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## HOUSE SPEAKER TO VISIT HONG KONG

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THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, THE RT HON GEORGE THOMAS, P.C., MP, WILL VISIT HONG KONG EARLY NEXT MONTH AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

MR THOMAS, WHO HAS REPRESENTED CARDIFF WEST SINCE 1950 HAS BEEN THE SPEAKER SINCE 1976. BEFORE BECOMING AN MP, HE WAS A SCHOOLMASTER, AND IN 1960-1 HE WAS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE. HE REACHED MINISTERIAL RANK IN 1966 IN THE WELSH OFFICE, AND IN 1967 BECAME MINISTER OF STATE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE. FROM 1968-70 HE WAS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WALES. HE WAS APPOINTED A PRIVY COUNCILLOR IN 1968. IN 1974 HE WAS ELECTED A DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND TWO YEARS LATER HE WAS ELECTED AS SPEAKER.

THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG, AND HE WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH HONG KONG AND ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

THE SPEAKER IS THE SPOKESMAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. HE IS ELECTED BY THE HOUSE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH PARLIAMENT, OR WHEN THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER RETIRES OR DIES. HE PRESIDES OVER MEETINGS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, BUT HE NEITHER SPEAKS IN DEBATES NOR VOTES, EXCEPT WHEN THE RESULT OF A DIVISION IS EQUAL.

ON CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS THE SPEAKER RANKS DIRECTLY AFTER THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL BUT BEFORE AMBASSADORS, DUKES AND ALL CABINET MINISTERS EXCEPT THE LORD CHANCELLOR.

MR THOMAS IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 2 AND TO LEAVE FOR LONDON ON SEPTEMBER 7.

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## \$105M WATER TUNNEL CONTRACT AWARDED

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A \$105 MILLION CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER TUNNEL AND SITE FORMATION WORKS FOR THE YAU KOM TAU TREATMENT WORKS.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER (RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG KWOK-WAI, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID, +THE TUNNEL, 5 200 METRES LONG, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED FROM TSING TAM TO YAU KOM TAU IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.+

THE PROJECT IS PART OF A \$1 300 MILLION SCHEME FOR THE RECEPTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER FROM CHINA OVER THE NEXT 12 YEARS.

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CHECK FOR AIR POLLUTION IN KWUN TONG  
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AUTOMATIC AIR POLLUTION MONITORING EQUIPMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN INSTALLED ON THE ROOFTOP OF THE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT TUNG YAN STREET TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

INSTALLED WITH THE HELP OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE SCIENTIFIC MEASURING EQUIPMENT WILL BE OPERATED CONTINUOUSLY FOR SIX MONTHS TO MEASURE THE CONCENTRATION OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE IN THE AIR.

STAFF OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WILL CHECK THE EQUIPMENT TWICE A WEEK TO COLLECT DATA FOR STUDY.

LAST YEAR, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, ASSISTED BY SEVEN HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES, HAD CONDUCTED A BLOCK-BY-BLOCK SURVEY TO LOCATE SOURCES OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA.

IT IDENTIFIED 24 POTENTIAL +PROBLEM BLOCKS+ AND BROUGHT THESE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OF KWUN TONG, THE URBAN SERVICES AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENTS.

THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ALSO SOUGHT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EPA IN PROVIDING THE SCIENTIFIC MEANS OF DETERMINING THE EXTENT OF TOXIC LEVELS IN THE AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE SAID, +WITH THE USE OF THE SCIENTIFIC MEASURING EQUIPMENT, IT IS HOPED THAT USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE AIR POLLUTION LEVEL IN KWUN TONG DISTRICT WILL BE OBTAINED, SO THAT MORE EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM MEASURES CAN BE DEvised TO COMBAT THE POLLUTION PROBLEM.+

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BELCHER STREET SECTION PARTIALLY CLOSED  
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ABOUT 100 METRES OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF BELCHER'S STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH HOLLAND STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 2 PM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 29) UNTIL 6 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) FOR THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS IN THE AREA.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE AFFECTED ROAD SECTION WILL BE CHANGED TO ONE LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC CONTROLLED BY TEMPORARY TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

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VIEWS ON EDUCATION SOUGHT  
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PERSONS OR GROUPS WISHING TO MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATION TO THE INDEPENDENT PANEL OF VISITORS WHO WILL BE CARRYING OUT AN OVERALL REVIEW OF THE HONG KONG EDUCATION SYSTEM DURING 1981 AND EARLY 1982 SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS BEFORE 5 PM ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1981.

ALL REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

OVERALL REVIEW OF EDUCATION,  
GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, ROOM 1322,  
PRINCE'S BUILDING,  
CHATER ROAD, CENTRAL,  
HONG KONG.  
TEL.: 5-236825 AND 5-236721

SUBMISSIONS MAY BE IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH AND MAY BE OF ANY LENGTH, BUT SHOULD BE AS CONCISE AS POSSIBLE.

THE PANEL OF VISITORS WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST FULL MEETING IN HONG KONG BETWEEN OCTOBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 6 THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO VISIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, EXAMINE FEATURES OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM, AND MEET AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH PERSONS OR GROUPS CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION.

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YOUTH FUN FAIR FOR 2 000  
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A FUN FAIR FOR ABOUT 2 000 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT UN CHAU STREET ESTATE MINI-SOCCER PITCH, SHAM SHUI PO, FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM, ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30.

THE FAIR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS, THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SARDA AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH.

THE AIM OF THE FUN FAIR IS TO ORGANISE THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, THE EX-ADDICTS AND OTHER YOUTHS AS AN INTEGRATED VOLUNTARY GROUP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO STIMULATE THE MUTUAL HELP AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE HANDICAPPED, ESPECIALLY IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR DISABLED PERSONS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE STALL GAMES, PERFORMANCES, A LUCKY DRAW AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION.

MR JAMES M.N. CHIEN (CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP ON IYDP PROJECT), MR ISSAC CHOW, DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO) AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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SECURITY SECRETARY VISITS YOUTHS IN SUMMER TRAINING

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, TODAY (THURSDAY) PAID A FRIENDLY CALL ON 30 YOUNG PEOPLE UNDERTAKING A SUMMER TRAINING COURSE AT THE SZE LOK YUEN YOUTH HOSTEL ON TAI MO SHAN.

THE FIVE-DAY COURSE, AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GOLD AWARD TRAINING PROGRAMME OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME, IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. AS A SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITY, IT IS PARTLY SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ACCOMPANIED BY MRS CHIU SHUM SHUK-HAAN, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR HEYWOOD ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER AT THE HOSTEL WHERE HE WAS MET BY MR DAVID KAN, INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) AND HOSTEL OFFICIALS.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE COURSE, WHICH AIMS AT DEVELOPING THE MATURITY AND SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND BROADENING THEIR INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES.

AT THE HOSTEL, MR HEYWOOD SAW PARTICIPANTS BUSILY AT WORK WEEDING THE SURROUNDING UNDERGROWTH AND SETTING UP SIGNPOSTS. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE ENGAGED IN A RESIDENTIAL PROJECT TO TRANSFORM A BARREN PIECE OF GROUND INTO A PLAY AREA.

MR HEYWOOD SAID THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH PUBLIC-SPIRITEDNESS AND THE ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED BY THE COURSE PARTICIPANTS, AND GAVE A HELPING HAND AS HE PASSED AMONG THEM.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME WAS INITIATED BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE PHILIP IN 1956. THE SCHEME WHICH IS FOR ALL PEOPLE BETWEEN 14 AND 25, OFFERS A CHALLENGE TO ENDEAVOUR AND ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH A BALANCED PROGRAMME OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING.

SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN HONG KONG IN 1968, THE SCHEME HAS DEVELOPED RAPIDLY. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 21 LOCAL OPERATING AUTHORITIES SERVING AS CHANNELS FOR PROMOTING THE SCHEME. THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OPERATING AUTHORITY ALONE HAS 18 620 MEMBERS FROM 115 SCHOOLS OPERATING AS USER UNITS.

THERE ARE THREE AWARDS IN THE SCHEME - BRONZE FOR THOSE OVER 14, SILVER FOR THOSE OVER 15 AND GOLD FOR THOSE OVER 16.

TO QUALIFY FOR AN AWARD, A YOUNG PERSON MUST SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: SERVICE, EXPEDITIONS, SKILLS AND PHYSICAL RECREATION.

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REFRESHER COURSE TO IMPROVE TEACHERS' ENGLISH

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HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE URGED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO ATTEND TWO REFRESHER COURSES STARTING NEXT MONTH.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO RUN THE COURSES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TEACHERS' FLUENCY AND CONFIDENCE IN SPOKEN ENGLISH.

+THE COURSES ALSO AIM TO MAKE TEACHERS A MORE ACCURATE MODEL OF ENGLISH FOR THEIR PUPILS AND TO INTRODUCE THEM TO A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES WHICH ARE PROPOSED FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE RECENT REVISION OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SYLLABUS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

TEACHERS CAN CHOOSE TO ATTEND THE MORNING COURSE WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 11.30 AM- OR THE AFTERNOON COURSE BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM.

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM SEPTEMBER 28 TO DECEMBER 10. ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL, 253-261 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO FURTHER IMPROVE PARTICIPANTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR TEACHERS WHO COMPLETE THE REFRESHER COURSE TO ENROL FOR A TERM OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS IN THE ENGLISH CLASSES AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 16 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, ENGLISH, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 25 TEACHERS ON EACH COURSE AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO TEACHERS WHO ARE ALSO IN CHARGE OF THE ENGLISH SUBJECT.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-774001 EXT. 30.

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR A RESIDENTIAL SITE IN TUEN MUN WHICH INCLUDES DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.

MEASURING 11 981 SQUARE METRES, THE SITE IS LOCATED ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD OVERLOOKING CAFETERIA, KADOORIE AND CASTLE PEAK BEACHES.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER, BESIDES BEING REQUIRED TO MEET A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$30.5 MILLION WITHIN FOUR YEARS, WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO BUILD 52 QUARTERS FOR GOVERNMENT WITH FLOOR AREAS OF 175 OR 215 SQUARE METRES.

A SWIMMING POOL AND A CHILDREN'S POOL AS WELL AS PARKING SPACES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

BIDS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 25.

MEANWHILE, FOUR OTHER NEW TERRITORIES SITES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

ONE IS AT SHA TIN, TWO ARE AT TUEN MUN AND THE REMAINING SITE IS AT KWAI CHUNG.

THE SHA TIN SITE, MEASURING 1 654 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE PURCHASER HAS TO FULFIL A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1.39 MILLION WITHIN THREE YEARS.

BOTH THE TUEN MUN SITES, SITUATED NEAR SHEK PAI TAU, ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES AND MEASURE 1 777 SQUARE METRES AND 1 723 SQUARE METRES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT FOR THE LARGER SITE IS \$14.6 MILLION AND FOR THE SMALLER SITE \$14.1 MILLION, BOTH TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THEY HAVE A MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO OF 9.5.

THE KWAI CHUNG SITE MEASURES 6 800 SQUARE METRES AND IS NEAR KWAI FUK AND KWAI CHUNG ROADS.

IT IS FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USE, INCLUDING A CINEMA FOR AT LEAST 500 PERSONS, AND HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$65 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR AND A HALF YEARS.

THE MAXIMUM PLOT RATIO FOR DOMESTIC BUILDINGS IS 5 AND FOR NON-DOMESTIC BUILDINGS 9.5.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON SEPTEMBER 16 AT 11 AM.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE SITES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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CHINESE ART APPRECIATION IN SAI KUNG

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SAI KUNG CULTURE AND RECREATIONAL ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION IS ORGANISING TWO NIGHTS OF CHINESE ART APPRECIATION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND ON SATURDAY IN THE MAN YI PLAYGROUND.

TAKING PART WILL BE THE FAR EAST DRAMATIC ART ASSOCIATION, CHEUNG FUNG CHOIR, THE CHINESE OPERA GROUP, CHING SHING CHINESE OPERA GROUP, HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC CHOIR.

THE ACTING SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS RITA LAU, THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG POON, AND A MEMBER OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE, MR LEE YUN-SAU, WILL ATTEND AND PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

TWO CANTONESE OPERAS AND FIVE CANTONESE SONGS WILL BE STAGED ON THE FIRST NIGHT STARTING AT 8 PM.

ON SATURDAY THE TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE FOLK SONGS, DANCES, ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES AND TAI-CHI STARTING AT 7.30 PM.

ADMISSION IS FREE BOTH NIGHTS.

BESIDES RUNNING CANTONESE OPERA AND ORCHESTRAL COURSES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE ASSOCIATION ALSO ORGANISES RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING LION DANCES, CHESS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN MAY LAST YEAR. ITS CHAIRMAN IS MR CHUNG CHI-KWONG, A MEMBER OF THE CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

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