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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1982

LOCAL LEADERS PRAISED FOR COMMUNITY WORK BY GOVERNOR
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LOCAL LEADERS WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) PRAISED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE BETTERMENT OF HONG KONG.

THEY HAD ALSO GREATLY IMPRESSED HIM, THROUGHOUT HIS TEN YEARS IN OFFICE, BY THE QUALITY OF THEIR ADVICE AND THEIR HELP TO DISTRICT OFFICERS, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT, FOR ABOUT 1 000 GUESTS WHO INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEES, DISTRICT BOARDS, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AS WELL AS KAI FONG LEADERS.

SIR MURRAY WALKED AROUND AND MET THE GUESTS, AND ALSO PROPOSED A TOAST FOR THE OCCASION.

PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE GUESTS WERE THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR D.C. BRAY= THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR D. AKERS-JONES, AND THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON).

IN PROPOSING A TOAST, SIR MURRAY SAID:

+I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE DOG, AND TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A FEW WORDS OF BOTH GREETING AND FAREWELL.

+ALL HERE HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELL-BEING AND SUCCESS OF OUR COMMUNITY. MANY HAVE SACRIFICED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME IN SERVICE TO OTHERS AND HAVE HELPED IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN HONG KONG.

+THROUGHOUT MY 10 YEARS OF OFFICE I HAVE BEEN GREATLY IMPRESSED BY LOCAL LEADERS OLD AND YOUNG, THE QUALITY OF THEIR ADVICE, THE VALUE OF THEIR HELP TO DISTRICT OFFICERS, AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE BETTERMENT OF HONG KONG.

+THE CONSTRUCTIVENESS OF LOCAL CONCERN WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL AFFAIRS WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS POINTING TO THE NEED FOR THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION NOW BEING INTRODUCED, IN WHICH SO MANY OF YOU PLAY A PART.

+THE FACT IS THAT WITHOUT THE HELP AND ADVICE OF LOCAL LEADERS - AND I MEAN LOCAL LEADERS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE - HONG KONG CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED IN AN ACCEPTABLE WAY= AND AN ACCEPTABLE ADMINISTRATION BASED ON A SOUND ECONOMY OFFERS THE BEST POSSIBLE BASIS FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE. I THANK YOU ALL FOR THE CONTRIBUTION YOU MAKE TO IT.

+FINALLY, I WOULD ASK YOU TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES AND DRINK TO THE CONTINUING SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG IN THE YEAR OF THE DOG.+

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DISTRICT BOARDS WORTHWHILE, ZONTA CLUB TOLD

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) HE HAD BEEN TAKING A +VERY CRITICAL LOOK+ AT THE CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE OF NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARDS.

MR MACPHERSON, WHO WAS TALKING TO ZONTA CLUB MEMBERS, SAID HE HAD BEEN LOOKING AT THE BOARDS ON THE EVE OF THE ELECTIONS TO SEE WHETHER THEY WERE DOING GOOD AND CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OR WHETHER, AS SOME WOULD HAVE IT, THEY WERE A WASTE OF EVERYONE'S TIME.

+LET ME QUOTE TO YOU EXCERPTS FROM REPORTS I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING IN SUPPORT OF MY CONTENTION THAT THE BOARDS ARE MAKING A CONSTRUCTIVE AND WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF OUR DISTRICTS,+ HE SAID.

+FIRST EXCERPT - AND I SHOULD PERHAPS SAY THAT THIS IS TAKEN FROM AN INTERNAL REPORT NOT INTENDED FOR PUBLICATION: 'THIS DISTRICT BOARD COMPRISES EIGHT OFFICIALS AND 11 UNOFFICIALS. IT USUALLY MEETS TWO WEEKS AFTER ITS CORRESPONDING DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND HAS MET FIVE TIMES SINCE APRIL, 1981. THE ATTENDANCE RATE IS HIGH.

'REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD HAS IMPROVED SINCE MR X, AN INDUSTRIALIST, AND MR Y, A SOCIAL WORKER, WERE APPOINTED. HOWEVER SOME SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE NOT REPRESENTED AND THE BALANCE OF REPRESENTATION WILL HAVE TO BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW WHEN ELECTED MEMBERS BEGIN SERVING ON THE BOARD.

'THE UNOFFICIALS ARE ACTIVE AT MEETINGS AND FORTHCOMING WITH THEIR VIEWS. BEING HIGHLY EDUCATED THEY ARE NOT PAROCHIAL IN THEIR VIEWS AND WIDER ISSUES ON A HONG KONG-WIDE BASIS CAN BE MEANINGFULLY DISCUSSED. THE BOARD HAS BECOME THE SOUNDING BOARD OF LOCAL OPINION ON ISSUES LARGE AND SMALL AFFECTING THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE.

'OUTSIDE THE BOARD, EACH UNOFFICIAL MEMBER SERVES ON AT LEAST ONE SUB-COMMITTEE OF HIS OWN CHOICE. THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE WORK OF LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES IS VALUABLE AND THEIR CHAIRMANSHIP OF AREA COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND SO ON IS AN EFFECTIVE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE BOARD AND VARIOUS LOCAL COORDINATING BODIES.

'AS REGARDS THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS, THEY ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THEIR DEPARTMENTS AND MOST ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE VIEWS OF THE BOARD AND COOPERATE WITH THE UNOFFICIALS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT SERVICES'.+

MR MACPHERSON GAVE DETAILS OF A REPORT ON A SECOND BOARD WHICH SAID, ON THE WHOLE, PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE BOARD HAD BEEN FAVOURABLE IN THE PAST YEAR AND GOOD SUPPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WHICH WAS BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AS A CONSULTATIVE BODY IN THE DISTRICT.

HE FOUND THESE TWO EXTRACTS FROM OBJECTIVE REPORTS ENCOURAGING FOR THE FUTURE, MR MACPHERSON SAID.

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HE SAID TWO OTHER ASPECTS OUGHT TO BE MENTIONED, ONE BEING THE COMING TOGETHER OF THE TRADITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RURAL NEW TERRITORIES PEOPLE, THE RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WHO WERE PROVIDED WITH SEATS ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THE APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MORE RECENT ARRIVALS.

THE OTHER WAS THE FACT THAT UNOFFICIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE BEGINNING TO MAKE A POINT OF MAKING THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS.

+NOW WE ARE ABOUT TO ADD ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICTS TO THE BOARDS AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AS AN ADVISORY BODY WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED FOR IN THIS WAY THE VIEWS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE IN SO FAR AS DISTRICT AFFAIRS ARE CONCERNED MUST BE BETTER REPRESENTED,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

+AS YOU KNOW ALL BUT TWO OF THE 56 SEATS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE CONTESTED, SOME OF THEM BY AS MANY AS FIVE OR SIX CANDIDATES, SO ELECTION CAMPAIGNS ARE IN FULL SWING AND THERE IS SOMETHING OF AN ELECTION FEVER IN THE AIR, AS NOT ONLY THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS BUT ALSO THE TRADITIONAL RURAL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS ARE TAKING PLACE.+

THERE WERE POSTERS AND BANNERS PUT UP BY MANY OF THE 174 CANDIDATES URGING THEIR CONSTITUENTS TO TURN OUT TO VOTE FOR THEM ON MARCH 4.

POLLING CARDS HAD NOW BEEN SENT OUT TO VOTERS TELLING THEM WHICH OF THE 125 POLLING STATIONS TO GO TO AND BOTH CANDIDATES AND VOTERS WERE BEING BRIEFED ON THE VERY SIMPLE VOTING PROCEDURES.

CANDIDATES CAME FROM VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE AND AGES INCLUDING FACTORY WORKERS, BANK CLERKS, TAXI AND PLB OPERATORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, HOUSEWIVES, BUSINESS MEN AND JOURNALISTS.

+IF ELECTED, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE WOMEN IN THE DISTRICTS,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

+IT IS OF COURSE MAINLY UP TO THE CANDIDATES TO GET THE VOTERS TO TURN OUT AND VOTE, THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS TO MAKE IT AS SIMPLE AND CONVENIENT AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

TO THIS END 125 POLLING STATIONS HAD BEEN SET UP AND WOULD REMAIN OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM ON MARCH 4.

ALL THE REGISTERED ELECTOR HAD TO DO WAS TURN UP AND PRESENT HIS IDENTITY CARD TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND PUT A CROSS AGAINST THE CANDIDATE OF HIS CHOICE ON HIS BALLOT PAPER WHILE HE WAS INSIDE THE POLLING BOOTH AND PUT IT IN THE BALLOT BOX FOR COUNTING.

+WE ARE CONFIDENT OF A GOOD TURNOUT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND NO DOUBT THE URBAN DISTRICTS, WHOSE ELECTIONS ARE DUE IN SEPTEMBER, WILL BE WATCHING,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

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TUEN MUN DB CANDIDATES TO HOLD FORUMS

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TWENTY CANDIDATES FOR THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL ATTEND OPEN FORUMS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO MEET THEIR VOTERS.

THEY ARE COMPETING FOR EIGHT SEATS IN THE NORTH EAST, NORTH WEST, SOUTH EAST AND SOUTH WEST CONSTITUENCIES.

A SEPARATE FORUM, CHAIRED BY AN OFFICIAL FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE HELD FOR EACH CONSTITUENCY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID ALL 25 500 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT WERE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

THEY CAN ASK QUESTIONS AFTER BRIEF INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY THE CANDIDATES.

THE LOCATIONS AND TIMES OF THE FORUMS ARE :

NORTH EAST: - HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE STARTING AT 7.15 PM.

NORTH WEST: - BUDDHIST LAU TING SANG PRIMARY SCHOOL STARTING AT 7.40 PM.

SOUTH EAST: - TUNG WAH GROUP TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL STARTING AT 8 PM.

SOUTH WEST: - ISLAMIC PRIMARY SCHOOL STARTING AT 8.30 PM.

FROM APRIL TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIST OF 24 MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE DISTRICT OFFICER AS CHAIRMAN, EIGHT ELECTED MEMBERS, EIGHT APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, SIX OFFICIAL MEMBERS AND THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE.

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR ROBERT FELL AS COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1.

MR FELL WAS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE IN LONDON. HE HAS BEEN ON SECONDMENT TO HONG KONG AS THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES AND COMMODITIES TRADING SINCE NOVEMBER 15, 1981.

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SIR JACK CATER TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE

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SIR JACK CATER, HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HERE ON SATURDAY TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S 115TH CONGREGATION FOR THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREES IN THE LOKE YEW HALL ON MARCH 4.

SIR JACK WILL RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, SIR JACK WILL CALL ON THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND HAVE MEETINGS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED AT THE AIRPORT TO COVER SIR JACK'S ARRIVAL ON SATURDAY ON FLIGHT CX200, ETA 9.15 AM. PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN ASSIGNED TO COVER THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING AT 9 AM. HOWEVER, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ADVISED TO CHECK WITH CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS IN CASE THE FLIGHT ARRIVES EARLIER.

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VISITORS WELCOME AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OPEN DAY

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THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN KOWLOON WILL BE HOLDING ITS OPEN DAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON AND ON SATURDAY, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO SEE THE FACILITIES IN THE INSTITUTE.

VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO TOUR THE WORKSHOPS, LABORATORIES AND SPECIAL ROOMS CATERING TO THE VARIOUS DISCIPLINES OFFERED BY THE INSTITUTE, AND ALSO THE COMPUTER CENTRE LINKED TO THE FOUR OTHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

TWO OF THE DISCIPLINES, DESIGN AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, ARE OFFERED ONLY AT THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, AND COURSES OFFERED INCLUDE FOOTWEAR, THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN, JEWELLERY, CLOCK AND WATCH REPAIR, SPECTACLE OPTICS, MODELLING AND CERAMICS, WINDOW DISPLAY, FABRIC AND FASHION DESIGN, AND GRAPHIC DESIGN.

VISITORS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE THE FACILITIES OFFERED IN THE CHILD CARE TEACHING ROOM, ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE INSTITUTE.

LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS LOCATED AT 30 RENFREW ROAD, KOWLOON TONG. THE HOURS OF THE OPEN DAY ARE FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 26)- AND FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY.

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REVIEW OF THE OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENT SCHEME
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A SCHEME TO ALLOW GOODS TO BE PARTIALLY MANUFACTURED OUT OF HONG KONG WITHOUT LOSING HONG KONG ORIGIN STATUS HAS BEEN RUNNING SUCCESSFULLY FOR THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHEME, KNOWN AS THE OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT DURING THE YEAR IT HAD BEEN IN OPERATION, THE VALUE OF GOODS WHICH HAD BEEN EXPORTED UNDER CERTIFICATES OF HONG KONG ORIGIN, AFTER HAVING BEEN PARTIALLY MANUFACTURED ABROAD, AMOUNTED TO $27 MILLION.

+AT PRESENT WE HAVE 52 COMPANIES - WHOSE PRODUCTS INCLUDE TOYS, GARMENTS, METALWARE AND ELECTRONIC GOODS - REGISTERED UNDER THE SCHEME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +BUT WE FEEL OTHERS WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE AS ITS ADVANTAGES BECOME MORE WIDELY KNOWN.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENT ALSO HELPED THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS MARKED AS BEING OF HONG KONG ORIGIN.

+IF THE GOODS ARE REGISTERED UNDER THE SCHEME BEFORE THEY ARE SENT FOR PROCESSING OVERSEAS,+ HE SAID, +THEY WILL BE SUBJECT ONLY TO BRIEF CUSTOMS FORMALITIES ON RE-IMPORTATION, EVEN THOUGH THEY CARRY HONG KONG ORIGIN MARKINGS.

+WITHOUT REGISTRATION, HOWEVER, THESE GOODS WOULD BE LIABLE TO DETENTION WHILE ENQUIRIES WERE BEING MADE, CAUSING INCONVENIENCE TO THE MANUFACTURER.+

THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME ENQUIRIES FROM THE TRADE ON THE OUTWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS. THESE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR R.C.H. WONG, SENIOR INDUSTRY OFFICER, OUTWARD PROCESSING UNIT, ROOM 1329, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON (TEL. NO.: 3-7222470), WHO CAN PROVIDE FULL DETAILS OF THE SCHEME WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN CIRCULAR NO. 2/81.

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SUSPENSION OF AIR-PARCEL SERVICE TO FRANCE
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AIR-PARCEL SERVICE FROM HONG KONG TO FRANCE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY DUE TO AN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE AIR PARCEL OFFICE THERE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HOWEVER, OTHER POSTAL SERVICES TO FRANCE ARE NOT AFFECTED, HE SAID.

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SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS IN YOUNGER GENERATION
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WHILE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS, IT IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS SHOULD BE INSTILLED IN THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

THIS WAS STATED BY AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, WHEN HE PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TODAY (THURSDAY).

DR HO POINTED OUT THAT THE FACT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD EXPANDED THE SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION AND HAD INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PRIZES CLEARLY INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE COMPETITION NOT ONLY AIMED AT AROUSING THE INTEREST OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BUT ALSO THE AWARENESS OF THOSE WORKING IN INDUSTRY OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT WORK, HE ADDED.

DR HO WAS DELIGHTED THAT MANY STUDENTS HAD SHOWN A KEEN INTEREST IN THE COMPETITION.

HE TOLD THE PRIZE WINNERS: +YOUR PARTICIPATION HAS NOT ONLY SHOWN YOUR CREATIVE TALENTS IN ART AND GRAPHIC DESIGN BUT HAS ALSO DEMONSTRATED YOUR INTEREST AND CONCERN IN PREVENTING ACCIDENTS IN INDUSTRY.

+IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNISED THAT ATTRACTIVE, INFORMATIVE AND WELL-DESIGNED SAFETY POSTERS CAN DO A LOT TO DRIVE HOME THE VERY MESSAGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.+

DR HO ALSO NOTED THAT THE STANDARD OF THE ENTRIES IN THE COMPETITION THIS YEAR WAS EXCEEDINGLY HIGH.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - SECTION A OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS, POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTES AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS, AND SECTION B OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM NON-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

IN SECTION A, THE FIRST PRIZE WAS WON BY KONG CHE-WING OF TANG SHIU KIN VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, WHILE THE SECTION B WINNER WAS AUYEUNG YING-CHAI OF METHODIST COLLEGE. EACH WAS AWARDED A CASH PRIZE OF $600.

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TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATES
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, SAID TODAY THAT CIVIL ENGINEERS NEEDED A WIDE RANGE OF GENERAL SKILLS IN ADDITION TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IF THEIR WORK WAS TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON +INTEGRATION, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATES+, HE SAID THAT ALONG WITH THEIR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS, CIVIL ENGINEERS NEEDED TO DEVELOP INITIATIVE, SELF-RELIANCE, ORIGINALITY OF THOUGHT AND GOOD JUDGEMENT.

+GOOD JUDGEMENT, GENERALLY, COMES WITH EXPERIENCE AND MATURITY. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS AS WELL TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO EXERCISE THIS CHARACTERISTIC RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING,+ MR CHAN SAID.

+ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT ARE RECEIVING A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION TODAY, NOT ONLY IN HONG KONG, BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. CLEARLY, THE EXERCISE OF JUDGEMENT IN RELATION TO ENGINEERING SCHEMES AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER.+

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WAS ONE OF THE FEW ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG ABLE TO OFFER CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATE TRAINING UNDER A SCHEME APPROVED BY THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

THE PWD IS NOW TRAINING 90 CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATES, AND COMPETITION FOR PLACES IN THE SCHEME WAS KEEN.

+LAST YEAR A TOTAL OF 344 APPLICATIONS WAS RECEIVED. OF THESE 251 APPLICANTS WERE INTERVIEWED AND THE REQUIRED 30 GRADUATES RECRUITED,+ HE SAID.

THE GRADUATES, HE ADDED, GAINED A VARIETY OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE BY WORKING IN PWD OFFICES INVOLVED WITH CIVIL ENGINEERING: THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

MR CHAN SAID THAT THE AMOUNT BY WHICH A GRADUATE BENEFITTED FROM PWD TRAINING DEPENDED ON WILLINGNESS TO LEARN.

+A GRADUATE SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK THE ADVICE OF THE ENGINEER, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DAILY ACTIVITIES, ON MATTERS WITH WHICH HE IS UNFAMILIAR OR UNCERTAIN. HE WILL LEARN A GREAT DEAL BY ASKING QUESTIONS, AND WILL ALSO BE LIABLE TO MAKE FEWER MISTAKES,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID THAT FROM THIS YEAR, RECRUITMENT OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATES WOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO FILLING VACANCIES IN THE APPROVED TRAINING SCHEME, AND GRADUATES WOULD ALSO BE RECRUITED DIRECTLY TO ASSISTANT ENGINEER RANK.

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FISHERMEN WARNED OF FOG CONDITIONS
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ADVISED FISHERMEN TO TAKE ALL PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY THEIR VESSELS DURING THE FOG SEASON.

ALL VESSELS, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT, MUST EXHIBIT SIDELIGHTS AND STERNLIGHTS, SHOULD MAKE SOUND SIGNALS WHETHER UNDERWAY OR NOT, AND SHOULD IDEALLY BE FITTED WITH RADAR REFLECTORS.

THE PRECAUTIONS ARE LISTED IN A DEPARTMENTAL LEAFLET -- EXPLANATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA -- WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO FISHERMEN FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE WHOLESALE FISH MARKETS.

+SOUND SIGNALS PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN NAVIGATING IN RESTRICTED VISIBILITY AREAS OR FOGGY WEATHER. THE VESSEL SHOULD SOUND AT INTERVALS OF NOT MORE THAN TWO MINUTES, ONE PROLONGED BLAST. A VESSEL UNDERWAY BUT STOPPED SHOULD SOUND AT INTERVALS OF NOT MORE THAN TWO MINUTES, TWO PROLONGED BLASTS, AND A VESSEL AT ANCHOR SHOULD SOUND RAPIDLY FOR ABOUT FIVE SECONDS WITHIN EVERY MINUTE,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

RADAR AND RADAR REFLECTORS WERE THE IDEAL MEDIUM FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS IN POOR VISIBILITY. ALTHOUGH RADAR COULD EASILY PICK-UP LARGE AND IN PARTICULAR METAL OBJECTS, THERE WERE LIMITATIONS IN DETECTING SMALLER WOODEN CRAFT.

+FOR THIS REASON,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +REFLECTORS SHOULD BE FITTED TO ALL CRAFT TO INCREASE RADAR RESPONSE.+

HE ADDED THAT INFORMATION ON RADAR AND REFLECTORS COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S LIAISON OFFICERS.

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RESTRICTION TEMPORARILY LIFTED
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THE EXISTING PLB PROHIBITION IN JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY RESCINDED FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, WESTBOUND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ALONG THE URBAN CLEARWAY IN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD MAY STOP FOR PASSENGERS AT JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD.

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GUANGDONG MODEL PLANE TEAM ARRIVES

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IT WAS PARTICULARLY THRILLING TO HAVE THE GUANGDONG CONTROL-LINE MODEL AIRCRAFT TEAM COME TO HONG KONG TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILLS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON ARRIVAL OF THE TEAM TODAY AT THE KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION, MR LEUNG SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW, IT WILL BE THE FIRST SUCH PERFORMANCE TO BE PUT UP IN HONG KONG.

+I AM SURE IT WILL BRING MUCH PLEASURE TO THE SPECTATORS AS WELL AS THE PARTICIPANTS,+ HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT THE PUBLIC HAD SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN THE EVENT, AND SOME 7 000 TICKETS FOR THE PERFORMANCE WERE ALL QUICKLY TAKEN UP.

THE PERFORMANCE OF MODEL AIRCRAFT IS IN ITSELF BOTH A SPORT AND AN ART AND THE VISIT OF THE GUANGDONG TEAM WILL ADD MUCH COLOUR TO THE EVENT, MR LEUNG SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE VISITING TEAM, LED BY MR ZHANG WEN-ZHENG, DESCRIBED TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES THE VARIOUS EVENTS THAT WILL BE PUT ON.

ONE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE FAN LING RECREATION GROUND ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27) AND ANOTHER AT TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN PLAYGROUND ON SUNDAY.

THE VISIT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG MODELLERS CLUB AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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BUDGET PUBLICATIONS ON SALE

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FIVE BUDGET PUBLICATIONS WERE PUT ON SALE FROM TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE PUBLICATIONS -- THE 1981 ECONOMIC BACKGROUND (IN SEPARATE ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS) AT $14 PER COPY, DRAFT ESTIMATES 1982-83 (IN A SET OF THREE PUBLICATIONS -- REVENUE ESTIMATES, SUPPORTING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATISTICAL APPENDICES, AND ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE) AT $250 PER SET, ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1983 (REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE 1981) AT $200 PER COPY, AND ESTIMATES OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT 1966 TO 1980 AT $7 PER COPY -- PROVIDE VALUABLE REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR ALL INTERESTED IN DETAILS OF THE BUDGET.

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VOLUNTEERS TO BE THANKED
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TWENTY-FIVE PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WILL BE OFFICIALLY THANKED FOR THEIR VOLUNTARY EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION STAFF DURING THE YEAR 1980-81.

THE VOLUNTEERS WILL EACH RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27) AT THE SHERATON HOTEL.

THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE FINISHED THEIR SIX-MONTH ASSIGNMENT TO HELP BOYS AND GIRLS PUT ON PROBATION UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

AN UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM WILL SPEAK ON +REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS -- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT+.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE MING ROOM, SHERATON HOTEL, FOURTH FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 27), FROM 2.30 PM TO 4.30 PM.

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RETIREMENT SOUVENIR FOR PWD SURVEYOR
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MR J.M. TRICKETT, CHIEF QUANTITY SURVEYOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE NEXT MONTH AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR JOHN AITKEN, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, TODAY PRESENTED HIM WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR TRICKETT JOINED THE PWD AS QUANTITY SURVEYOR IN SEPTEMBER 1958 AND WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR IN JANUARY 1966 AND TO THE PRESENT RANK OF CHIEF QUANTITY SURVEYOR IN JULY 1976.

DURING HIS CAREER WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR TRICKETT SPECIALISED IN THE FIELD OF FORECASTING AND MONITORING EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING PROJECTS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

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TENANCY AVAILABLE AT KAI TAK LOT

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TENDERS ARE BEING SOUGHT BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE FOR THE SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A LOT AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

THE LOT MEASURES ABOUT 820 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF SUCH GOODS, VEHICLES AND MACHINERY RELATED TO AIRPORT ACTIVITIES AS THE AIRPORT MANAGER MAY APPROVE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID THAT APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM COMPANIES, FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE BUSINESS IS RELATED TO AIRPORT ACTIVITIES.

THE TENANCY WILL BE INITIALLY FOR ONE YEAR, AND THEREAFTER ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MARCH 12.

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

TENDER PLANS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THESE OFFICES.

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