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ROYAL OBSERVATORY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

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THE CELEBRATIONS OF THE CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL REACH A CLIMAX BETWEEN NOW AND THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH WITH THE ISSUE OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS, AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON METEOROLOGY AND AN OPEN DAY.

THE PROGRAMME FOR CELEBRATING THE OCCASION COMMENCED WITH THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY'S NEW CENTENARY BUILDING BY HRH PRINCESS ANNE IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23), A SET OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POST OFFICE. THE COMMON THEME OF THE STAMPS IS THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE WORK OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN THE PAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

THE FOUR STAMPS SHOW: THE ORIGINAL MAIN BUILDING AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS STANDING SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE NEW NINE-STORY CENTENARY BUILDING WHICH HOUSES MODERN TECHNICAL FACILITIES; A CONVENTIONAL ANEMOMETER CONTRASTED WITH A DOPPLER ACOUSTIC RADAR WHICH IS A MODERN REMOTE-SENSING EQUIPMENT TO MEASURE WIND; A THATCHED SHED IN WHICH MEASUREMENTS OF LOCAL TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY CONDITIONS ARE MADE AND A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE EARTH FROM A METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE, AND OLD AND NEW VERSIONS OF SEISMOMETERS USED TO MONITOR EARTHQUAKES.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF COLOURFUL POSTERS SHOWING ENLARGED VERSIONS OF THE STAMPS ARE ALSO ON SALE AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE.

FROM WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23) TO NOVEMBER 29, THERE WILL BE AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON "AUTOMATED MESSAGE SWITCHING SYSTEMS FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CENTRES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA", JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WILL INCLUDE CHINA, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, SINGAPORE AND THAILAND.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEMINAR WILL BE A SERIES OF LECTURES BY EXPERTS FROM THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, CHINA, JAPAN, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY OF HONG KONG, CABLE AND WIRELESS (HK) LTD AND THE HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23) AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM.

MEANWHILE, A SEMINAR ON DATA COMMUNICATION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, WILL BE HELD AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

THE JOINT SEMINAR REPRESENTS A CONTINUATION OF THE LONG TRADITION OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE ENGINEERING COMMUNITY. SPEAKERS WILL PRESENT LECTURES ON SATELLITE AND CABLE SYSTEMS FOR DATA TRANSMISSION AND REAL-TIME DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM FOR VERY SHORT RANGE WEATHER FORECASTING.

/OPEN DAYS

OPEN DAYS HAVE ALSO BEEN ORGANISED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS IN DECEMBER FOR VOLUNTARY WEATHER OBSERVERS, INCLUDING RAINFALL OBSERVERS AND MARINERS, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASSISTED THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN ITS WORK OVER THE PAST YEARS.

TO PLACE ON RECORD THE EARLY ACTIVITIES OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE, A BOOK IN THE "THIS IS HONG KONG" SERIES ENTITLED "FROM TIME BALL TO ATOMIC CLOCK - THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONG KONG" WRITTEN BY MR ANTHONY DYSON OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE PUT ON SALE SHORTLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY CENTENARY BUILDING AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

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NEED TO IMPROVE NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY SERVICE SEEN
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THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, THIS (MONDAY) MORNING TOLD SOME 400 DELEGATES TO A NEUROLOGICAL CONGRESS IN HONG KONG THAT HIS DEPARTMENT RECOGNISED THE NEED TO IMPROVE HONG KONG'S NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY SERVICE.

+APART FROM OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRAINING OF SURGEONS IN GENERAL AND NEUROSURGEONS IN PARTICULAR, WE HAVE TO MEET THE CONSTANT AND INCREASING DEMAND FOR MORE SERVICE FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE FIVE-DAY CONGRESS, ORGANISED BY THE ASIAN-AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS, WILL END ON FRIDAY. THE CONGRESS, HELD ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS, IS A VENUE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE IN NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PROBLEMS IN THIS REGION.

DR THONG SAID THAT TO DEVELOP THIS NEUROLOGICAL SERVICE FURTHER, THE DEPARTMENT WAS SEEKING CONSTANTLY TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG MEDICAL OFFICERS TO ACQUIRE MORE EXPERTISE IN THIS SPECIALTY BY MAKING AVAILABLE FELLOWSHIPS FOR HIGHER TRAINING OVERSEAS.

+WHEN THEIR TRAINING IS COMPLETED, THEY ARE THEN IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS WITHIN THE SURGICAL TEAM THAT THEY ARE ATTACHED TO,+ HE ADDED.

/THE CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WHO WAS ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CONGRESS, SAID THAT THE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN KEEPING HONG KONG HEALTHY BY MAKING SURE THAT THE STANDARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE WAS MAINTAINED THROUGH VIGOROUS DAILY INSPECTIONS IN THE URBAN AREAS.

+WE CARRY OUT CONSTANT CHECKS AND EXAMINATION OF MEAT AND POULTRY CONSIGNMENTS THAT ARE IMPORTED TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE FIT FOR CONSUMPTION BEFORE THEY ARE SOLD IN THE MARKET,+ MR CHEONG-LEEN SAID.

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SECOND TSING YI BRIDGE TO BE BUILT
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A SECOND BRIDGE LINKING TSING YI ISLAND AND TSUEN WAN WILL SOON BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO COPE WITH TRAFFIC DEMAND.

THE NEW BRIDGE, TOTALLING 1.5 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH INCLUDING APPROACHES, WILL SPAN RAMBLER CHANNEL BETWEEN NGA YING CHAU ON THE TSING YI SIDE AND SAM PAK TSIN, TSUEN WAN. RECLAMATION IS NOW IN PROGRESS BETWEEN TSING YI ISLAND AND NGA YING CHAU.

AS PART OF THE BRIDGE PROJECT, APPROACH ROADS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO LINK UP WITH THE FUTURE ROAD NETWORK IN NORTHEAST TSING YI AND TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT IN TSUEN WAN.

THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES CONSTRUCTING AN EXTENSION TO WING SHUN STREET, TOGETHER WITH A TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE ACCESS ROAD TO THE TSUEN WAN CHINESE PERMANENT CEMETERY.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORK IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. IT CAN BE SEEN AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN MULTI-STORY CARPARK AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND AT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSING YI SUB-OFFICE, 113 CHING WAI HOUSE, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, TSING YI.

ANY OBJECTION MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JANUARY 17, 1984.

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SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE TO BE REVIEWED
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A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG SIK-WAH SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

MR LEUNG SAID THERE WAS A GREAT NEED TO REVIEW THE EXISTING SERVICES, AS MORE THAN ONE-FIFTH OF THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION ARE OVER 50 YEARS OF AGE.

+THE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ELDERLY TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY IN THE PAST SHOULD BE RECOGNISED AND LIKEWISE, COMMUNITY CONCERN FOR THEM SHOULD BE PROMOTED,+ HE SAID.

TODAY, MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY-FORMED WORKING GROUP VISITED A NUMBER OF WELFARE CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT TO SEE FACILITIES THERE.

THE CENTRES ARE: THE WESTERN DISTRICT BLIND WELFARE AND THE WORK ACTIVITY CENTRES, THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY - HONG KONG WELFARE CENTRE, S.K.H. ST. LUKE'S SETTLEMENT SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, THE HONG KONG YMCA KENNEDY TOWN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE, THE CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE AND THE CHINESE YMCA TOWN CENTRE.

ASIDE FROM TODAY'S VISIT, MEMBERS WILL ATTEND A BRIEFING ON NOVEMBER 28 WHEN REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES WILL TALK ON THE EXISTING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

MR LEUNG SAID MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY WOULD ALSO EXAMINE THE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT TO IDENTIFY ANY SHORTFALLS.

+THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH CONTACTS WITH LOCAL ELDERLY CENTRES, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, AND KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+A REPORT ON THE WORKING GROUP'S STUDY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE NEXT APRIL.+

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MORE TRAINING NEEDED FOR BANKING STAFF
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FINDINGS IN THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED BANKING MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT REFLECT THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN ENCOURAGING INCREASE IN TRAINING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE INDUSTRY.

+DESPITE THE IMPROVEMENT ON STAFF DEVELOPMENT, MUCH STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE IF THE INDUSTRY IS TO FACE THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE,+ MR DEREK WHARTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD, SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE SURVEY, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED LAST DECEMBER BY THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, MR WHARTON SAID ITS FINDINGS SHOULD HELP BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES WITH THE PLANNING OF FUTURE STAFFING.

THE MANPOWER PROJECTIONS, THE DATA AND EMPLOYERS' PREFERENCE ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THEIR STAFF COMPILED IN THE REPORT WERE LIKELY TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE EDUCATIONAL SECTOR FOR SETTING GUIDELINES OF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, HE ADDED.

THE 1982 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT CONTAINS SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD.

BEFORE THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED, THE BOARD HAD BROUGHT THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS TO THE NEED FOR A GREATER COMMITMENT TO STAFF TRAINING.

DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALSO TAKEN PLACE WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVE SCHOOL LEAVERS' KNOWLEDGE OF THE BANKING INDUSTRY AND CAREERS IT OFFERS.

THE QUALITY OF TUITION FOR THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS EXAMINATION IS VERY OFTEN SUBSTANDARD, AS A RESULT OF A SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED TUTORS AND INADEQUATE STUDY FACILITIES.

AS ALL STUDENTS WHO SIT FOR THE EXAMINATION ARE EMPLOYEES OF BANKS, THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT EXPERIENCED BANK STAFF SHOULD HELP WITH TUITION.

THE REPORT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, GIVES A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF THE HONG KONG BANKING INDUSTRY'S MANPOWER AND TRAINING AND IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$29 A COPY.

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE CLEARED

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ABOUT 30 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN FOUR REAR LANES IN NOS. 46-114 LION ROCK ROAD AND 46-94 FUK LO TSUN ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE PULLED DOWN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST OF FOUR CLEARANCES IN THE 'OPERATION RED ZONE FIVE' WHICH INVOLVES THE REMOVAL OF ABOUT 70 STRUCTURES IN 12 BACKLANES BOUNDED BY HAU WONG ROAD ON THE EAST, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD ON THE SOUTH, JUNCTION ROAD ON THE WEST, AND CARPENTER ROAD ON THE NORTH.

UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE EXERCISE, WHICH WAS INITIATED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT WAS DIVIDED INTO 15 ZONES AND CLEARANCES ARE BEING CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO PRIORITY.

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SINCE FEBRUARY LAST YEAR, NEARLY HALF OF THE 1 000 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN REMOVED. THE CLEARANCE EXERCISE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID 1985.

THE EXERCISE IS JOINTLY CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE, HOUSING, FIRE SERVICES, LANDS AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

IMMIGRATION RECRUITS TO PARADE
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A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 39 ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 30 IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WILL BE HELD AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND IN SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY, AT 9 AM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR A.J. CARTER, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PARADE.

A PARADE PROGRAMME FOR THE EVENT ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 25) IS BEING BOXED FOR REFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FAMILY LIFE PUBLICITY DRIVE STARTING
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE +KICK-OFF+ CEREMONY AND DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S TERRITORY-WIDE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD IN THE KAPOK ROOM, UNITED RESTAURANT, UNITED CENTRE, SIXTH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY, AT 12.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MR SIMON LUN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING (TELEVISION); MRS EVELYN DOE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS); MISS LOLITA NG OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE; MRS BETTY SHUM OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES; AND MR CHIU YU-HEI, A DONOR.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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WEAK WATER PRESSURE FOR SOME
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WATER PRESSURE IN SOME PREMISES AROUND BEACON HILL WILL BE WEAK FOR SIX HOURS, FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 24), WHEN PRESSURE TESTS ARE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY BEACON HILL ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD AND EDE ROAD, INCLUDING EASTBOURNE ROAD AND ALNWICK ROAD.

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ROAD WORKS ON KAM TIN ROAD
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TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS, ROAD WORKS ARE BEING CONDUCTED AT KAM TIN ROAD.

ONLY ONE LANE IS OPEN FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AT EACH OF THE FIVE SECTIONS OF KAM TIN ROAD WHERE ROAD WORKS ARE IN PROGRESS. TRAFFIC SIGNS ARE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO ROUTE VIA KAM SHEUNG ROAD INSTEAD OF KAM TIN ROAD WHILE TRAVELLING BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND SHEK KONG.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVIORS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 95.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 562.129 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVIORS CONTAINED 462.082 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 78.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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