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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CHINESE
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION UNDER LORD FULTON ON THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HAS BEEN PUBLISHED TO-DAY IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

THE COMMISSION'S REPORT RECOMMENDS IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNING THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGES. UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION, THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACADEMIC AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, THE MATRICULATION OF STUDENTS, THE APPOINTMENT OF STAFF, THE DETERMINATION OF THE CURRICULUM, THE CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS AND THE AWARD OF DEGREES. THE PARTICIPATION OF SENIOR ACADEMICS IN THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE STRENGTHENED. THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THE TEACHING WORK OF THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD REFLECT A BALANCE BETWEEN +SUBJECT-ORIENTATED+ AND SMALL-GROUP +STUDENT-ORIENTATED+ TEACHING, AND THAT THE LATTER SHOULD BE IMPLANTED IN THE COLLEGES. THIS +STUDENT-ORIENTATED+ TEACHING WOULD BE DESIGNED :-

- (1) TO BUILD IN THE STUDENTS HABITS AND APTITUDES OF MIND CHARACTERISTIC OF THE EXPERT IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELDS AND RELEVANT TO THE SOLUTION OF THE KIND OF PROBLEMS THEY ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER LATER IN LIFE=
- (2) TO EQUIP STUDENTS FOR MEETING CHANGE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD.

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL :-

+YOU WILL HAVE BEEN AWAITING WITH GREAT INTEREST THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION THAT I APPOINTED UNDER LORD FULTON'S CHAIRMANSHIP, TO ADVISE ON WHETHER ANY CHANGES WERE NECESSARY IN THE STRUCTURE, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY, ORDINANCES AND STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS CONSTITUENT COLLEGES. THE REPORT HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED AND WILL BE PUBLISHED FORTHWITH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

+THE REPORT RECOMMENDS IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNING THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGES. THE REPORT REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF A LONG PERIOD OF DEBATE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY ABOUT THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATE TO ITS DEVELOPING NEEDS, WHICH HAD CLEARLY IDENTIFIED THE ISSUES INVOLVED. IT ALSO REPRESENTS THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE ADVICE AVAILABLE ON THEM. THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE HAVE BEEN REACHED AFTER MUCH THOUGHT BY THE COMMISSION AND BY THOSE WHO GAVE EVIDENCE TO IT.

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+I BELIEVE THAT THIS REPORT AND THE PROLONGED DEBATE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY THAT PRECEDED IT HAVE PROVIDED ALL THE MATERIAL NECESSARY TO ENABLE US TO DECIDE WHAT CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IS NECESSARY AND TO DRAFT THE LEGISLATION REQUIRED. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE HEALTH OF THE UNIVERSITY REQUIRES THAT WE SHOULD DO SO AS QUICKLY AS OUR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES ALLOW.

+BECAUSE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD REQUIRE LEGISLATION, I HAVE TAKEN THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS ADVICE THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT FOR A REVISED CONSTITUTION. A WORKING GROUP WILL BE SET UP, COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY THE END OF JULY FOR THE LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE REPORT, WITH THE OBJECT OF INTRODUCING THE LEGISLATION INTO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. WHEN THE NEW DRAFT LEGISLATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED THERE WILL BE THE USUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATIONS AND DEBATE BEFORE THE FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN.

+I HAVE OBTAINED CLARIFICATION FROM THE COMMISSION ON PARAGRAPHS 82 AND 90. THIS MAKES CLEAR THAT THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PRESENT BOARDS OF GOVERNORS IN RESPECT OF COLLEGE TRUST FUNDS, LIQUID ASSETS AND ALL REAL PROPERTY SITUATED OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE VESTED IN THE NEW BOARDS OF TRUSTEES WHICH THE REPORT RECOMMENDS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. IT ALSO MAKES CLEAR THAT THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF ALL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, INCLUDING COLLEGE BUILDINGS AND OTHER FIXED ASSETS, SHOULD LIE WITH THE UNIVERSITY REGARDLESS OF OWNERSHIP. THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS BOTH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION. IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS, THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT OWNERSHIP OF BUILDINGS PAID FOR WHOLLY OR IN THE MAJOR PART BY THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE VESTED IN THE UNIVERSITY, AND THAT BUILDINGS PAID FOR IN WHOLE OR IN THE MAJOR PART BY THE COLLEGES OR THEIR BENEFACTORS SHOULD BE VESTED IN EITHER THE NEW BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OR THE UNIVERSITY - THE CHOICE TO LIE WITH THE BOARDS OF GOVERNORS. THE WORKING GROUP WILL APPROACH THE COLLEGE AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE ON THE ABOVE BASIS WHAT PROPERTY WITHIN THE CAMPUS SHOULD BE OWNED BY THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. I HAVE ALSO ASKED THE WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS WITH CHUNG CHI COLLEGE AUTHORITIES WHETHER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN RESPECT OF THE CHAPEL AND SEMINARY.

+IT WILL BE FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO DECIDE HOW AND TO WHAT EXTENT RECOMMENDATIONS NOT COVERED IN LEGISLATION SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, SUCH AS THE METHOD OF ASSIGNING MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE COLLEGES, THE METHOD OF ALLOCATING STUDENTS TO THE COLLEGES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS OF STUDIES.

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+WE OWE LORD FULTON AND HIS COLLEAGUES A DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR THEIR WISE AND PENETRATING REPORT. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.+

BACKGROUND

THE COMMISSION WAS APPOINTED IN NOVEMBER 1975 BY HIS EXCELLENCY SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IN HIS CAPACITY OF CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. THE CHAIRMAN WAS LORD FULTON OF FALMER, WHO HAD CHAIRED THE COMMISSION IN 1963 WHOSE REPORT LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY. THE OTHER MEMBERS WERE SIR MICHAEL HERRIES, FORMERLY CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE, AND PROFESSOR C.K. YANG OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH. THE SECRETARY WAS MR. I.C.M. MAXWELL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OVERSEAS.

THE COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE WERE :-

+BEARING IN MIND EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE FIRST DECADE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT, AND THE PROPOSALS MADE IN THE 'FINAL REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE' FOR THE RE-ORGANISATION OF ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION -

TO ADVISE ON WHETHER ANY CHANGES ARE NECESSARY IN THE GOVERNANCE, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY, ORDINANCES AND STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS CONSTITUENT COLLEGES.+

THE COMMISSION ASSEMBLED IN HONG KONG FROM 5 - 12 DECEMBER 1975 TO HEAR EVIDENCE FROM PERSONS ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COLLEGES. AN OPEN INVITATION WAS ISSUED TO SUBMIT MEMORANDA FOR THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION.

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NEW SHA TIN POLICE STATION

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON A NEW DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION AT SHA TIN IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

THE STATION FORMS PART OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND WILL OCCUPY A SITE OF ABOUT 70,000 SQUARE FEET AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI PO ROAD AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

MR. K.M. TSENG, CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY THE NEW STATION WOULD BE OF A DESIGN SIMILAR TO THE NORTH POINT DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND POLICE STATION.

+IT WILL BASICALLY CONSIST OF ONE 18-STOREY BLOCK, A SINGLE STOREY BLOCK AND A COMPOUND,+ HE SAID.

+THE HIGH BLOCK WILL HOUSE NORMAL POLICE OPERATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, BARRACKS, RECREATION ROOMS AND MARRIED QUARTERS FOR INSPECTORS, WHILE THE LOW BLOCK WILL ACCOMMODATE DOG KENNELS, STORES, CARPARKS AND SERVICE FACILITIES.+

TENDERS FOR THE BUILDING WORKS WILL BE CLOSE ON JUNE 18, 1976.

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HUNG HOM TO CENTRAL FERRY SERVICE EXTENDED
FOR SIX MORE MONTHS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. IAN MACPHERSON, HAS AUTHORISED THE EXTENSION OF THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY'S HUNG HOM TO CENTRAL SERVICE FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM JUNE 1 (TUESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE EXTENSION WAS GRANTED BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL TRIAL PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 30, 1975 TO MAY 31, 1976, HAD PROVED TOO SHORT TO BASE A DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF THIS SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A FULL REVIEW OF THE SERVICE WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

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TOPLEY REPLIES TO STUDENT TEACHERS

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT AN ESTIMATED 532 VACANT PLACES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR FOR GRADUATES OF THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION TO APPLY FOR APPOINTMENT.

WHEN FIRM DETAILED INFORMATION ON THESE VACANCIES WAS AVAILABLE IT WOULD BE SENT TO THE STUDENTS' UNIONS THROUGH THE COLLEGE PRINCIPALS.

MR. TOPLEY STATED THIS IN REPLY TO A POINT RAISED IN LAST SATURDAY'S LETTER FROM THE STUDENTS' UNIONS.

IN ADDITION THE DIRECTOR HOPED THAT SUITABLY QUALIFIED SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS WOULD APPLY FOR ENTRY TO THE 250 PLACES IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION THIRD-YEAR COURSES WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE COMING SEPTEMBER.

HE EMPHASISED THAT STUDENTS ACCEPTED FOR THE THIRD-YEAR COURSES WOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE WHO BY THEIR PROGRESS IN THE TWO-YEAR COURSE HAD DEMONSTRATED THEIR ABILITY TO BENEFIT FROM THIS HIGHER LEVEL OF TRAINING.

MR. TOPLEY SAID: +THE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY THE THIRD-YEAR COURSE TO BRING ABOUT A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IN THE SECONDARY SECTOR ARE OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE+.

REPLYING TO ANOTHER POINT, THE DIRECTOR REFERRED TO HIS LETTER OF FEBRUARY 26 TO THE STUDENTS' UNIONS WHEN HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WOULD ONCE AGAIN GIVE ASSISTANCE TO COLLEGE GRADUATES IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ALONG THE LINES INTRODUCED IN 1975.

A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THIS SERVICE WOULD BE ISSUED TO THE COLLEGES EARLY IN JUNE.

+FULL INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC JOB VACANCIES WHICH ARE NOTIFIED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE COLLEGES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR EMPHASISED THAT THIS SERVICE WAS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS WOULD HAVE READY ACCESS TO INFORMATION ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT THEY COULD APPLY FOR THOSE VACANCIES THAT ATTRACTED THEM.

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HE SAID THE STUDENTS' UNIONS OF THE THREE COLLEGES WOULD ONCE AGAIN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING AND FORWARDING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING POSTS.

MR. TOPLEY ASSURED THE STUDENTS' UNIONS THAT MANY SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF THIS SERVICE FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES.

HE ADDED: +I BELIEVE THAT IT WAS THE EXISTENCE OF THIS ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK, TOGETHER WITH SYMPATHETIC CONCERN SHOWN BY ALL INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF THE SERVICE, THAT WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE SERVICE LAST YEAR, AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE STUDENTS' UNIONS THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE JUST AS EFFICIENTLY THIS YEAR.+

IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEREFORE, THE DIRECTOR CONSIDERED THAT NO ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES WOULD BE GAINED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AS REQUESTED BY THE STUDENTS' UNIONS.

IN REPLY TO THEIR COMMENTS ON EDUCATIONAL PLANNING, MR. TOPLEY ASSURED THE STUDENTS' UNIONS THAT THIS WAS TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+IT IS, OF COURSE, A VERY COMPLEX PROCESS INVOLVING MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES. THE BASIC PROBLEM IN EDUCATIONAL PLANNING IS THE ALLOCATION OF LIMITED RESOURCES IN SUCH A WAY THAT OPTIMUM BENEFITS ARE SECURED.

+CLEARLY, THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE AT ANY ONE TIME, AND SOME DESIRABLE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS CANNOT GO AHEAD STRAIGHT AWAY BECAUSE OF COMPETITION FROM OTHER MORE PRESSING NEEDS.+

THE DIRECTOR SAID THE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH ON FEBRUARY 26 PRECLUDED THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROPOSED BY THE STUDENTS' UNIONS FOR PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE FORM OF SALARY SUPPLEMENTATION.

BUT, MR. TOPLEY SAID, THE PLAN +DOES NOT RULE OUT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF GIVING BETTER RECOGNITION FOR EXPERIENCE GAINED IN TEACHING IN THESE SCHOOLS.+

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REGISTRATION OF REDUNDANT TEACHERS COMPLETED
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE COMPLETED ITS REGISTRATION OF 215 REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN SUBSIDISED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH UNDER-UTILISED CLASSES AT 3.30 P.M. TODAY.

MR. LEE TZE-CHUN, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE PLACEMENT SERVICE, SAID THAT LAST WEDNESDAY WAS THE BUSIEST DAY WHEN 126 TEACHERS TURNED UP AT HIS OFFICE.

+I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO THE TEACHERS CONCERNED FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND CO-OPERATION WITH ME AND MY COLLEAGUES.

+AS FROM NEXT TUESDAY I SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO REFER THEM TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OF OTHER SUBSIDISED PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT,+ MR. LEE SAID.

HE ADDED: +I HOPE TO COMPLETE THIS TASK BY THE END OF JULY.+

MR. LEE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THINGS WOULD PROCEED SMOOTHLY IN THE NEXT STAGE OF THE PLACEMENT EXERCISE.

+I APPRECIATE THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR CONTINUED CO-OPERATION IN HELPING THESE TEACHERS,+ MR. LEE SAID.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL
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THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY WILL RUN EIGHT ADDITIONAL TRAINS TO AND FROM TAI PO MARKET NEXT WEDNESDAY (JUNE 2) TO FACILITATE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE DRAGON BOAT RACES AT YUEN CHOW TSAI.

THERE WILL BE FOUR SPECIAL UP TRAINS -- TWO IN THE MORNING AND TWO IN THE AFTERNOON. THESE TRAINS, WHICH WILL NOT STOP AT MONG KOK, WILL LEAVE HUNG HOM AT 7.54 A.M., 8.52 A.M., 12.39 P.M. AND 3.58 P.M., ARRIVING AT TAI PO MARKET AT 8.46 A.M., 9.49 A.M., 1.27 P.M. AND 4.47 P.M. RESPECTIVELY.

FOUR SPECIAL DOWN TRAINS HAVE ALSO BEEN ARRANGED. THEY WILL LEAVE TAI PO MARKET AT 10.37 A.M., 2 P.M., 2.40 P.M. AND 5.22 P.M., ARRIVING IN KOWLOON AT 11.21 A.M., 2.57 P.M., 3.29 P.M. AND 6.23 P.M. RESPECTIVELY.

ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL ALSO RUN IN THE LATE EVENING IF NEEDED.

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING PRAISED THE WORK OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

ADDRESSING THE CAS ANNUAL DINNER AT CITY HALL, SIR MURRAY NOTED THAT LAST YEAR WAS EXCEPTIONAL BECAUSE THE CAS WAS CALLED UPON TO RENDER AID NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG BUT ALSO TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED SO UNEXPECTEDLY ON MAY 4.

+THIS WAS AT A TIME WHEN YOU WERE ALREADY HEAVILY COMMITTED TO PERFORM DUTIES CONNECTED WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S VISIT,+ HE SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+MR. COMMISSIONER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

+I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU ALL AGAIN THIS EVENING AND TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY YOUR WARM HOSPITALITY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO AS I WISH PERSONALLY TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE UNTIRING EFFORTS YOU HAVE PUT INTO YOUR VOLUNTEER DUTIES OVER THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS.

+THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR, AS YOUR COMMISSIONER HAS MENTIONED, YOU HAVE BEEN KEPT VERY BUSY, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE SACRIFICES YOU HAVE MADE IN GIVING UP YOUR LEISURE TIME TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY. LAST YEAR WAS EXCEPTIONAL FOR YOU WERE CALLED UPON TO RENDER AID NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG BUT ALSO TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED SO UNEXPECTEDLY ON THE 4TH MAY. THIS WAS AT A TIME WHEN YOU WERE ALREADY HEAVILY COMMITTED TO PERFORM DUTIES CONNECTED WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S VISIT. THE FACT THAT AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE YOU WERE ABLE TO MOBILISE SUFFICIENT VOLUNTEERS TO MEET ALL THOSE COMMITMENTS SO EFFICIENTLY, DEMONSTRATES CLEARLY THE HIGH STANDARDS OF YOUR ORGANISATION. THE WELFARE OF THIS LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WAS, I KNOW FROM MY OWN VISITS TO THE CAMPS, HANDLED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF UNDERSTANDING AND HUMANITY- AND THE REFUGEES GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR ASSISTANCE AND INGENUITY.

+LIKE ALL SUCCESSFUL ORGANISATIONS, YOU NEED TO LOOK AHEAD TO THE FUTURE AND EVEN IN THE MIDST OF ALL YOUR OPERATIONAL DUTIES LAST YEAR, PLANS WERE PUT IN HAND TO RESTRUCTURE AND STREAMLINE THE SERVICE. AS A RESULT, AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, A NEW LOOK CIVIL AID SERVICE, WITH AN INDEPENDENT CADET CORPS, EMERGED. FROM THE REPORTS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED, THE NEW ORGANISATION APPEARS TO BE WORKING WELL. THIS IS BORNE OUT BY THE EXPERTISE YOU HAVE SHOWN IN YOUR FOREST FIRE FIGHTING DUTIES, RURAL AREA PATROLLING AND WHEN YOU ASSISTED IN CONTROLLING THE VERY LARGE CROWDS WHO ATTENDED THE BILLY GRAHAM RELIGIOUS CRUSADE AND THE THREE WALKS FOR A MILLION WHICH RAISED MORE MONEY FOR CHARITY THAN EVER BEFORE.

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+ I AM PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE CADET CORPS IS PROGRESSING SO WELL, AND THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE CADETS' ENTHUSIASM. I WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO FIND A SEA-ORIENTED ACTIVITY CAMP SITE.

+ SINCE I LAST DINED WITH YOU, YOU HAVE HAD A SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING YEAR WHICH HAS REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON THE SERVICE. BEFORE I SIT DOWN, I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE FUTURE OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES. +

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 12 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
JUNE 14 (MONDAY)	9 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
JUNE 15 (TUESDAY)	
JUNE 16 (WEDNESDAY)	9 A.M. -- 4 P.M.
JUNE 17 (THURSDAY)	
JUNE 18 (FRIDAY)	9 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
JUNE 21 (MONDAY)	
JUNE 22 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 11 P.M.
JUNE 23 (WEDNESDAY)	
JUNE 24 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. -- 6 P.M.
JUNE 28 (MONDAY)	
JUNE 29 (TUESDAY)	9 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
JUNE 30 (WEDNESDAY)	

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