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AMENDMENTS TO ICAC ORDINANCE
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A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TO THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVE INDEPENDENT OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION. THESE AMENDMENTS ALSO INCLUDE MEASURES DESIGNED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST PERSONS KNOWINGLY MAKING FALSE REPORTS TO THE ICAC OR FALSELY PRETENDING TO BE, OR HAVE THE POWER OF, AN ICAC OFFICER.

IN ADDITION, PROVISIONS IN THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE DESIGNED TO PREVENT CORRUPT OFFICERS FROM MAKING OFF WITH THEIR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS ARE TO BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE.

THE CHANGES ARE CONTAINED IN THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 AND THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW. THE BILLS ARE EXPECTED TO GO BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 11.

COMMENTING ON THE AMENDMENTS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT, IN THE MAIN, THE NEW POWERS FOR THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ARE POWERS WHICH POLICE OFFICERS ALREADY HAVE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY WITH WHICH THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION WAS SET UP IN 1973, THE LEGISLATIVE PROVISION FOR IT WAS CONFINED TO WHAT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT IT COULD FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY.

+HAD TIME BEEN NOT SO PRESSING, MOST OF THE AMENDMENTS NOW BEING PROPOSED WOULD HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION ORDINANCE.+

AS IT IS, ALL THE AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVED NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE OF THE WORKING OF THE ORDINANCE AND OF DEVELOPMENTS, SINCE THE LATTER PART OF 1974.

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED IN THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL WILL GIVE THE COMMISSION'S OFFICERS POWER TO ARREST A PERSON FOR ANY OFFENCE WHICH MAY COME TO LIGHT DURING INVESTIGATIONS INTO ALLEGED CORRUPTION NOTWITHSTANDING THAT THE OFFENCE IS NOT UNDER THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE OR THE CORRUPT AND ILLEGAL PRACTICES ORDINANCE. ICAC OFFICERS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN POWER TO ENTER PREMISES IN SEARCH OF A SUSPECT WHO IS TO BE ARRESTED.

REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF POWERS OF ARREST, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS TO COVER TWO MAIN CLASSES OF CASES.

ONE OF THESE IS WHERE THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CORRUPTION UNAVOIDABLY INVOLVES ENQUIRIES INTO OTHER OFFENCES AND IT IS NOT PRACTICABLE FOR THE COMMISSION TO DISENGAGE ITSELF FROM THE INQUIRY AND HAND IT OVER TO THE POLICE FORCE.

THE OTHER IS WHERE IT IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO INSTITUTE A PROSECUTION FOR AN OFFENCE OTHER THAN A CORRUPTION OFFENCE, WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ALSO EVIDENCE OF AN OFFENCE UNDER THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE.

AT PRESENT THE COMMISSION HAS NO AUTHORITY TO RELEASE AN ARRESTED PERSON ON BAIL EXCEPT THROUGH THE POLICE FORCE, AND AN AMENDMENT IN THE BILL WILL ENABLE AN OFFICER OF THE COMMISSION TO GRANT BAIL ALONG THE LINES PROVIDED FOR IN THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE. BAIL GRANTED UNDER THIS PROVISION MAY BE EXTENDED FROM TIME TO TIME BY AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION.

ALSO INCORPORATED INTO THE ORDINANCE ARE CLAUSES DEALING SPECIFICALLY WITH THE POWERS OF OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION TO SEARCH PERSONS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFENCE OR ANYONE SUSPECTED OF BEING GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE WHICH THE COMMISSION IS INVESTIGATING. THE NEW CLAUSES ALSO DEAL WITH THE SEARCHING OF PREMISES IN WHICH SUSPECTED PERSONS ARE ARRESTED AND INCLUDE A GENERAL POWER TO SEIZE ANYTHING WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE EVIDENCE OF SUCH AN OFFENCE.

THERE IS ALSO PROVISION FOR THE SEARCH OF PREMISES, UNDER A MAGISTRATE'S WARRANT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF OFFENCES AND FOR THE TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS, FINGERPRINTS AND MEASUREMENTS FOR RECORD PURPOSE.

THE BILL ALSO INTRODUCES THREE NEW OFFENCES - RESISTING OR OBSTRUCTING AN ICAC OFFICER IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS DUTY- KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE REPORT TO AN ICAC OFFICER OR MISLEADING HIM BY FALSE INFORMATION OR STATEMENTS, AND, FALSELY PRETENDING TO BE, OR TO HAVE THE POWERS OF AN ICAC OFFICER.

IN THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT) BILL, IT IS PROPOSED TO PROVIDE, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PERSONAL SERVICE, THAT A NOTICE OR ORDER UNDER THE PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ORDINANCE RESTRAINING A SUSPECT OR A THIRD PARTY FROM DEALING WITH PROPERTY MAY BE SERVED IN ANY WAY AUTHORISED BY THE DISTRICT COURT.

IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT ALL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE A MAGISTRATE IN RELATION TO THE SURRENDER OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS BE HEARD IN CHAMBERS.

TWO OF THE NEW OFFENCES PROPOSED IN THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL FOLLOW OFFENCES ALREADY IN THE POLICE FORCE ORDINANCE AND THE THIRD, WHICH IS BASED ON SECTION 22 OF THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, IS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC TO MINIMISE THE DANGER OF IMPERSONATION OF ICAC OFFICERS. THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT SINCE MAY 1974 THERE HAD BEEN 22 REPORTED CASES OF IMPERSONATION.

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AGREEMENT WITH THAILAND TO ABOLISH VISAS

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NOTES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE THAI CONSUL GENERAL IN HONG KONG AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARY CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE THAI AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS TO ABOLISH VISAS FOR VISITS OF UP TO 15 DAYS BY HOLDERS OF BRITISH (HONG KONG) PASSPORTS TO THAILAND AND THAI PASSPORT HOLDERS TO HONG KONG.

DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- (1) HOLDERS OF BRITISH (HONG KONG) PASSPORTS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT THAILAND WITHOUT VISAS FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 15 DAYS, INCLUDING THE DATE OF LANDING.
- (2) THIS PERIOD SHALL NOT BE EXTENDED EXCEPT UNDER EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.
- (3) HOLDERS OF BRITISH (HONG KONG) PASSPORTS VISITING THAILAND WITHOUT VISAS UNDER THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE IMMIGRATION LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN THAILAND. IN PARTICULAR, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE IN THAILAND, AND ONWARD OR RETURN TICKETS WHICH WILL ENABLE THEM TO LEAVE THAILAND WITHIN THE PERMITTED STAY PERIOD.
- (4) HOLDERS OF PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THAILAND SHALL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT HONG KONG WITHOUT VISAS FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 15 DAYS ON RECIPROCAL BASIS AND UNDER ARRANGEMENTS IDENTICAL TO THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

THIS AGREEMENT WILL COME INTO EFFECT AS FROM JANUARY 30, 1976.

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GOVERNMENT EXPLAINS GAMBLING POLICY

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON GAMBLING IS TO REDUCE FORMS OF RAMPANT ILLEGAL GAMBLING THAT EXPLOIT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE MEANS OF CONTROL ADOPTED IS TO PROVIDE LEGAL AND WELL-CONTROLLED CENTRES RUN BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WHERE PUNTERS MAY PLACE THEIR BETS.

+IN ADDITION TO SAFEGUARDING THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY HAS ALLOWED THE POLICE TO CONCENTRATE ON MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +AND IS ALREADY HAVING A POSITIVE EFFECT ON REDUCING ILLEGAL GAMBLING.+

MANY OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES HAVE BEEN SET UP IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS WHERE DEMAND FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB IS THE GREATEST. IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITY WILL INCREASE IN POPULATED AREAS WHERE CONTROLLED CENTRES DO NOT EXIST.

REFERRING TO THE SITE ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED FOR A BETTING CENTRE IN KO CHIU ROAD ESTATES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +FOLLOWING THE ADVICE OF UMELCO - AND TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT A KINDERGARTEN ADJOINS THE PREMISES - IT WILL BE SUGGESTED TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY THAT THIS PARTICULAR SITE IS NOT SUITABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.+

THE PROBLEM OF COMBATTING PRESENT AND POTENTIAL ILLEGAL GAMBLING STILL REQUIRES SOME CONTROLLED BETTING OUTLETS IN EVERY CENTRE OF POPULATION.

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PUBLIC URGED TO HELP PREVENT HILL FIRES

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY ISSUED ANOTHER APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE CARE AND FIRE PRECAUTIONS WHEN GOING OUT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THE COMING HOLIDAYS THIS WEEKEND.

HE ALSO WARNED PICNICKERS THAT ANYONE CAUGHT LIGHTING FIRES CARELESSLY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE COULD BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2,000 AND A YEAR'S JAIL.

+REMEMBER, IT IS YOUR COUNTRYSIDE. TREAT IT LIKE YOU TREAT YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WAS REALLY NO REASON FOR PEOPLE TO LIGHT FIRES IN OPEN AREAS BECAUSE THERE ARE OVER A THOUSAND BARBECUE PITS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THEM TO USE.

EVEN SO, HE SAID, THEY SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL IN LIGHTING A FIRE AND MAKE SURE THAT IT IS COMPLETELY OUT AFTER THEIR BARBECUE.

+IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PICNICKERS UNDERSTAND THE DANGER OF HILL FIRES AND THE DAMAGE THEY CAN CAUSE TO THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. THAT IS WHY WE REPEAT OUR WARNING SO VERY OFTEN+.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IF PICNICKERS SHOULD SPOT A HILL FIRE, ESPECIALLY A SMALL ONE, THEY COULD HELP BY STAMPING OR BEATING IT OUT.

+YOUR EFFORTS MIGHT HELP IN PREVENTING A DISASTER,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE WARNED PEOPLE NOT TO TACKLE LARGE AND SPREADING HILL FIRES BUT THEY SHOULD INSTEAD ALERT THE NEAREST FORESTRY OFFICER OR CALL THE POLICE OR FIRE SERVICES.

DURING THE FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY WHICH BEGINS ON SATURDAY, STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL BE MOBILISED TO PATROL POTENTIAL DANGER SPOTS WHERE THERE IS A HIGH RISK OF FIRE. A NUMBER OF 100-MAN UNITS WILL BE PATROLLING THE KOWLOON HILL AREAS OF SHEK LI PUI, ROUTE TWISK, TAI LAM CHUNG AND TAI MEI TUK.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO AUTHORISED A LIMITED CALL OUT OF 80 PERSONNEL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) TO ASSIST IN PATROL DUTIES ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 31), SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 1) AND ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 3).

IN ADDITION, THE BRITISH FORCES WILL BE PROVIDING FIRE FIGHTING UNITS ON STANDBY TO HELP OUT IF NECESSARY.

FIRE WARNINGS AND APPEAL MESSAGES WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST ON TRAINS AND FERRIES THIS WEEKEND.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH KCR

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MR. JAMES ROBSON, AND MRS. ROBSON WILL UNVEIL A BELL, LINKED WITH HALF A CENTURY OF HONG KONG HISTORY, IN THE MAIN CONCOURSE OF THE NEW HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINUS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE ONE-TON BRONZE BELL, MADE IN 1919, WAS PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI RAILWAY STATION CLOCK TOWER.

AFTER THE UNVEILING, THE BELL WILL BECOME A PERMANENT FEATURE AT THE NEW STATION. THOUGH IT WILL NO LONGER CHIME EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR, IT IS HOPED THAT IT MAY SERVE AS A FOCAL POINT WHERE PASSENGERS AND THEIR FRIENDS OR RELATIVES CAN MEET.

THE GENERAL MANAGER OF KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MR. REG GREGORY, SAID THE BELL WOULD BE DECORATED WITH MANDARINES FOR THE CEREMONY BY THE MIRAMAR HOTEL.

KCR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HOTEL WILL ALSO PRESENT A VARIETY SHOW AT 3 P.M. ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 2) IN THE MAIN TERMINUS CONCOURSE.

THE SHOW, LASTING ONE AND A HALF HOURS, CONSISTS OF CHINESE CLASSICAL FOLK DANCES, SONGS, A PUPPET SHOW AND A LION DANCE BY THE ENTERTAINMENTS GROUP OF THE HOTEL.

MR. GREGORY SAID THIS WAS ONE OF A FEW EXAMPLES OF JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT AND A PRIVATE ORGANISATION AND HE HOPED THAT THIS INITIATIVE WOULD BE FOUND SATISFYING TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW RANGE OF POCKET-SIZE TIMETABLES WHICH WILL BE ISSUED ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 4). AT THE SAME TIME, ILLUMINATED TIMETABLE DISPLAY CASES PROVIDED BY THE BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS WILL COME INTO OPERATION.

TO GIVE THE HUNG HOM STATION A HOLIDAY ATMOSPHERE, A LARGE NEW YEAR GREETING CARD HAS BEEN PUT UP BY THE KCR AND DECORATED WITH FLOWERS BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR. GREGORY ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FROM FEBRUARY 4, THE FIRST DAY AFTER THE HOLIDAYS, THERE WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL TRAIN TO SERVE NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS COMING TO THE URBAN AREAS. IT WILL LEAVE FANLING DAILY AT 6.29 A.M. AND ARRIVE AT KOWLOON AT 9.39 A.M.

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PROGRESS IN PROJECT TO HELP SCHOOL DROPOUTS

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THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT PROJECT TO HELP SCHOOL DROPOUTS IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARDS SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN BETWEEN 12 AND 13 WHO ARE NEITHER AT SCHOOL NOR AT WORK.

THE PROJECT IS CARRIED OUT BY THE DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEES IN FOUR CITY DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG EAST, KWUN TONG, WONG TAI SIN AND SHAMSHUIPO UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF THE PROJECT IS TO KEEP THE CHILDREN FROM LOITERING IN THE STREETS BY HELPING OR ENCOURAGING THEM TO RE-ENROLL IN SCHOOLS OR TO RECEIVE SUITABLE PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND, FOR THOSE APPROACHING 14 YEARS, TO FIND SUITABLE JOBS.

SINCE THE PROJECT STARTED LAST SEPTEMBER, MORE THAN 200 SCHOOL DROPOUTS IDENTIFIED HAVE BEEN RE-ENROLLED OR PLACED IN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION. SO FAR EIGHT INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS HAVE RESPONDED TO THE PROJECT BY MAKING OFFERS OF APPRENTICESHIP AND JOB VACANCIES THE NUMBER OF WHICH EXCEEDS THAT REQUIRED BY DROPOUTS.

BESIDES SCHOOL AND JOB PLACEMENTS, OTHER SERVICES OFFERED TO THE DROPOUTS INCLUDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING. CAMPS, PICNICS, FRIENDSHIP GROUPS, VARIOUS INTEREST CLASSES SUCH AS TAILORING AND CARPENTRY AND WEEKEND RECREATIONAL GAME CENTRES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED OR PROVIDED FOR THE DROPOUTS. THE PURPOSES ARE TO ENABLE THEM TO HAVE SUITABLE ENTERTAINMENT AS WELL AS TO EXPERIENCE GROUP LIFE AND TO LEARN HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS. AT PRESENT, ABOUT 130 CHILDREN ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAMMES.

HOWEVER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SAID :
+THE PROJECT IS NOT WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS. SOME PARENTS ARE FOUND TO BE RELUCTANT IN ACCEPTING HELP OFFERED TO THEIR CHILDREN, PROBABLY DUE TO MISCONCEPTIONS AND IGNORANCE, OR BECAUSE THEY CANNOT SPARE THEIR CHILDREN HELPING WITH HOUSEHOLD CHORES TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMMES.

+NONETHELESS, HAVING LAUNCHED THE PROJECT FOR ALMOST HALF A YEAR, THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES IN THE FOUR DISTRICTS HAVE FOUND THAT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM OF SCHOOL DROPOUTS DO NOT APPEAR AS GREAT AS IT MAY SEEM TO BE.+

MORE AND MORE SUPPORT ARE FORTHCOMING FROM PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC. WITH PERSEVERANCE AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE ECONOMY, CONTINUED PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM CAN BE ACHIEVED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES TO FISHERMEN

FISHERMEN WHO LANDED THE LARGEST CATCHES AND WHO SAVED LIVES AT SEA LAST YEAR WILL BE COMMENDED AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 1).

FORTY-EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANIZATION WHO HAVE HAD 25 YEARS' LOYAL SERVICE WILL ALSO RECEIVE MEMENTOS AND CERTIFICATES.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. EDWARD NICHOLS, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND MRS. NICHOLS WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES.

THE SEVEN FISHERMEN TO BE COMMENDED FOR SAVING LIVES ARE LAW CHO-NG, WONG AH-MEI, WONG SO, SO YA-SAM, LEUNG KIN-SAU, MA FUNG-KWONG AND MA MUK-KAN.

THE NUMBER OF FISHERMEN TO BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES FOR HAVING MARKETED THE LARGEST VALUE OF FISH THROUGH THE FMO TOTALS 44.

THEY ARE FROM VARIOUS FISHING CENTRES IN HONG KONG AND MAKE THEIR LIVELIHOOD ON VARIOUS TYPES OF VESSEL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY. IT WILL BE HELD AT 12 NOON ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 (SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET IN FAT CHEUNG STREET.

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NEW SCHOOL BUILDING FOR SAM TSENG
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A NEW \$1.4 MILLION SCHOOL BUILDING TO REPLACE ONE WHICH IS TO BE DEMOLISHED SOON TO MAKE WAY FOR A HIGHWAY VIADUCT WAS OPENED AT SAM TSENG, NEW TERRITORIES, TODAY (THURSDAY) BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, TSUEN WAN, MR. JAMES HAYES.

THE SCHOOL IS THE EMMANUEL CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL WHICH WILL CATER FOR A TOTAL OF 450 PUPILS IN MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

THE SCHOOL WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH FUNDS ALSO PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT. CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN 1974 AND WAS COMPLETED THIS WEEK.

THE 1,100-FOOT VIADUCT IS A CRUCIAL STAGE OF THE TUEN MUN TO TSUEN WAN HIGHWAY AND WILL PASS OVER SAM TSENG VILLAGE AT A HEIGHT OF ABOUT 90 FEET.

MR. HAYES, IN A SHORT ADDRESS, PRAISED THE +CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING+ OF THE CHURCH WHICH HAS SURRENDERED SOME OF ITS LAND TO MAKE WAY FOR THE VIADUCT.

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