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SIR PHILIP LOOKS AT BORDER DEVELOPMENTS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TODAY DROPPED IN ON THE OFFICERS ON CONTROL DUTIES AT THE BORDER TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR WORK AND TO SEE THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE THERE.

DURING HIS VISIT TO THE CONTROL POINTS AT MAN KAM TO, LO WU AND SHA TAU KOK, SIR PHILIP RECEIVED A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE POLICE, IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE VARIOUS BORDER POSTS.

SIR PHILIP ALSO INSPECTED THE SHA TAU KOK BRIDGE WHICH WAS OPENED TO CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC LAST MONTH, AND TOURED THE IMMIGRATION HALL AT LO WU STATION.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (OPERATION AND REFUGEES), MR KEN WOODHOUSE, THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER/FRONTIER, AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS.

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CHAIRMEN ELECTED FOR TWO DISTRICT BOARDS

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MR PANG HANG-YIN WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

ALSO AT THE MEETING, MR CHEUNG KUEN WAS ELECTED THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

IN KOWLOON CITY, MR WONG SIK-KONG WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

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RABIES INFECTED AREA REDUCED
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THE DESIGNATED RABIES INFECTED AREA, WHERE MOVEMENT OF DOGS INTO AND OUT OF THE AREA ARE RESTRICTED, WILL BE REDUCED IN SIZE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE RABIES INFECTED AREA WILL BE CONFINED TO THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA, THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE BORDER WITH CHINA, AND NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO OR OUT OF THIS AREA WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, SAID THE DECISION WAS MADE AS SIX MONTHS HAD LAPSED SINCE THE LAST RABIES CASE WAS REPORTED.

HOWEVER, HE EMPHASISED THERE WOULD BE NO LET UP IN THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE DISEASE FROM RECURRING, AND DOG CONTROL UNITS WOULD CONTINUE TO CATCH STRAY DOGS AND INOCULATE OTHERS.

WITHIN THE RABIES INFECTED AREA, DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID, STRINGENT ANTI-RABIES MEASURES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ADOPTED INCLUDING HOUSE-TO-HOUSE VISITS TO ENSURE ALL DOGS WERE INOCULATED AND LICENSED. TALKS AND FILM SHOWS ON RABIES WOULD BE ORGANISED AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ABOUT THE DISEASE DISTRIBUTED TO VILLAGERS.

SINCE THE FIRST RABIES CASE IN 25 YEARS WAS CONFIRMED IN OCTOBER 1980, MORE THAN 224 000 DOGS HAVE BEEN INOCULATED OR RE-INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE AND OVER 140 000 STRAY DOGS ELIMINATED.

DOG OWNERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR DOGS MUST BE LICENSED AND INOCULATED EVERY THREE YEARS AND FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RENDER THE OWNER LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000.

LAST YEAR, SOME 600 PEOPLE WERE FINED FOR NOT KEEPING THEIR DOGS UNDER CONTROL OR FOR POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED DOGS.

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MARCH CLOUDIER, COOLER THAN USUAL
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MARCH 1985 WAS CLOUDIER AND COOLER THAN USUAL. THE TOTAL DURATION OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE WAS ONLY 51.7 HOURS WHICH WAS 49.7 HOURS BELOW NORMAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE WAS 16.7 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS 1.8 DEGREES CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL.

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THE MONTH'S MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE, 1 018.2 MILLIBARS, WAS THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR MARCH.

THE WEATHER WAS OVERCAST WITH FOG AND DRIZZLE FROM MARCH 1 TO 3 UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A MOIST EAST TO SOUTHEASTERLY AIRSTREAM. BOTH FERRY AND AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES WERE DISRUPTED.

IT WAS CLOUDY WITH MIST ON MARCH 4. A COLD FRONT, WHICH FORMED OVER SOUTH CHINA ON MARCH 2, PASSED TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG LATE ON MARCH 4 AND THE MIST WAS CLEARED.

IT WAS CLOUDY WITH A TRACE OF LIGHT RAIN ON MARCH 5 BUT THERE WERE ALSO SUNNY INTERVALS IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH SUNNY INTERVALS FROM MARCH 6 TO 8 ALTHOUGH THERE WAS DRIZZLE IN THE MORNING OF MARCH 8.

CLOUDY WEATHER WITH FOG AND DRIZZLE RETURNED EARLY ON MARCH 9. FOG CLEARED ON THE ARRIVAL OF A COLD FRONT LATER DURING THE DAY. IT REMAINED CLOUDY ON MARCH 10 BUT THERE WERE ALSO SUNNY INTERVALS.

ANOTHER COLD FRONT CROSSED THE SOUTH CHINA COAST EARLY ON MARCH 11 AND BROUGHT OVERCAST CONDITIONS WHICH PERSISTED UP TO MARCH 15. IT WAS COLD WITH LIGHT RAIN, AT TIMES FROM MARCH 12 TO 15. A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ARRIVED ON MARCH 14 AND THE TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 10.6 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE LOWEST OF THE MONTH.

THE WEATHER WAS FINE ON MARCH 16 AND IT BECAME Milder. CLOUDY WEATHER AGAIN SET IN ON MARCH 17 AND, APART FROM SOME SUNNY INTERVALS IN THE AFTERNOON ON MARCH 18 AND 19, CONTINUED UP TO MARCH 22. IT TURNED FINE AND SUNNY IN THE MORNING OF MARCH 23 AND THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE UP TO MARCH 25.

A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE FORMED OVER CENTRAL CHINA IN THE EVENING OF MARCH 24 AND MOVED SLOWLY SOUTHWARDS. ON MARCH 26, UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A WARM AND MOIST AIRSTREAM FROM THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, THE WEATHER WAS CLOUDY WITH MIST AND DRIZZLE AT FIRST AND COASTAL FOG APPEARED LATER IN THE EVENING.

FOGGY CONDITIONS CONTINUED ON MARCH 27 AND 28 DISRUPTING FERRY AND AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES. THE TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 24.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ON MARCH 28, THE HIGHEST OF THE MONTH.

IN THE MORNING OF MARCH 27 A CHINESE PASSENGER FERRY, RED STAR 283, SAILING FROM JIANGMEN TO GUANGZHOU, CAPSIZED IN XI JIANG NEAR JIANGWEI, 16 KM FROM JIANGMEN, IN THUNDERY SQUALLY WEATHER. DURING THE INCIDENT, 73 PEOPLE WERE DROWNED AND TWO WERE MISSING. THERE WERE ALSO REPORTS OF HAIL CAUSING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN NEARBY DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE.

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THE TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE EVENTUALLY REACHED HONG KONG EARLY ON MARCH 29 BRINGING SQUALLY THUNDERSTORMS AND PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN. STRONG EASTERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED OFF-SHORE AND IN EXPOSED AREAS DURING THE DAY. IT REMAINED OVERCAST WITH LIGHT RAIN ON MARCH 30 AND THE WINDS GRADUALLY MODERATED. THE WEATHER CONTINUED CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN ON MARCH 31.

THERE WERE NO TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH FIVE AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON MARCH 24 AND THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MARCH 29.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>WEATHER SYSTEM</u> | <u>SIGNAL</u> | <u>DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING</u> | <u>DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING</u> |
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| WINTER MONSOON | STRONG MONSOON | MARCH 5 8.30 AM | MARCH 5 11.30 AM |
| WINTER MONSOON | STRONG MONSOON | MARCH 29 8.10 AM | MARCH 29 2.40 PM |
| WINTER MONSOON | STRONG MONSOON | MARCH 29 6.35 PM | MARCH 30 1.40 AM |
| WINTER MONSOON | STRONG MONSOON | MARCH 31 11.00 PM | APRIL 1 8.10 AM |

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

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| SUNSHINE | 51.7 HOURS = 49.7 HOURS BELOW NORMAL |
| RAINFALL | 64.2 MM = 9.4 MM ABOVE NORMAL |
| CLOUDINESS | 88% = 12% MORE THAN NORMAL |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY | 82% = NORMAL |
| MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE | 19.0 DEG. C = 2.3 DEG. C BELOW NORMAL |
| MEAN TEMPERATURE | 16.7 DEG. C = 1.8 DEG. C BELOW NORMAL |
| MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE | 15.0 DEG. C = 1.3 DEG. C BELOW NORMAL |
| MEAN DEW POINT | 13.6 DEG. C = 1.4 DEG. C BELOW NORMAL |
| TOTAL EVAPORATION | 63.4 MM = 36.5 MM BELOW NORMAL |

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 24.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON MARCH 28.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 10.6 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON MARCH 14.

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RATEPAYERS REMINDED OF DEADLINE
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RATEPAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT RATES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1985 MUST BE PAID BY 4 PM ON APRIL 30.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT LATE PAYMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE AND A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT ON ACCOUNTS STILL OUTSTANDING SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

HE SAID RATEPAYERS SHOULD HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DEMAND NOTES SHOULD APPLY FOR A COPY AT THE TREASURY RATES SECTION, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), NINTH FLOOR, 11 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG; THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, FOURTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD (MARKET STREET ENTRANCE), KOWLOON; OR THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY, MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 348-352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD), KOWLOON.

+WHETHER OR NOT THE DEMAND NOTE IS RECEIVED, IT DOES NOT ALTER THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE RATES SHOULD BE PAID BEFORE THE DUE DATE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT RATES ARE PAYABLE ON VACANT PREMISES BUT ARE REFUNDABLE UNDER CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THE RATING ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS IN THE CASE OF A VACANT TENEMENT LAST USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED WHOLLY OR PRIMARILY FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES OR FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES, UNLESS IT IS VACANT BY REASON OF AN ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT.

TO AVOID QUEUEING, RATEPAYERS ARE URGED TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER SENT BY POST OR BY EARLY PERSONAL ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE OFFICES LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE DEMAND NOTE.

RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR AUTOPAY FORMS SHOULD READ THEIR DEMAND NOTES CAREFULLY TO SEE IF THEY CONTAIN THE WORDING 'PAYMENT BY AUTOPAY AS AUTHORISED'.

THE ABSENCE OF SUCH WORDING MEANS THEIR FORMS HAVE NOT YET BEEN PROCESSED, IN WHICH CASE THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY THEIR RATES IN THE NORMAL WAY -- IN PERSON OR BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER.

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TUNG WAH DIRECTORS CALL ON SDA
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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS TODAY (THURSDAY) PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP'S ADVISORY BOARD.

THE 20-MEMBER DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MR CHU FEE-LOONG.

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PUBLIC SEEK HELP THROUGH UC'S WARD OFFICES
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S WARD SYSTEM HAS AGAIN PROVED TO BE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC AS EVIDENCED FROM A TOTAL OF 1 800 COMPLAINT CASES HANDLED BY URBAN COUNCILLORS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

OF THESE, 456 CASES RELATING TO HAWKERS AND MARKETS, AMENITIES, CLEANSING AND HYGIENE PROBLEMS FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE COUNCIL. THEY HAVE EITHER BEEN DEALT WITH ALREADY OR ARE STILL BEING LOOKED INTO BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

AS FOR THE REMAINING CASES, 931 CONCERNED HOUSING, 118 WERE ON SOCIAL WELFARE, 105 ON LEGAL MATTERS AND THE BALANCE ON OTHER NON-COUNCIL SUBJECTS. ALL HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR ACTION.

THE URBAN COUNCIL WARD SYSTEM WAS SET UP IN 1965 WITH A VIEW TO HELPING RESIDENTS REDRESS THEIR GRIEVANCES. THERE ARE FIVE WARD OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND SIX IN KOWLOON.

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STUDENTS INVITED TO APPLY FOR AID

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM NEEDY HONG KONG STUDENTS IN THE U.K. FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE JOINT FUNDING SCHEME FOR 1985-86. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE SCHEME, JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG AND U.K. GOVERNMENTS, IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG STUDENTS PURSUING FULL-TIME FIRST DEGREE OR HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES AT UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND MAINTAINED COLLEGES IN THE U.K.

+ALL APPLICANTS MUST HAVE RESIDED OR HAVE HAD THEIR HOMES IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS PRIOR TO COURSE COMMENCEMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE OFFERED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MAINLY IN THE FORM OF OUT-RIGHT GRANTS, BUT IF THE TOTAL REQUIREMENT EXCEEDS THE JOINT CONTRIBUTION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THEN EACH APPLICANT'S GRANT WILL BE REDUCED ON A PRO-RATA BASIS, WITH THE BALANCE MADE UP BY AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+THE MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE WILL BE THE FULL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BRITISH HOME AND OVERSEAS STUDENTS' RATE OF TUITION FEES,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM APRIL 15 (MONDAY) AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMITTEE AT M1 FLOOR, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, 22 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG (TEL: 5-220481).

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING WITH THEM DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR HAVING BEEN ACCEPTED, CONDITIONALLY AT LEAST, BY A U.K. INSTITUTION FOR ONE OF THE COURSES COVERED BY THE SCHEME.

STUDENTS ALREADY IN THE U.K. MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS DIRECT FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:-

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE - LONDON,
6 GRAFTON STREET,
LONDON W1X 3LB.
(TEL: 01-499-9821)

HONG KONG STUDENT CENTRE,
7A LANCASTER GATE,
LONDON W2 2NH.
(TEL: 01-262-3056)

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE (MANCHESTER SUB-OFFICE),
4 MINSHULL STREET,
MANCHESTER M1 3DZ.
(TEL: 061-236-2737)

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE (EDINBURGH SUB-OFFICE),
46 GEORGE STREET, 1ST FLOOR,
EDINBURGH EH2 2LE.
(TEL: 031-226-4230)

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON TO THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE. FOR STUDENTS ALREADY IN THE U.K., THEY SHOULD SEND THEIR APPLICATION FORMS BACK TO THEIR FAMILY IN HONG KONG AND REQUEST A FAMILY MEMBER TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ON THEIR BEHALF.

THE CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS ARE:

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| (A) FOR ON-COURSE STUDENTS | JULY 1 |
| (B) FOR NEW STUDENTS | OCTOBER 1 |

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ON-COURSE STUDENTS ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALREADY FOLLOWING FIRST DEGREE OR HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES AT THE U.K. UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES.

+TO MEET THE DEADLINE, ON-COURSE STUDENTS SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THEIR ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS, BUT SHOULD APPLY FIRST ON THE STRENGTH OF AN ENDORSEMENT ON PAGE 2 OF THE APPLICATION FORM BY THEIR INSTITUTIONS THAT THEY WILL BE PROMOTED TO A HIGHER YEAR OF STUDY IN 1985-86 SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY EXAMINATION RESULTS,+ HE SAID.

NEW STUDENTS ARE STUDENTS WHO START THEIR COURSES IN THE 1985/86 ACADEMIC YEAR. THEY MAY APPLY ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED (CONDITIONALLY OR OTHERWISE) BY INSTITUTIONS IN THE U.K.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINES SPECIFIED ABOVE BUT BEFORE NOVEMBER 2 WILL BE ACCEPTED AND PROCESSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTEREST-FREE LOANS ONLY. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 1.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AS THE AMOUNT OF GRANT PAYABLE IN EACH CASE COULD ONLY BE DETERMINED AFTER ALL THE APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN PROCESSED, IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE EFFECTED BEFORE TERM COMMENCEMENT.

+STUDENTS ARE THEREFORE STRONGLY ADVISED TO CRITICALLY EXAMINE THEIR OWN MEANS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO STUDY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BE PREPARED TO PAY THE FULL TUITION FEES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, IF REQUIRED BY THEIR INSTITUTIONS TO DO SO, WHILE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS,+ HE SAID.

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NEW PREMISES FOR NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE
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THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S OPINIONS AND DELIBERATIONS WOULD, IN THE FUTURE, HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON THE FORMATION OF POLICIES AND PLANS THAT AFFECT THE DAILY LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE ALSO STRESSED THE GOOD UNDERSTANDING AND CLOSE COOPERATION THAT EXISTED BETWEEN THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WOULD CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO GOOD DISTRICT MANAGEMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF NEW PREMISES OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, DR HAYES SAID: +IT IS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT, AT LAST, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE ARE ESTABLISHED IN NORTH DISTRICT WITHIN EASY REACH OF THE RESIDENTS.+

THE OFFICES OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE WERE SITUATED AT TAI PO FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT MOVED TO FANLING IN JANUARY.

DR HAYES SAID THAT THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICES WAS PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL, AS IT COINCIDED WITH THE ELECTIONS OF MR PANG HANG-YIN AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, AND MR CHEUNG KUEN AS THE BOARD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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SENIOR STAFF COURSE MEMBERS TO MEET THE MEDIA
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MEMBERS OF THE SECOND SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE STAFF COURSE, TOGETHER WITH THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES, MR LEN SNEDDON, WILL MEET THE MEDIA AT AN INFORMAL TEA PARTY ON SATURDAY (APRIL 13) AT 11 AM AT THE SENIOR STAFF COURSE CENTRE, 31ST FLOOR, SUN HUNG KAI CENTRE, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

THE COURSE WAS SET UP TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT AND OTHER SKILLS TO OFFICERS, GENERALLY OF DIRECTORATE LEVEL, TO PREPARE THEM FOR WIDER DUTIES IN FUTURE.

THIRTY SIX MEMBERS, COMPRISING 32 SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS AND FOUR REPRESENTATIVES OF EQUIVALENT RANK FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, PARTICIPATED IN THIS COURSE WHICH BEGAN IN JANUARY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND.

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NEW BOARD TO HOLD FIRST MEETING
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3.30 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS, SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, THE FORMATION OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

THE BOARD'S +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME AND THE SUMMARY OF WORK OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES DURING 1982-85 WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, AT 2.30 PM THERE WILL BE A CLOSED-DOOR SESSION TO ELECT THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FIRST CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WILLIE BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

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PROPERTY REVIEW 1985 ON SALE
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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT'S 1985 PROPERTY REVIEW IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$65 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE REVIEW COVERS THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1984 AND PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF SUPPLY, VACANCIES, TAKE-UP, RENTAL AND PURCHASE PRICE MOVEMENTS IN THE MAJOR SECTORS OF THE PROPERTY MARKET.

A SUMMARY OF THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE REVIEW HAS BEEN RELEASED ON JANUARY 30.

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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (GENERAL) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH, MR L.R. MACCULLOCH WILL MEET THE PRESS AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM TO EXPLAIN THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTERING ELECTORS FOR THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR LEE LAP-SUN, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (ELECTORAL SERVICES) AND MR LAI KWAN-TAT, REGISTRATION OFFICER.

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