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BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS GETTING THE MESSAGE

+HONG KONG HAS MUCH TO OFFER BRITISH INDUSTRY, AND IT BEGINS TO LOOK AS THOUGH WE ARE GETTING THE MESSAGE OVER TO BRITISH MANUFACTURERS,+ THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, SAID TODAY.

MR. MCGREGOR WAS COMMENTING ON A REPORT, JUST RECEIVED, FROM THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION TEAM AT PRESENT TOURING BRITAIN.

THE TEAM, COMPRISING MR. ROY PORTER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND MR. S.K. HO OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, SAY IN THEIR REPORT THAT INDUSTRIALISTS TO WHOM THEY HAVE TALKED SO FAR HAVE SHOWN KEEN INTEREST IN THE FACILITIES HONG KONG HAS TO OFFER.

MR. PORTER AND MR. HO ARE IN BRITAIN FOR THREE WEEKS TALKING TO INDUSTRIALISTS IN LONDON, BIRMINGHAM AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES OF SETTING UP FACTORIES IN HONG KONG BY THEMSELVES OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HONG KONG CONCERNS.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO +SELL+ HONG KONG WAS PROVIDED BY THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES WHICH ALSO INVITED SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS ORGANISED BY THEM.

THE HONG KONG TEAM HAS NOW BEEN IN BRITAIN FOR TWO WEEKS AND HAS BEGUN A SEPARATE SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS AT BOARDROOM LEVEL.

MR. PORTER REPORTS THAT SPECIAL INTEREST HAS BEEN SHOWN BY COMPANIES PRODUCING TOYS, FLIGHT SIMULATORS, THERMOPLASTIC CONTAINERS, MACHINE TOOLS, DIE CASTINGS AND ELECTRICAL ASSEMBLIES.

MR. MCGREGOR SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THIS INITIAL AND ENCOURAGING RESPONSE BY BRITISH FIRMS.

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TSIM SHA TSUI TRAFFIC-FREE ZONE
OPENS ON TUESDAY

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PEDESTRIANS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE ABLE TO WALK ON HANOI ROAD AND CORNWALL AVENUE WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT TRAFFIC HAZARDS FROM NEXT TUESDAY (JULY 1) WHEN THESE TWO ROADS BECOME PEDESTRIAN PRECINCTS.

THE OPENING FOR THE ROADS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF PEDESTRIANS, SHOPPER AND TOURISTS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, WILL BE MARKED BY A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY BY KAIFONG LEADERS ON TUESDAY MORNING.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ROADS EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES SUCH AS FIRE ENGINES, POLICE CARS AND AMBULANCES. GOODS VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO SERVICE PREMISES ALONG THE ROADS WILL BE PERMITTED ENTRY ONLY BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 11 A.M. THE NEXT DAY.

BENCHES AND FLOWER POTS ARE BEING PROVIDED AT KERBSIDES TO GIVE THE ROADS A FRESH ENVIRONMENTAL LOOK AS A LEISURE-CUM-SHOPPING PARADISE.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT SCHEME WOULD BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN KOWLOON AND WOULD BE TRIED OUT FOR SIX MONTHS, AFTER WHICH IT COULD BE MADE PERMANENT SHOULD IT PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

+IT IS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT IN BUILT-UP AREAS, AS THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC-FREE STREETS WHERE PEOPLE COULD STROLL AND SHOP AT LEISURE AND IN SAFETY WOULD DO MUCH TO IMPROVE URBAN SURROUNDINGS.

+THE SCHEME IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE FOR CHATER ROAD, IN CENTRAL DISTRICT, THE CLOSURE OF WHICH TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON WEEKENDS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS HAS PROVED VERY POPULAR WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, + HE SAID. THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE KOWLOON PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.

THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED ON TUESDAY AT 11 A.M. AT HANOI ROAD BY MR. YU LOK-YAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE TSIMSHATSUI KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION= MR. CHAN KAM-CHING, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN= MR. ALAN LAU, A SHOP OWNER OF HANOI ROAD= AND OFFICIALS FROM THE YAU MA TI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 A.M. ON TUESDAY.

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF CORNWALL AVENUE ARE DISTRIBUTED IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES FOR COLLECTION.

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NEW WING ADDED TO SWD'S FANLING YOUTH HOSTEL

MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ROTARY YOUTH HOSTEL AT FANLING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH THE RECENT COMPLETION OF A NEW WING.

THE EXTENSION, WHICH IS A TWO-STOREY BUILDING, DOUBLES THE DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION OF THE HOSTEL SO THAT 120 YOUNGSTERS CAN NOW USE IT AT ONE TIME.

THE MAIN HOSTEL WAS BUILT EIGHT YEARS AGO WITH FUNDS DONATED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG AFTER WHICH IT IS NAMED. THE CLUB HAS AGAIN CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW WING, THIS TIME GIVING \$80,000 WHILE THE LOTTERIES FUND PROVIDED \$120,000.

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28, THE NEW WING WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, AND THE CLUB'S IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, MR. LAWRENCE FUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH BEGINS AT 3.30 P.M. ON SATURDAY.

THE ROTARY YOUTH HOSTEL IS LOCATED NEXT TO THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND ON TAI PO ROAD, FANLING, ABOUT 200 YARDS FROM THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT.

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PROPERTY REVIEW NOW ON SALE

THE PROPERTY REVIEW 1975, WHICH CONTAINS DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION AND COMMENT ON HONG KONG'S PROPERTY SITUATION, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$14 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

THE PUBLICATION WAS COMPILED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION AND INCLUDES FORECASTS TRENDS IN ALL SECTORS OF THE MARKET FOR BOTH 1975 AND 1976.

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO PROPERTY DEVELOPERS, ARCHITECTS AND SURVEYORS AS WELL AS THOSE INTERESTED IN HONG KONG'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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FACTORY VISITS BY DC AND I DIRECTOR

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, WILL BE VISITING TWO FACTORIES TOMORROW (FRIDAY) -- ONE ON TSING YI ISLAND AND THE OTHER AT TSUEN WAN.

HE WILL FIRST CALL AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONTAINERS LTD. ON TSING YI ISLAND, HONG KONG'S ONLY CONTAINER MANUFACTURING PLANT. IT PRODUCES BETWEEN 3,000 AND 4,000 CONTAINERS A YEAR, AND PLANS TO INCREASE ITS PRODUCTION CAPACITY TO 9,000 CONTAINERS A YEAR.

FROM INTERNATIONAL CONTAINERS LTD, MR. MCGREGOR WILL PROCEED TO SAM FAT HING STEEL FACTORY LTD. WHICH PRODUCES MACHINE AND ENGINE PARTS FOR CRANES, CONTAINERS, MOTOR VEHICLES, HYDROFOILS, ELECTRIC GENERATORS, INCINATORS AND TRACTORS AMONG OTHERS. THE COMPANY'S MAIN MARKET IS HONG KONG ALTHOUGH A FEW ITEMS ARE EXPORTED TO CANADA, ITALY, BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA.

MR. MCGREGOR'S VISIT IS ANOTHER IN THE CONTINUING SERIES WHICH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT MAKE REGULARLY TO FACTORIES TO KEEP THE DEPARTMENT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

MR. MCGREGOR WILL SPEND ABOUT AN HOUR AT EACH OF THE FACTORIES. HE WILL ARRIVE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONTAINERS LTD. AT 2.40 PM, AND AT THE SAM FAT HING STEEL FACTORY LTD. AT 4 PM.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. INTERNATIONAL CONTAINERS LTD. IS SITUATED AT LOT 396 TSING YI ISLAND, AND THE SAM FAT HING STEEL FACTORY IS AT 72-76 TEXACO ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN.

THE DC AND I'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. GERRY XAVIER, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST YOUR REPRESENTATIVES.

A VAN, NO. AM 2154, WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM THE FACTORIES. THE VAN WILL LEAVE THE OLD KOWLOON SUB-POOL (BEHIND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE) AT 1.30 PM SHARP. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO BE ON TIME.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS TOMORROW

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. DENIS BRAY WILL LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE GIS THEATRE AT BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR.

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. STEPHEN LAW CHI-KIN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT= MR. DAVID COMBES, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION= AND MISS HELEN LAU OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TEA PARTY IN THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEERS OFFICERS' MESS ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. THIS PARTY WILL BE ATTENDED BY ORGANISERS OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND BOTH THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND THE TEA PARTY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 12 NOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE THEATRE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR.

HE WILL TALK ABOUT OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AND NEW LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH THEM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND.

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