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LEGCO PAYS TRIBUTE TO SIR EDWARD'S WORK  
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AS A MARK OF RESPECT, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEVOTED ITS SESSION TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO STATEMENTS OF TRIBUTE TO ITS LATE PRESIDENT, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

MEMBERS STOOD IN SILENCE FOR ONE MINUTE AS SOON AS THE MEETING BEGAN.

LADY YOUDE AND HER DAUGHTERS DEBORAH AND JENNIFER WERE PRESENT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER TO HEAR THE TRIBUTES BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE SENIOR MEMBER, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

BOTH EXTENDED DEEP SYMPATHY TO LADY YOUDE AND HER FAMILY, AND AT THE SAME TIME EMPHASISED THAT SIR EDWARD'S ACHIEVEMENTS WOULD LIVE ON.

SIR DAVID SUMMARISED ALL THAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING SIR EDWARD'S GOVERNORSHIP, AND HOW HE HAD STEERED HONG KONG SAFELY THROUGH PERIODS OF UNCERTAINTY.

IN PARTICULAR, HE SINGLED OUT SIR EDWARD'S CONCERN FOR EDUCATION, SAYING THAT +HE BELIEVED THAT EDUCATION, A SUPREMACY IN EDUCATION, LAY AT THE VERY HEART OF OUR ABILITY TO KEEP HONG KONG MOVING FORWARD.+

SIR DAVID SAID THAT SIR EDWARD HAD MOVED WITH QUIET CONFIDENCE, AND HE URGED MEMBERS TO FOLLOW THIS EXAMPLE, AND MOVE FORWARD IN A SPIRIT OF UNITY.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF OTHER MEMBERS, MISS DUNN SAID THE COUNCIL OWED IT TO SIR EDWARD'S MEMORY TO CONTINUE HIS WORK -- +TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATIONS THAT HE LAID, TO FOLLOW THE COURSE THAT HE SET FOR US, TO FULFIL HIS VISION OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE.+

SHE ALSO NOTED THAT, +I THINK WE SHALL SEE HIS GREATEST LEGACY TO HONG KONG WAS TO HELP AND ENCOURAGE US TO RELY MORE ON OURSELVES.+

MISS DUNN PRAISED SIR EDWARD AS AN ABLE, DILIGENT AND DECISIVE LEADER WITH A PRODIGIOUS APPETITE FOR WORK.

MISS DUNN CONCLUDED HER STATEMENT BY PLEDGING MEMBERS' FULL SUPPORT TO SIR DAVID, AS ACTING GOVERNOR AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

TRIBUTE BY ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES  
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+HONOURABLE MEMBERS,

+YESTERDAY, HONG KONG SAID FAREWELL TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR SIR EDWARD YOUDE. TODAY, WE GATHER TO REMEMBER THE WISE, FRIENDLY AND PATIENT MAN WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF THIS COUNCIL AND GUIDED HONG KONG AND THIS COUNCIL THROUGH FOUR TURBULENT AND EVENTFUL YEARS.

+WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE ON MAY 20, 1982, AS THE 26TH GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT HE WOULD DO HIS UTMOST TO CONTRIBUTE 'TO THE WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND TO MAKING THE FUTURE OF THIS TERRITORY A BRIGHT ONE'.

+HE SPOKE THESE WORDS WHEN DARK CLOUDS OF UNCERTAINTY HAD GATHERED ABOUT OUR ECONOMY AND ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO SUSTAIN THE MAJOR PROGRAMMES OF IMPROVEMENT THAT HAD BEEN STARTED IN THE YEARS BEFORE AND ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS VERY SPECIAL PLACE.

+TODAY WE CAN SEE FROM THE EVIDENCE AROUND US, IN THE STREETS, THE SHOPPING MALLS, THE FACTORIES, HOUSING ESTATES, SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, HOSPITALS, CONCERT HALLS, PLAYGROUNDS AND COUNTRY PARKS HOW WELL THOSE AMBITIONS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

+IN HIS FIRST POLICY SPEECH TO THIS COUNCIL IN OCTOBER 1982, HE CLEARLY SET OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF HIS GOVERNORSHIP - 'TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE PUBLIC WILL; TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE DRIVE AND ENTERPRISE, REGULATING ONLY WHERE THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF BUSINESS, FAIR TREATMENT OF THE WORK FORCE AND THE GOOD NAME OF HONG KONG REQUIRE; TO PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENABLE MODERN TECHNIQUES TO DEVELOP; TO BE A GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE; AND TO ACHIEVE ALL THESE IN A SOCIETY IN WHICH THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARE RESPECTED AND WHERE LAW AND ORDER CAN PREVAIL'.

+HE SET ABOUT THESE TASKS IN A CHARACTERISTIC STEADY AND UNASSUMING MANNER, QUIETLY ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS AND, BY HIS HIGH EXAMPLE, INSPIRING US ALL TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES.

+SIR EDWARD CAME AT A TIME OF WORLD ECONOMIC RECESSION WHEN IN HONG KONG BANKS WERE FAILING, BUSINESS HOUSES WERE UNDERMINED AND COLLAPSING AND WHEN THIS GOVERNMENT'S REVENUES DROPPED INTO DEFICIT.

+SIR EDWARD RESPONDED TO THESE INAUSPICIOUS BEGINNINGS BY VIGOROUSLY DEFENDING HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

/+ABROAD, HE .....

+ABROAD, HE PERSONALLY LED TRADE DELEGATIONS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES AND, IN THE LAST DAYS OF HIS LIFE, TO CHINA TO PROMOTE THESE INTERESTS.

+AT HOME IN THIS COUNCIL, LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED, THE BETTER TO REGULATE AND SUPERVISE BANKING, INSURANCE, THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS HOUSES. HONG KONG PUT ITS HOUSE IN ORDER.

+SIR EDWARD REFUSED TO BE BLOWN OFF COURSE BY CONFLICTING ADVICE AND PARTISAN APPEALS. AS A RESULT, WEALTH FROM RENEWED ECONOMIC GROWTH CONTINUES TO BE CHANNELLED INTO THE SOCIAL PROGRAMMES THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR STABILITY AND WELL-BEING.

+IN PARTICULAR, TODAY, I SHOULD LIKE TO SINGLE OUT SIR EDWARD'S SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION AND CONCERN FOR EDUCATION.

+IN ADDITION TO ALL THE OTHER VERY NECESSARY THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE DONE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF GOOD AND SENSIBLE GOVERNMENT, MANY OF THEM CLEAR TO US ALL, HE BELIEVED THAT EDUCATION, A SUPREMACY IN EDUCATION, LAY AT THE VERY HEART OF OUR ABILITY IN HONG KONG TO KEEP HONG KONG MOVING FORWARD, TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITION IN THE REGION AND TO ENABLE US TO MAKE OUR PARTICULAR AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE MODERNISATION OF CHINA AND TO ASSURE OUR FUTURE.

+HE BELIEVED THIS TO BE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND FOR THIS REASON, HE GAVE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO THE CONCEPT OF BUILDING A THIRD UNIVERSITY AND SAID THAT IT SHOULD SPECIALISE IN MANAGEMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THAT IT SHOULD BE BUILT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HONOURABLE MEMBERS, WE HAVE THAT LEGACY TO CARRY OUT.

+DURING HIS GOVERNORSHIP, DURING HIS PRESIDENCY, RECREATION AND THE ARTS FLOURISHED; THE WELFARE OF OUR WORKERS IMPROVED WITHOUT OVERLOOKING THE INTERESTS OF EMPLOYERS AND THE NEED TO BE COMPETITIVE IN OUR EXPORT MARKETS; NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HOUSING PRODUCTION CONTINUED, WITH A LONG-TERM VISION OF THE NEEDS OF OUR FUTURE POPULATION; THE MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES WERE REVIEWED; SOCIAL SECURITY PROVISIONS WERE IMPROVED; AND THE ROAD AND RAIL NETWORK WAS EXPANDED.

+THESE WERE ACHIEVED THROUGH YEARS AND YEARS OF CAREFUL PLANNING, PAINSTAKING ADMINISTRATION, DETERMINATION AND A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT AT A TIME WHEN AS AN ADMINISTRATION WE HAD TO TIGHTEN OUR BELTS.

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+IT WAS DURING THESE PAST FOUR YEARS THAT MEANS HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY DEVISED AND IMPLEMENTED TO INCLUDE ELECTED MEMBERS IN THIS COUNCIL, BY CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT ARRANGEMENTS CONFORMING TO OUR NEED TO FIND BROAD AGREEMENTS AND THE COMMON GROUND; AND TO FIND SIMPLE UNCONTROVERSIAL MEANS OF LINKING THIS COUNCIL WITH COMMITTEES ADVISING ON OUR OTHER PROGRAMMES AND PROBLEMS.

+DURING THESE YEARS, THE CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY ROLE OF DISTRICT BOARDS HAS BECOME A FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, INDEED ESSENTIAL, PART OF THE SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AS IT DEVELOPS AND EVOLVES. WE CAN SEE IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS THE GREAT IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO RESPONDING TO THE PUBLIC WILL AND TO SERVING THE COMMON GOOD.

+IN THIS CHAIR, FOR WHICH I SUSPECT, AS A FORMER NAVAL OFFICER, HE HAD A PARTICULAR AFFECTION (BECAUSE IT CAME FROM THE OLD NAVAL COURT), SIR EDWARD LISTENED THROUGH MANY LONG AFTERNOONS, AND SOMETIMES LATE EVENINGS, TO THE VIEWS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION, ON NATIONALITY, VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR PLANT.

+AND HE REPRESENTED, WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION, THE VIEWS OF THIS COUNCIL TO HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

+AND HE TRAVELLED UNTIRINGLY IN FULFILMENT OF THIS MISSION ON BEHALF OF THE INTERESTS OF HONOURABLE MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC YOU SPEAK FOR AND REPRESENT.

+HIS DEATH IS IRREDEEMABLE.

+HONOURABLE MEMBERS, SIR EDWARD MOVED WITH QUIET CONFIDENCE AMID MANY UNCERTAINTIES AND MANY CONFLICTING VOICES, LET OUR FERVENT WISH BE TODAY, THAT, INSPIRED BY HIS EXAMPLE, IN A SPIRIT OF UNITY AND GIVE AND TAKE, WE, TOO, CAN SEE OUR WAY THROUGH THE MONTHS AND YEARS THAT LIE AHEAD.+

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TRIBUTE BY MISS LYDIA DUNN  
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+SIR,

+THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL JOIN YOU, SIR, IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR LATE PRESIDENT, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND IN OFFERING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO LADY YOUDE AND THE FAMILY.

+WE HAVE NOW HAD TIME TO ABSORB THE NEWS WHICH ONLY LAST FRIDAY SHOCKED AND SADDENED THE WHOLE TERRITORY. WE HAVE MOURNED THE LOSS OF AN ACCOMPLISHED STATESMAN, AN INSPIRED LEADER, AND A KIND AND PATIENT FRIEND. HIS PERIOD OF OFFICE AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG SPANNED ONLY 4-1/2 YEARS. BUT WHAT MOMENTOUS YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN. AND IN THAT BRIEF TIME HE ACHIEVED SO MUCH.

+SINCE HE FIRST STEPPED ASHORE AT QUEEN'S PIER THAT BLUSTERY DAY IN MAY 1982, HE STEERED THIS TERRITORY THROUGH MANY ROCKY SHOALS AND HEAVY SEAS.

+IN THE ANXIOUS AND UNCERTAIN YEARS, UP TO THE END OF THE NEGOTIATIONS HE NEVER WAVERED IN HIS DETERMINATION TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE THAT WOULD ENABLE ITS PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN THE WAY OF LIFE.

+HIS LONG ASSOCIATION WITH CHINA AND HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOPES OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG LED US TO A BETTER AGREEMENT THAN WE HAD EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE.

+NOW WE PREPARE CONFIDENTLY FOR A STABLE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE, A FUTURE IN WHICH WE, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED A HIGH DEGREE OF AUTONOMY IN THE RUNNING OF OUR CITY. ALL OF US, OUR CHILDREN, AND OUR GRANDCHILDREN CAN LIVE TO ENJOY WHAT HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO SECURE.

+EVEN DURING THE MOST STRENUOUS STAGES OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS, WHEN HE TRAVELLED FARTHER AND FASTER THAN ANY OF HIS PREDECESSORS, SIR EDWARD DID NOT NEGLECT THE DAY-TO-DAY WORK OF GOVERNMENT OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS POLICIES.

+HE WAS AN ABLE, DILIGENT AND DECISIVE LEADER WITH A PRODIGIOUS APPETITE FOR WORK. UNDER HIS GUIDANCE WE PROGRESSED TO A MORE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, WIDER PARTICIPATION IN MAKING DECISIONS, AND A LARGER AND MORE BROADLY-BASED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+THIS WAS THE OUTCOME OF HIS STRONGLY-HELD CONVICTION THAT THE OPINIONS AND PREFERENCES OF THE ORDINARY MAN AND WOMAN HAVE AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE WORK OF A SUCCESSFUL GOVERNMENT.

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+HE WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND MANY RECENT POLICY INITIATIVES. YOU HAVE REMINDED US THAT HIS CONCERN FOR ADVANCING EDUCATION HAS BORNE FRUIT IN THE PLANS FOR A THIRD UNIVERSITY, AND IN THE DEBATES NOW UNDERWAY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

+WHILE OTHER COUNTRIES GRAPPLED WITH INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL UNREST, HONG KONG, UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, ENJOYED FULL EMPLOYMENT, RISING STANDARD OF LIVING, AND A DECLINING CRIME RATE.

+DURING A PERIOD WHEN, IN SPITE OF ITS OWN UNIQUE PROBLEMS, HONG KONG HAD TO MAKE ITS WAY IN A WORLD OF ECONOMIC RECESSION AND INCREASING PROTECTIONISM, HE WAS A STEADFAST ADVOCATE OF FREE TRADE AND OPEN COMPETITION.

+YOU MENTIONED, SIR, HIS TOURS OF THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, JAPAN, CHINA AND BRITAIN TO PROMOTE HONG KONG'S REPUTATION AND TO FOSTER TRADING LINKS. THESE INSPIRED HONG KONG TO BE PROUD OF ITS PRODUCTS AND OF ITS PLACE IN THE WORLD.

+ALL THESE ACHIEVEMENTS IN SO SHORT A TIME ARE THERE FOR HISTORIANS TO RECORD. THEY WERE POSSIBLE BECAUSE HE WAS THE MAN FOR THE TIMES: A DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMAT WHO UNDERSTOOD HOW BEST TO BRING TOGETHER THE INTERESTS OF BRITAIN, OF CHINA AND OF HONG KONG; A SUPERBLY SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATOR WHO KNEW HOW TO GET THINGS DONE.

+HE HAD THE TIRELESS DEVOTION TO DUTY WHICH IS THE HALLMARK OF THE OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT. HE COULD ALWAYS SEE THE WOOD AND THE TREES. AND ALWAYS FOUND THE PATH THROUGH THE WOOD WHEN OTHERS HAD LOST THEIR WAY.

+AS A PERSON, SIR EDWARD NEVER LET THE PRESSURES AND DIFFICULTIES OF HIS WORK AFFECT HIS WARM AND CHEERFUL NATURE. HIS HUMILITY, HONESTY, AND UNFAILING CHARM AND GOOD HUMOUR MADE HIM APPROACHABLE TO EVERYONE. AND THIS ENABLED HIM TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. HE SHOWED THIS WHEREVER HE WENT.

+AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT LADY YOUDE SELFLESSLY TOOK ON A FULL SHARE OF PUBLIC DUTIES AND PARTICIPATED IN A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITY. THEY WILL BOTH BE REMEMBERED THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THIS TERRITORY WITH AFFECTION AND GRATITUDE.

+SIR EDWARD TOLD US IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS SESSION TWO MONTHS AGO THAT 'THE ABILITY OF THIS COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ... LEGISLATION CONSTRUCTIVELY, AND WITH DUE DESPATCH, WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN ASSURING THE FUTURE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG'.

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+HE, MORE THAN ANYONE, WAS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS COUNCIL'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING THE JOINT DECLARATION. WE HAD COUNTED ON HIM TO GUIDE AND LEAD US TOWARDS OUR FUTURE. AND NOT ONLY MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL - HONG KONG RELIED ON SIR EDWARD FOR SO MUCH.

+BUT NOW THAT HE HAS LEFT US, AT LAST I THINK WE SHALL SEE HIS GREATEST LEGACY TO HONG KONG WAS TO HELP AND ENCOURAGE US TO RELY MORE ON OURSELVES.

+HE WOULD NOT HAVE EXPECTED THERE TO BE ANY INTERRUPTION IN THE WORK OF THIS COUNCIL.

+WE OWE IT TO HIS MEMORY TO CONTINUE HIS WORK; TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATIONS THAT HE LAID, TO FOLLOW THE COURSE THAT HE SET FOR US, TO FULFIL HIS VISION OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE.

+AS WE DO SO, WE PLEDGE OUR FULL SUPPORT TO YOU, SIR, AS ACTING GOVERNOR AND AS PRESIDENT OF THIS COUNCIL.+

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR PUBLIC CONDOLENCES

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR EXTENDS HIS VERY WARM THANKS TO THE MANY INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG FOR THE LETTERS OF SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCE ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF THE GOVERNOR WHICH THEY HAVE SENT.

HE WOULD LIKE THEM TO KNOW THAT THE WARMTH, SYMPATHY AND INDEED THE NUMBER OF THESE MESSAGES TO LADY YOUDE AND HER FAMILY HAVE BEEN VERY GREATLY APPRECIATED.

INDIVIDUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SWISS GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES BN(O) PASSPORT  
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THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF SWITZERLAND HAS INFORMED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT THAT THE SWISS GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO RECOGNISE THE NEW BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) STATUS AND THE PASSPORT THAT GOES WITH IT. HOLDERS OF BN(O) PASSPORTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER SWITZERLAND WITHOUT VISAS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SAID THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT VERY MUCH WELCOMED THIS RESPONSE BY THE SWISS GOVERNMENT. THE SWISS GOVERNMENT WAS IN FACT THE FIRST GOVERNMENT FORMALLY TO RECOGNISE THE NEW PASSPORT WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE AS FROM JULY 1, 1987.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD SOON ALSO BE ANNOUNCING THAT THEY WOULD RECOGNISE IT.

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RADAR SYSTEM TO MONITOR MARINE TRAFFIC  
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A NETWORK OF RADAR STATIONS WILL BE SET UP AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS TO COVER MARINE TRAFFIC LANES FOLLOWING THE SIGNING TODAY (WEDNESDAY) OF A CONTRACT TO INSTALL AND COMMISSION A VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (VTMS).

COUPLED WITH COMPUTERS AND VERY HIGH FREQUENCY COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, THE VTMS WILL BE ABLE TO MONITOR AND CONTROL VESSEL MOVEMENTS CONTINUOUSLY TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND TRAFFIC FLOW, WHICH HAS QUADRUPLED IN THE PAST 20 YEARS IN CERTAIN AREAS.

+IN 1985, AN AVERAGE OF 2 229 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERED AND DEPARTED FROM THE PORT EACH MONTH AND THIS NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY FOUR PER CENT ANNUALLY,+ A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+RIVER TRADE CRAFT AND INTERNATIONAL FERRY TRAFFIC HAS ALSO GROWN, WITH ABOUT 13 660 MOVEMENTS A MONTH IN 1985.

+ADDITIONALLY, THE ANNUAL CARGO THROUGHPUT IS ANTICIPATED TO REACH 72 MILLION TONNES BY 1997.

+IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S ATTRACTIVENESS AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADING PORT, IN ADDITION TO THE NEED TO MAINTAIN AN ACCEPTABLE SAFETY LEVEL, IT IS NECESSARY TO MAXIMISE THE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY OF THE PORT, TO MINIMISE CONGESTION AND DELAYS AND AVOID INEFFECTIVE UTILISATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES,+

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A VTMS FOR THE PORT OF HONG KONG AND ITS APPROACHES HAS BEEN PROPOSED AFTER EXAMINATION OF A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION (CCC) IN LATE 1984 AND EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY POTENTIAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS.

ACCORDING TO THE STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY THE CCC, WHILE A SOPHISTICATED VTMS (A COMPUTER ENHANCED RADAR SYSTEM) WILL NOT MAKE THE PORT TOTALLY RISK FREE, IT HAS BEEN SHOWN THAT IT CAN ADDRESS 80 PER CENT OF THE EXISTING RISK.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VTMS HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE PORTS COMMITTEE, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MARINE POLICY, AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SIGNING THE CONTRACT AT THE CANADIAN COMMISSION THIS EVENING WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR CHAN YUE-YAN, AND THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CCC, MR ROBERT HOLLINGSWORTH.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE CCC WILL ESTABLISH, ON A TURN-KEY BASIS, A COMPREHENSIVE VTMS, INCLUDING ALL SERVICES EQUIPMENT NECESSARY.

IN ADDITION, THROUGH THE CCC, THE SERVICES OF THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MANUALS FOR THE HONG KONG VTMS AND TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF OPERATOR TRAINING.

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YOUTH CRIME FIGURES SHOW A DROP  
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THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTION AGAINST YOUNG OFFENDERS HAS RECORDED A RELIEVING DROP FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER INCREASING STEADILY IN THE PAST THREE YEARS.

IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, LESS THAN 4 600 YOUNG OFFENDERS WERE PROSECUTED, COMPARED WITH 10 546 DELINQUENTS TAKEN TO COURT IN 1985.

+IF THE DOWNWARD TREND CONTINUES, A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN JUVENILE AND YOUTH CRIME IS IN SIGHT,+ SAID THE ASSISTANT CHIEF POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR HARRY RAZACK TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB OF KOWLOON ON YOUTH CRIME AND DELINQUENCY, MR RAZACK SAID THE MOST COMMON OFFENCES THAT YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTED WERE SHOP THEFT, SERIOUS ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

/HE SAID .....

HE SAID SHOP THEFT WAS A WORRYING ASPECT AS IT CONTINUED TO RISE AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM WAS REFLECTED BY THE FACT THAT OF THE 10 000 PLUS DELINQUENTS PROSECUTED LAST YEAR, ABOUT 35 PER CENT WERE CHARGED WITH THE OFFENCE.

+A HARD-HITTING ANTI-SHOP THEFT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED TO EMPHASISE THAT THE OFFENCE COULD RUIN THE LIFE OF THE OFFENDERS, AND WE PLAN TO LAUNCH A SIMILAR CAMPAIGN IN CHRISTMAS TIME,+ SAID MR RAZACK.

SUPERINTENDENT RAZACK SAID YOUTH CRIME WAS A SOCIAL PROBLEM IN ALL MODERN CITIES AND HONG KONG WAS NO EXCEPTION.

HE SAID THE POLICE PLAYED A PREVENTIVE ROLE IN JUVENILE AND YOUTH CRIME, MOST OF WHICH WAS NOT TRIAD-RELATED ACCORDING TO STATISTICS.

+THINGS ARE NOT AS BAD AS IT WAS THOUGHT,+ SAID MR RAZACK, +IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN 1984/85 BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IT WAS FOUND THAT AMONG THE 440 000 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, ONLY 1 279 WERE ALLEGEDLY FOUND INVOLVING IN TRIAD ACTIVITIES.+

+MOST OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNRULY BEHAVIOUR BORE NO CRIMINAL INCENTIVES BUT WERE LATER DEVELOPED INTO CRIMINAL ACTS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT PROPERLY GUIDED,+ HE ADDED.

MR RAZACK SAID THAT THE LACK OF PROPER FAMILY OR PARENTAL GUIDANCE, STRONG DESIRE OF MATERIALISM, AND HEROISM WERE THE MAJOR FACTORS OF THE PROBLEM.

+TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE POLICE AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS HAVE MADE CONCERTED EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE YOUNG GENERATION FROM GOING ASTRAY AS WELL AS PUTTING THOSE ON THE WRONG TRACK BACK TO THE RIGHT PATH,+ SAID MR RAZACK.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SET UP A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES TO LOOK AFTER ALL ASPECTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

+FOR EXAMPLE, THE NEWLY-FORMED CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROMOTION COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG THE YOUNG GENERATION AND TO ORGANISE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEM.

+AND THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNRULY AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOLS MONITORS RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS AND ADVISES ON POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.+

ON THE PART PLAYED BY THE POLICE, MR RAZACK SAID THE FORCE, APART FROM ENFORCING THE LAW, HAD TAKEN ACTIVE AND POSITIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN THIS RESPECT.

+WHILE A VARIETY OF FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGNS ARE HELD EVERY YEAR, OF WHICH FIGHT YOUTH CRIME IS A MAJOR SUBJECT, THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH HAS KEPT CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS TO ORGANISE SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH AN AIM TO EXCHANGE CONSTRUCTIVE VIEWS ON THE PROBLEM.

+OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE CO-ORDINATORS AND CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS ALSO PAY REGULAR VISITS TO SCHOOLS TO GIVE TALKS TO STUDENTS. LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 10 000 TALKS WERE CONDUCTED.

+ALSO, A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED FOR MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND OUTSTANDING LEADERS LEAGUE WHICH ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE.+

IN CONCLUSION, MR RAZACK SAID JUVENILE AND YOUTH DELINQUENCY WAS NOT A MATTER TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE GOVERNMENT, ASSISTANCE FROM ALL STRATA OF THE SOCIETY, PARTICULARLY THE PARENTS, IS MUCH NEEDED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

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RESULTS OF CCY LOGO COMPETITION ANNOUNCED  
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THE LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH (CCY) HAD ATTRACTED MORE THAN 900 ENTRIES.

A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF CCY, MRS ROSANNA TAM= CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPETITION STEERING COMMITTEE, MR FAN KAM-PING= LECTURER OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MR DERICK PAO= A JOURNALIST, MR K.K. WONG, AND CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MRS BETTY SHUM, RECENTLY GOT TOGETHER TO SELECT WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION.

MRS TAM SAID THE QUALITY OF THE ENTRIES WAS VERY HIGH AND MOST OF THE DESIGNS WERE VERY MEANINGFUL.

+WE ARE ALSO VERY PLEASED THAT SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE HAD SHOWN THEIR SUPPORT TO THE CCY BY THEIR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION,+ SHE SAID.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES: THE JUNIOR SECTION FOR PARTICIPANTS BETWEEN 10-15 YEARS OLD= THE INTERMEDIATE SECTION FOR THOSE BETWEEN 16-19 YEARS AND THE SENIOR SECTION FOR 20-25 YEARS OLD.

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WINNERS OF THE JUNIOR SECTION WERE MISS B.W. CHIK; MISS YEUNG PUI-YAN AND MR C.Y. LAM. WINNERS OF THE INTERMEDIATE SECTION WERE MR S.L. CHAN; MISS ANNIE CHOI AND MR Y.K. WONG. WINNERS OF THE SENIOR SECTION WERE MR W.H. TANG; MR K.F. SIU AND MR P.K. SO.

FIRST THREE WINNERS OF EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED BOOK VOUCHERS UP TO \$1 500.

THE CCY WOULD CONSIDER ADOPTING ONE OF THE WINNING ENTRIES AS ITS LOGO, MRS TAM ADDED.

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ACCIDENT VICTIMS TO RECEIVE FUNDS SOON  
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MORE THAN \$642 000 HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE TUEN MUN BUS ACCIDENT PUBLIC DONATION FUND SET UP BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF THE ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN SHEK TAU PAI ROAD LAST MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID VICTIMS OR THEIR FAMILIES WOULD BE INFORMED OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS SHORTLY.

HE SAID A WORKING GROUP COMPRISING THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SIX SUB-COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT MET YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

IT WAS DECIDED THAT FAMILIES OF VICTIMS KILLED IN THE ACCIDENT WOULD EACH RECEIVE \$60 000, WHILE VICTIMS WHO HAD BEEN HOSPITALISED WOULD RECEIVE \$1 500 FOR EACH DAY THEY SPENT IN HOSPITAL.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT VICTIMS WHO WERE INJURED BUT DID NOT REQUIRE HOSPITALISATION WOULD RECEIVE \$500 EACH.

HOWEVER, VICTIMS WHO HAD BEEN HOSPITALISED FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS WOULD RECEIVE A SUM SLIGHTLY MORE THAN THE TOTAL OF THEIR DAILY AMOUNTS.

HE SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD INFORM VICTIMS OR THEIR FAMILIES TO COLLECT THE FUNDS.

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KWAI TSING DISTRICT SET FOR FIRST FESTIVAL

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BANNERS AND BUNTINGS WILL BE PUT UP AT VANTAGE POINTS TO PROMOTE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI'S FIRST DISTRICT FESTIVAL FROM DECEMBER 19 TO JANUARY 24.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BUNTINGS, BEARING THE DISTRICT LOGO, WILL BE PUT ON LAMP-POSTS ALONG KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TSING YI BRIDGE.

BANNERS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP AT VENUES WHERE NUMEROUS RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS WILL BE HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL.

A COLOURFUL SUPPLEMENT FEATURING THE FESTIVAL'S EVENTS IS AVAILABLE FREE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

POSTERS AND LEAFLETS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATION.

WINDOW DISPLAYS WITH THE THEME OF THE 1986 KWAI TSING DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE MOUNTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES FOCUSING ON THE WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES IN THE FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL, COSTING \$1.3 MILLION, IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS AND ARTS ASSOCIATIONS WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NEW YEAR DANCE FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS

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MONG KOK RESIDENTS KEEN ON DANCING ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AT THE MACPHERSON STADIUM.

THE EVENT, TO PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT AND CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR, IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+THIS YEAR'S DANCE WILL TUNE TO THE LATEST DISCO MUSIC, A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR'S MORE REFINED DANCE STEPS OF WALTZ AND TANGO,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO WIN PRIZES AT A LUCKY DRAW.

ADMISSION FORMS FOR THE DANCE ARE AVAILABLE AT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE (3-809731), THE TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE (3-932288), POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE OF THE MONG KOK POLICE STATION (3-800331) AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE (RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS) (3-887183).

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MARRIAGE VENUE CHANGED  
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SUNDAY MARRIAGES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SHA TIN MARRIAGE REGISTRY FROM FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR INSTEAD OF AT THE TAI PO MARRIAGE REGISTRY.

THIS CHANGE OF VENUE WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE SHA TIN MARRIAGE REGISTRY IS AT THE NEW SHA TIN TOWN HALL, ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF 1 YUEN WO ROAD.

FROM FEBRUARY 15, THE WORKING HOURS OF THE SHA TIN MARRIAGE REGISTRY WILL BE:

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8.45 AM - 12.45 PM

2 PM - 4.45 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM - 11.30 AM

SUNDAY (FOR MARRIAGE  
CEREMONIES ONLY)

9 AM - 12.45 PM

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

CLOSED

COUPLES WHO WISH TO CELEBRATE THEIR MARRIAGES AT THE SHA TIN MARRIAGE REGISTRY ON A SUNDAY MORNING ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 15 ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE AT THAT REGISTRY FROM TODAY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-7333111.

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GOLDEN JUBILEE OF FAN LING PUBLIC SCHOOL

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE FAN LING PUBLIC SCHOOL ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12) MORNING.

ALSO ATTENDING WILL BE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY ON FRIDAY AT 11.45 AM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE SCHOOL OPPOSITE THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL AT 11.30 AM.

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REGULAR MEETING TOMORROW

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS REGULAR MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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FUK TONG ROAD CARPARK CLOSING

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THE TEMPORARY OPEN AIR CARPARK AT FUK TONG ROAD NEAR THE KWUN TONG MTR STATION BUS TERMINUS WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12).

THE SITE WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+ALTERNATIVE PARKING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VICINITY AND VEHICLES FOUND INSIDE THE CARPARK AFTER THE SET TIME WILL BE TOWED AWAY,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN BY THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE TO TENDER OUT THE SITE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR TEMPORARY CARPARK OPERATION ON A SHORT TERM TENANCY BASIS SO THAT IT COULD BE USED AS A CARPARK AS LONG AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE EVENTUAL PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT.

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PROHIBITED ZONES IN WAN CHAI, SHEUNG SHUI

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VEHICLES EXCEEDING FOUR TONNES GROSS WILL CONTINUE TO BE BANNED FROM THE SECTION OF SPRING GARDEN LANE BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND CROSS STREET IN WAN CHAI FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS STARTING 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 12).

THE ROAD HAS BEEN CLOSED TO HEAVY VEHICLES SINCE NOVEMBER 21 FOR ROAD WORKS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM THE SAME DAY, NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF ROAD D7 BETWEEN ROAD D1 AND ROAD L9 IN SHEUNG SHUI.

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