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LORD COCKFIELD TOURS NT
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LORD COCKFIELD, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE, WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG LAST NIGHT FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT, WENT THIS MORNING BY HELICOPTER ON A FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LADY COCKFIELD AND MR BRYAN O'RORKE, DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, WHO BRIEFED HIM ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS NEW TOWNS.

LORD COCKFIELD LATER LANDED AT A LOOKOUT POINT IN SHA TIN WHERE HE WAS MET AND BRIEFED BY MR KENNETH KWOK, PROJECT MANAGER (SHA TIN) AND MR DONALD TSANG, DISTRICT OFFICER (SHA TIN).

ALSO ON BOARD THE HELICOPTER WAS MR C.C.W. ADAMS, SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, WHO ACCOMPANIED LORD COCKFIELD ON HIS VISIT TO THE CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

LORD COCKFIELD WILL MEET THE PRESS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4.30 PM IN THE GIS THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES FOR INDUSTRY
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THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED A REORGANISATION OF ITS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION.

+THIS IS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY'S NEEDS FOR INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES AND TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES ARE ADEQUATELY PROVIDED FOR BY GOVERNMENT,+ SAID THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY.

THESE NEEDS WERE IDENTIFIED IN BROAD TERMS IN THE 1979 REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION, AND ARE DETERMINED IN DETAIL AS A RESULT OF THE REGULAR DELIBERATIONS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB), WHICH MEETS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

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AS FROM TODAY THERE WILL BE TWO DIVISIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT DEALING WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS, EACH HEADED BY AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - ONE A SENIOR ADMINISTRATOR, MR T.K. TSE AND THE OTHER A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, MR E.J. EVANS. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY.

ONE DIVISION WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN ADDITION TO BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH MATTERS AS QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES, PRODUCT STANDARDS AND QUALITY ASSURANCE.

THE NEW DIVISION, TO BE CALLED THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT DIVISION, WILL PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC INPUT. THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICER IN CHARGE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY TWO SENIOR ENGINEERS, WHO ARE BEING RECRUITED FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DIVISION'S SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW STANDARDS AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY, THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CONSULTANCY ON ACCREDITATION OF TESTING LABORATORIES, THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL INPUT TO THE IDB ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT MATTERS, THE FACILITATION OF TRANSFERS OF TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED RESEARCH; AND MORE GENERALLY THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

+THE MAIN FEATURE OF THIS REORGANISATION IS THAT AN INCREASING THRUST IN THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL IN FUTURE BE DEVOTED TO THE PROVISION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY.

+THE TWO DIVISIONS WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S SCIENCE ADVISER WHO WILL ASSIST IN IMPROVING THE DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRY,+ SAID MR YAXLEY.

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TOP GATT OFFICIAL TO VISIT HONG KONG

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THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, HIS EXCELLENCY ARTHUR DUNKEL AND MRS DUNKEL WILL ARRIVE FROM SOUTH KOREA TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT.

MR DUNKEL WILL CALL ON THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, AND WILL THEN TOUR SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. THE NEXT DAY, HE WILL VISIT A GARMENT FACTORY AND AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY IN KWUN TONG.

HE WILL HOLD AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON FRIDAY WITH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMIDGE AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MR HO; THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD; AND THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, BEFORE MEETING THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE FOR LUNCH AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

MR AND MRS DUNKEL WILL LEAVE FOR GENEVA ON SATURDAY.

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UK TOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG HK MUSICIANS
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SIX YOUNG HONG KONG MUSICIANS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A CHINESE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE ON A TOUR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN JULY THIS YEAR.

THEY WILL BE SELECTED IN AN OPEN AUDITION AND WILL TRAVEL UNDER THE BANNER OF +HONG KONG JING YING+ TO TAKE PART IN A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS THERE.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE TOUR ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, IN RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD FROM JULY 5 TO 10 AND THE ALDEBURGH ORIENTAL DAY FROM JULY 15 TO 17, AND WILL ALSO PERFORM IN LONDON.

THE WINNER IN THE VOCAL SECTION OF THE 1982 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSIC MAKERS' TALENT QUEST, MISS LINDA LI, WILL JOIN THE TOUR AND TAKE PART IN THE LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD.

THE HONG KONG JING YING WILL COMPETE IN THE LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD, WHICH IS PRESENTED BY THE COUNCIL OF LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EISTEDDFOD WITH THE AIM OF FOSTERING INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING. THE FIRST EISTEDDFOD WAS HELD IN 1947 AND SINCE THEN LLANGOLLEN HAS BECOME A FOCAL POINT FOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL INTERCHANGE.

AMATEUR SINGERS, DANCERS AND INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS OF ALL NATIONALITIES ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITIONS EACH YEAR. ALL COMPETITORS ATTENDING THE EISTEDDFOD ARE ASSURED OF FAITHFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE ARTISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THEIR EFFORTS BY AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS, ALL EXPERTS IN THEIR SPECIAL FIELDS OF STUDY.

AFTER THEIR PERFORMANCES IN LLANGOLLEN, THE JING YING GROUP WILL STOP OVER IN LONDON FOR FOUR DAYS FROM JULY 11 TO 14 AND WILL PUT ON TWO PERFORMANCES.

FROM LONDON MISS LINDA LI, THE SOPRANO SOLOIST, WILL GO TO CARDIFF TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE CARDIFF INTERNATIONAL SINGING COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION, WALES AND THE WELSH NATIONAL OPERA, WHILE THE REST OF THE GROUP WILL TRAVEL TO ALDEBURGH TO TAKE PART IN AN ORIENTAL DAY FROM JULY 15 TO 17. ALDEBURGH IS WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL WHERE FIRST-CLASS INTERNATIONAL FOLK MUSICIANS ASSEMBLE.

THE GROUP WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JULY 19 AND WILL PERFORM IN THE 4TH HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 14.

MISS LI IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JULY 25.

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IMPROVEMENTS FOR SQUATTER AREA

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SEVEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE MOUNT DAVIS HOI PONG VILLAGE SQUATTER AREA TO STUDY PROPOSED FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEE KAI-FAT, THE MEMBERS WERE FIRST BRIEFED BY THE CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER (VICTORIA) OF THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION, MR PETER LOMAS, ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE EXISTING WATER CHANNELS. THE CHANNELS ARE FILLED WITH RUBBISH AND DEBRIS WHICH PREVENT THE REGULAR WATER FLOW.

THE GROUP THEN MOVED ON TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS WHERE THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS HAS BEEN PROPOSED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LEE TAT-YU, SAID THAT TO APPROVE DB FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WAS NO EASY TASK.

+WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO OVERSPEND AND, AT THE SAME TIME, MAKE THE BEST OUT OF THE LIMITED RESOURCES,+ HE SAID.

+THE BEST WAY TO MAKE SURE IS STUDY THE PROJECTS CAREFULLY, AND A SITE VISIT TO THE PROBLEM AREA IS MOST HELPFUL,+ HE ADDED.

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CERTIFICATES FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF

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TWENTY ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY AWARDED CERTIFICATES ON COMPLETION OF AN EXTENSION COURSE ON SOCIAL WORK.

THE TWO-MONTH, PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, WAS DESIGNED FOR OFFICERS ON AFTER-CARE DUTIES.

IT PROVIDED INSTRUCTION IN SOCIAL WORK TECHNIQUES, HUMAN GROWTH AND BEHAVIOUR, AND RESIDENTIAL CARE.

DR ROBERT ANDRY, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEALING WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATES TO THE OFFICERS, AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY HELD AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 14) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, PEKING ROAD, CANTON ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD INCLUDING HANKOW ROAD, MIDDLE ROAD, ASHLEY ROAD, STAR FERRY AND NEW WORLD HOTEL.

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WATER CUT IN SAI KUNG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 13) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN TAI CHUNG HAU AND SHA HA, INCLUDING THOSE IN PAK KONG, TA HO TUN, O'LONG, PO LO CHE, SAN ON TSUEN, TAN CHEUNG, SHA KOK MEI, SAI KUNG POLICE STATION, AND SAI KUNG TOWN.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 78.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 455.316 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 208.320 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 36.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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