 6 AND INTERESTED ENGLISH TEACHERS SHOULD APPLY THROUGH THEIR HEADS OF SCHOOLS.

SHOULD THE COURSE BE OVER SUBSCRIBED, UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE PLACED ON A RESERVE LIST OF ANY FUTURE COURSES WHICH MAY BE HELD.

THE FIRST REFRESHER COURSE, WHICH STARTED ON JANUARY 8, IS DUE TO END ON APRIL 3. A TOTAL OF 50 TEACHERS JOINED THE COURSE.

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WATER CUT
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT WATER SUPPLY TO TSING YI ISLAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M. ON THURSDAY FOR MAINS DIVERSION WORK AT TEXACO ROAD-YEUNG UK ROAD IN TSUEN WAN.

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