



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PRINCE OF WALES ARRIVES TODAY  
FOR FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO HK  
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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES ARRIVED AT KAI TAK AIRPORT AT 3.26 P.M. TODAY (SATURDAY) TO BEGIN HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG.

AS PRINCE CHARLES CAME OUT FROM THE AIRBRIDGE TO THE TERMINAL PIER AT THE AIRPORT, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE GREETED THE PRINCE AND THEN PRESENTED HIS AIDE-DE-CAMP, MR. ANGUS STEVENSON-HAMILTON FOLLOWED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER- THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL SIR ROY REDGRAVE- SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL- THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL- AND GENERAL SIR EDWIN BRAMALL, COLONEL COMMANDANT, 2ND KING EDWARD VII'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES.

PRINCE CHARLES LOOKED DASHING AND FRESH IN HIS DARK BLUE SUIT AFTER HIS 6,000-MILE JOURNEY FROM OXFORDSHIRE, U.K.

PRINCE CHARLES IS NO STRANGER TO HONG KONG -- HE WAS HERE FOR A BRIEF STOPOVER IN 1970 ON HIS WAY TO EXPO '70.

IN A SPAN OF NINE YEARS, HONG KONG HAS CHANGED TREMENDOUSLY. THE AIRPORT ITSELF HAS UNDERGONE MASSIVE EXTENSION, RENOVATION AND MODERNISATION.

PRINCE CHARLES AFTERWARDS WAS ESCORTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO HIS CAR FOR THE JOURNEY TO FLAGSTAFF HOUSE, THE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE.

HAD PRINCE CHARLES VISITED HONG KONG IN 1970, HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE CROSSED THE HARBOUR ON A LAUNCH AT KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER. BUT SO MUCH HAVE CHANGED SINCE. THE ROYAL MOTORCADE WENT THROUGH THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN 1972. THE CROSSING TOOK ABOUT THREE MINUTES WHEREAS, BY LAUNCH, IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

ON HIS WAY TO FLAGSTAFF HOUSE, PRINCE CHARLES HAD HIS FIRST GLIMPSE OF SOME OF HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST NINE YEARS AND WHAT IS BEING DONE TODAY.

TO HIS LEFT AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TUNNEL IN KOWLOON IS THE MODERN, NEW RAILWAY TERMINAL WHICH REPLACED THE TSIM SHA TSUI MAIN TERMINAL.

BEHIND THE TERMINAL BUILDING, THE GIGANTIC SKELETON OF THE \$93 MILLION HUNG HOM INDOOR STADIUM WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN 12,000 PEOPLE IS TAKING SHAPE. THE STADIUM SUPERSTRUCTURE IS SYMBOLIC OF WHAT HONG KONG IS TRYING TO DO IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS AND RECREATION.

THEN ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE TUNNEL IS THE POLYTECHNIC, PREVIOUSLY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

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OUT OF THE TUNNEL AND ON TO HONG KONG ISLAND, PRINCE CHARLES WILL SEE A NETWORK OF ELEVATED ROADS AND PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS — PROJECTS LIKE THESE ARE CONTINUALLY BEING BUILT BECAUSE OF HONG KONG'S GROWING TRAFFIC AND POPULATION.

FURTHER DOWN WATERFRONT ROAD AND BEHIND THE CABLE AND WIRELESS BUILDING IS THE \$30 MILLION ARTS CENTRE WHICH MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER IN HONG KONG'S CULTURAL HISTORY.

STILL FURTHER AWAY IS THE MASSIVE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY'S ADMIRALTY STATION. ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES OF THIS STATION, PRINCE CHARLES WOULD LEARN, IS THAT A SHOPPING COMPLEX AND TWO OFFICE TOWERS OF 29 AND 23 STOREYS WILL BE BUILT ON IT.

LEAVING THE SITES OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PRINCE CHARLES' MOTORCADE ARRIVED AT FLAGSTAFF HOUSE ABOUT 25 MINUTES LATER, WHERE LADY MACLEHOSE WELCOMED HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS.

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#### BUSY PROGRAMME FOR ROYAL VISITOR

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PRINCE CHARLES WILL VISIT THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, HRH WILL PROCEED VIA THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO SHA TIN WHERE MR. AKERS-JONES WILL PRESENT THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SHA TIN, MR. GERALD HIGGINSON, AND THE SHA TIN PROJECT MANAGER, MR. FONG CHUN-NAM WHO WILL BRIEF THE PRINCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

AFTERWARDS, PRINCE CHARLES WILL VISIT TSANG TAI UK, AN OLD WALLED VILLAGE BUILT AROUND 1850, WHICH IS TO BE PRESERVED AS PART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

AFTER TOURING TSANG TAI UK, PRINCE CHARLES WILL PROCEED TO LEK YUEN ESTATE WHERE MR. AKERS-JONES WILL PRESENT THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. DONALD LIAO, THE LEK YUEN ESTATE HOUSING MANAGER, MR. ANTONY HUI CHEE-CHUNG, AND THE WO CHE ESTATE HOUSING MANAGER, MR. MICHAEL HO KWOK-CHO. PRINCE CHARLES WILL THEN WALK THROUGH THE ESTATES, VISITING THE MARKET AND SHOPPING PRECINCTS.

FOLLOWING HIS TOUR OF LEK YUEN AND WO CHE ESTATES, PRINCE CHARLES WILL BOARD A HELICOPTER AT SHA TIN RACE-COURSE FOR KEI LING HA COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN SAI KUNG. HERE MR. AKERS-JONES WILL PRESENT THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF COUNTRY PARKS, MR. MARTIN LEWIS. THE ROYAL PARTY WILL THEN DRIVE A LANDROVER AND VISIT SITES WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HAVING PICNICS.

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PRINCE CHARLES, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, WILL LUNCH WITH UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE CLUB IN THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL.

IN THE AFTERNOON, PRINCE CHARLES WILL ARRIVE AT HMS TAMAR ON HMS WASPERTON AND WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR AND THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES. THE LATTER THEN PRESENTS THE CAPTAIN-IN-CHARGE HONG KONG, CAPTAIN R.W. MOLAND, RN. THE GOVERNOR PRESENTS THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. F.K. LI WHO WILL ESCORT THE PRINCE DURING THE COMMUNITY RECEPTION.

AFTER THE COMMUNITY RECEPTION, PRINCE CHARLES WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE NEW BRITISH FORCES HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDING. THE PRINCE WILL TOUR THE BUILDING AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

IN THE EVENING, PRINCE CHARLES WILL ATTEND A CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL. HE WILL BE GREETED ON ARRIVAL AT THE CITY HALL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR. A. DE O. SALES, AND MRS. SALES AND BY SIR RUN RUN SHAW, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.

#### PRESS FACILITIES

##### NOTE TO EDITORS:

##### VISIT TO SHA TIN: 9.55 A.M. - 11 A.M.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK FOR TSANG TAI UK, SHA TIN AT 9 A.M. SHARP. DUE TO LIMITATION OF TIME, PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO LEK YUEN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE. A SEPARATE TRANSPORT FACILITY HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE AT CGO FOR THIS VISIT AT 9.15 A.M. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BRIEFING ON THE VANTAGE POINT WILL BE PROVIDED BY GIS.

PRESS TRANSPORT FOR LEK YUEN AND WO CHE ESTATES WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AT 9.15 A.M. SHARP.

EDITORS ARE REMINDED THAT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN POSITION 1 (NEAR THE BUS TERMINUS) WILL BE ESCORTED TO POSITION 3 (NEAR THE FOUNTAIN) AFTER PRINCE CHARLES' ARRIVAL AND WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE AHEAD OF THE PRINCE AS HE PASSES THROUGH THE FOUNTAIN AREA (BADGE C IS FOR THESE TWO POSITIONS). THIS PRESS PARTY WILL NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE ABLE TO PROCEED TO WO CHE ESTATE, BUT WILL BE ESCORTED TO ANOTHER POSITION TO COVER THE PRINCE'S DEPARTURE FROM WO CHE. POSITION 2 (INSIDE THE ESTATE MARKET) IS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY (BADGE B). MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN POSITION 4 (BADGE WO CHE A) (ON THE PLATFORM AT WO CHE ESTATE) WILL NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE ABLE TO LEAVE THEIR POSITION.

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SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK: 11.30 A.M. - NOON

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AT 10 A.M. (REPEAT 10 A.M. NOT 9.30 A.M.) SHARP. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL TAKE UP POSITION AT A BARBECUE AREA, ACCOMPANIED BY G.I.S. PRESS LIAISON OFFICERS. POOL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PRINCE'S ARRIVAL AT THE HELICOPTER LANDING AREA AT KEI LING HA WILL BE PROVIDED BY G.I.S.

LUNCH WITH UMELCO MEMBERS

PHOTOGRAPHS OF PRINCE CHARLES' ARRIVAL AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE CLUB WILL BE ISSUED BY G.I.S.

HMS TAMAR: 2.45 P.M. - 4.00 P.M.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE OPENING OF THE NEW BRITISH FORCES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO COVER THE ARRIVAL OF HRH IN POSITION 1 (ON THE QUAY). THEY WILL THEN BE ESCORTED TO POSITION 3 TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. THOSE COVERING THE COMMUNITY RECEPTION WILL BE IN POSITION 2 (ON THE BALCONY OF BLOCK A) AND WILL NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE ABLE TO MOVE OUT OF THE BALCONY AREA.

EDITORS ARE REMINDED THAT MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING BOTH FUNCTIONS SHOULD MEET G.I.S. LIAISON OFFICERS BY 1.55 P.M. (REPEAT 1.55 P.M. NOT 2.15 P.M.) AT THE LATEST IN FRONT OF THE MURRAY ROAD ENTRANCE TO HUTCHINSON HOUSE OPPOSITE FURAMA HOTEL. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ADVISED TO BE ON TIME AS LATE COMERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER HMS TAMAR.

BECAUSE OF THE CONFINED SPACE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER PRINCE CHARLES' TOUR OF THE HEADQUARTERS. PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ISSUED BY JOINT SERVICE PUBLIC RELATIONS STAFF THROUGH G.I.S.

CITY HALL: 8.05 P.M. - 10.00 P.M.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES (PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY) ASSIGNED TO POSITION 1 (CITY HALL FOYER) (BADGE A) AND 2 (RIGHT PROMENADE OF CONCERT HALL) (BADGE B) SHOULD MEET G.I.S. OFFICERS IN FRONT OF THE CITY HALL MAIN ENTRANCE NEAR THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS BY 7.30 P.M. THOSE IN POSITION 2 MUST LEAVE THE CONCERT HALL BEFORE THE START OF THE CONCERT.

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WHERE TO SEE THE PRINCE TOMORROW (SUNDAY)

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THE FOLLOWING IS A GUIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SEE HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES WHEN HE LEAVES FLAGSTAFF HOUSE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR HIS SHA TIN ENGAGEMENT:

FROM FLAGSTAFF HOUSE TO SHA TIN (9.30 A.M. - 9.55 A.M.)

THE PRINCE'S MOTORCADE WILL LEAVE FLAGSTAFF HOUSE AND PROCEED TO SHA TIN VIA -- COTTON TREE DRIVE, GARDEN ROAD, QUEENSWAY, ARSENAL STREET, WATERFRONT ROAD, CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

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MONEY SUPPLY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY

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GOVERNMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) RELEASED THE MONEY SUPPLY STATISTICS FOR JANUARY, TOGETHER WITH THE MONTHLY STATISTICS FOR BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

THE FIGURES ARE UP TO JANUARY 27, THE LAST WORKING DAY BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND ARE THEREFORE SUBJECT TO STRONG SEASONAL DISTORTIONS.

THIS ALSO APPLIES TO THE LONGER TERM TREND, SINCE LUNAR NEW YEAR CAME LATER IN 1978 THAN IT DID IN 1979, SO THAT THE YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON DOES NOT REFLECT IDENTICAL SEASONAL PRESSURES IN THE TWO YEARS.

THE MONEY SUPPLY

THE MONEY SUPPLY ON BOTH DEFINITIONS ROSE AGAIN IN JANUARY, AND THE LONGER-TERM SLOWING DOWN IN THE RATE OF GROWTH OF THE MONEY SUPPLY, WHICH HAS BEEN APPARENT IN RECENT MONTHS, APPEARS TO HAVE HALTED (AT LEAST TEMPORARILY).

M1 (NOTES AND COIN IN CIRCULATION AND DEMAND DEPOSITS AT LICENSED BANKS) ROSE BY \$1,230 MILLION (5.5 PER CENT) IN JANUARY TO \$23,511 MILLION WHICH WAS 22.5 PER CENT ABOVE JANUARY, 1978.

M2 (M1 PLUS TIME AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS) ROSE BY \$2,691 MILLION (3.7 PER CENT) IN JANUARY TO \$76,097 MILLION, WHICH WAS 26.2 PER CENT ABOVE JANUARY, 1978.

THERE WAS A VERY SHARP SEASONAL RISE IN THE VOLUME OF CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION, INCLUDING BOTH NOTES AND COIN, WITH THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE YEAR OF THE GOAT GOLD COINS: THAT RISE WAS PARTIALLY FINANCED BY A FALL IN DEMAND AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

THE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF M2 ACCELERATED SLIGHTLY IN JANUARY, HAVING FALLEN IN EACH OF THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS BUT, AS EXPLAINED ABOVE, SEASONAL FACTORS MAKE THIS A MISLEADING COMPARISON.

LOOKING AT THE THREE-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE, TO SMOOTH OUT MONTHLY FLUCTUATIONS, M2 IN THE PERIOD NOVEMBER, 1978, TO JANUARY, 1979, WAS 26.2 PER CENT ABOVE THE SAME MONTHS OF 1977-78, AND M1 WAS 22.2 PER CENT HIGHER.

ON THIS COMPARISON, THE GROWTH RATE OF BOTH MEASURES HAS FALLEN FOR EACH OF THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

### BANKING STATISTICS

BANK LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN JANUARY, WITH THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING RISING DURING THE MONTH BY \$2,263 MILLION (4.3 PER CENT) TO \$55,077 MILLION, WHICH WAS 45.2 PER CENT ABOVE THE LEVEL OF JANUARY, 1978.

THIS VERY RAPID RATE OF GROWTH CONTINUED THE TREND APPARENT SINCE JUNE, 1978, WITH THE INCREASE IN LOANS AND ADVANCES, ON AN ANNUAL COMPARISON, ACCELERATING EACH MONTH. LOOKING AT THE THREE-MONTH MOVING AVERAGE, LOANS AND ADVANCES IN NOVEMBER, 1978, TO JANUARY, 1979, WERE 43.9 PER CENT ABOVE THE SAME MONTHS OF 1977-78.

THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF THE BANKS FELL BY \$753 MILLION TO \$15,414 MILLION; A FALL IN CLAIMS ON BANKS ABROAD WAS NOT ENTIRELY OFFSET BY A RISE IN OTHER OVERSEAS ASSETS. LOANS ABROAD ROSE BY \$57 MILLION TO \$16,468 MILLION.

THE AVERAGE LIQUIDITY RATIO OF THE BANKING SECTOR FELL FROM 46.2 PER CENT TO 45.4 PER CENT. THE RATIO OF LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG TO DEPOSITS ROSE FROM 79 PER CENT TO 81 PER CENT.

### DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY STATISTICS

DEPOSIT LIABILITIES OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY \$1,494 MILLION (14.3 PER CENT) IN JANUARY TO \$11,941 MILLION (NO FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THESE COMPANIES EARLIER THAN DECEMBER 1978).

LOANS AND ADVANCES IN HONG KONG FELL BY \$26 MILLION (0.3 PER CENT) TO \$10,113 MILLION, WHILE LOANS AND ADVANCES ABROAD ROSE BY \$781 MILLION (3.7 PER CENT) TO \$21,946 MILLION.

THE NET IDENTIFIABLE FOREIGN ASSETS OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ROSE BY \$1,105 MILLION TO \$6,449 MILLION, REFLECTING THE INCREASE IN LOANS ABROAD AND A FALL IN BORROWINGS FROM BANKS ABROAD.

THE NET CLAIMS OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ON BANKS IN HONG KONG ROSE FROM \$374 MILLION TO \$1,430 MILLION.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS AUCTION REALISES \$67,000  
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TWENTY-FIVE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$67,600 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD IN THE LECTURE HALL OF CITY HALL SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER AV 323 FETCHING THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$6,200.

ANOTHER NUMBER, BW 2992, WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$5,500 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

BX688, \$4,500	BX280, \$4,100	BW3781, \$1,000	BW6820, \$1,000
BW7333, \$1,200	BW6628, \$3,000	BW7832, \$1,000	BX1088, \$2,200
BX230, \$2,300	BX150, \$2,200	BW8092, \$1,000	BX108, \$3,500
BX882, \$3,300	HK3781, \$1,500	BX823, \$2,300	BX819, \$1,500
BW75, \$3,900	BX6668, \$3,500	BX3228, \$2,500	XX595, \$3,100
BW7667, \$1,800	BS16, \$4,500	BW6698, \$1,000	

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 42ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO ABOUT \$9 MILLION.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL BE STARTING A SERIES OF RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGNS FROM MONDAY (MARCH 5) TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE SERVICE.

A MOBILE RECRUITMENT CENTRE WILL BE SET UP AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS ON MONDAY.

PRISONS DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON JOINING THE SERVICE AND TO ASSIST THOSE MAKING DIRECT APPLICATIONS. PUBLICITY MATERIAL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, DURING OFFICE HOURS WHEN A MOBILE RECRUITMENT CENTRE OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL BE SET UP TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO JOIN THE SERVICE.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT MR. RAYMOND LEUNG AT 5-756521 EXT. 48 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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FELLOWSHIP OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

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THE OCEAN PARK WELCOMED A GROUP OF 2,000 STUDENTS FROM 40 SCHOOLS IN AN EDUCATIONAL VISIT ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECRETARIAT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE VISIT WAS PART OF THE +LUEN YI+, OR FELLOWSHIP SCHEME WHICH THE CYC HAS RECENTLY ADOPTED TO PROMOTE LARGE SCALE INTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. ALTOGETHER 5,000 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE TWO VISITS WHICH THE CYC ARRANGED OVER TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKENDS.

HAVING ENTERED THE OCEAN PARK, THE STUDENTS SPLIT UP INTO SMALL GROUPS COMPRISING EQUAL NUMBER OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS HEADED BY AN ELDER LEADER.

DURING THEIR TOUR, THE ELDER MEMBERS ASSISTED THE YOUNGER ONES ONTO THE CABLE CARS, ENJOYED TOGETHER THE PERFORMANCES AND PATIENTLY INTRODUCED TO THEM THE LIFE OF THE SEA ANIMALS BY APPLYING THE KNOWLEDGE LEARNED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR STUDIES.

THE +LUEN YI+ SCHEME WAS FIRST LAUNCHED A DECADE AGO IN 1968, WHEN FIVE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE URBAN AREA TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO +ADOPT+ FIVE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

UNDER THE SCHEME, FREQUENT EXCHANGE VISITS OF STAFF AND STUDENTS WERE ARRANGED, SO THAT STUDENTS HAVING DIFFERENT FAMILY, SCHOOL AND SOCIAL BACKGROUNDS MIGHT MEET, LEARN OF EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCE, AND THUS BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

OVER THE YEARS, THE SCHEME HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO COVER 100 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND 100 PRIMARY SCHOOLS. NOW IT IS PLACED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECRETARIAT, AND WILL BE FURTHER EXPANDED TO ENCOMPASS A WIDER RANGE OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PRACTICAL TRAINING, PROBLEM RESEARCHES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MARCH 5 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 6 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 8 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
MARCH 9 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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