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BIG BOOST IN FUNDS FOR DISTRICT BOARDS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED \$29.62 MILLION, ALMOST DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S FIGURE, TO THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND URBAN AREAS FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (TUESDAY), THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THE INCREASED AMOUNT WAS INTENDED TO CATER FOR THE ANTICIPATED KEEN PARTICIPATION BY DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, BOTH ELECTED AND APPOINTED, IN THE RUNNING OF THE AFFAIRS OF THEIR DISTRICTS.

+EACH BOARD HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO ADVISE ITS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON MATTERS WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, WHICH INCLUDE ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE LIVING AND WORKING IN THE DISTRICT, THE PROVISION AND USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND THE ADEQUACY AND PRIORITIES OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES FOR THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

+IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THERE WILL BE NO LET-UP IN THE EFFORTS OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN PRESSING FOR MORE EXTENSIVE ORGANISATION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

+AN INCREASED NEED FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES IS ALSO EXPECTED TO ARISE IN ORDER TO PUBLICISE THE WORK OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND TO PROMOTE A GREATER SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY.

+DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL FIND THIS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE MOST USEFUL IN WIDENING THE SCOPE OF THEIR WORK AND IN PROMOTING ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE.+

MR MACPHERSON POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTUAL ALLOCATIONS WOULD VARY BETWEEN DISTRICTS ACCORDING TO THE SIZE OF POPULATION, DIFFERING NEEDS AND THE DEGREE OF DEVELOPMENT IN EACH AREA.

+FOR EXAMPLE, IN A DENSELY POPULATED AND INTENSELY DEVELOPED DISTRICT IN THE URBAN AREAS, THERE WILL BE A LIMITED SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND FUNDS FOR PROJECTS ARE LIKELY TO COME FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OR THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+THIS ALSO EXPLAINS WHY THE EIGHT BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL GET A BIGGER SHARE, TOTALLING \$18.84 MILLION, THAN THE 10 URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS' TOTAL OF \$9.78 MILLION.

+THE REMAINING \$1 MILLION WILL BE KEPT IN THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AS A RESERVE FUND FROM WHICH ALL DISTRICTS CAN BID FOR FURTHER ALLOCATION IF AND WHEN NECESSARY.+

IN THE NT REGION, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT WILL GET THE BIGGEST SHARE OF \$5.3 MILLION WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 32.8 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S \$3.99 MILLION.

YUEN LONG WILL GET \$2.9 MILLION, A RISE OF 42.8 PER CENT.

FOR THE OTHER DISTRICTS, BOTH TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN WILL EACH HAVE \$2.42 MILLION, WHILE ISLANDS, NORTH DISTRICT, SAI KUNG AND TAI PO WILL GET \$1.45 MILLION EACH.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO THE NT DISTRICT BOARDS LAST YEAR WAS \$12.2 MILLION. THE ALLOCATION FOR 1980/81 WAS \$6.1 MILLION, \$4.5 MILLION IN 1979/80 AND \$3.7 MILLION IN 1978/79.

IN THE URBAN AREAS, WONG TAI SIN AND KWUN TONG WILL RECEIVE THE BIGGEST SHARE OF \$1.73 MILLION EACH.

SHAM SHUI PO AND EASTERN WILL EACH GET \$1.3 MILLION; KOWLOON CITY AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT \$870 000 EACH; CENTRAL AND WESTERN \$650 000; AND WAN CHAI, MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI \$445 000 EACH.

ONLY \$3.5 MILLION WERE GIVEN TO THE URBAN AREAS LAST YEAR AS FOUR OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS (WAN CHAI, MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN) WERE NOT YET FORMED AT THE TIME OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.

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FULL DAY OF SPORTS AND RECREATION TOMORROW
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ABOUT 100 SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD AT VARIOUS PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE MUSIC, TWO CONCERTS ARE ALSO PLANNED - A BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE TO BE STAGED IN QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AT 3 PM AND A CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO BE HELD AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 7.30 PM.

THE CELEBRATION WILL START AT 9 AM AT VICTORIA PARK ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WHERE MOST OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

IN KOWLOON, TWO MAJOR VENUES FOR THE CELEBRATIONS WILL BE KOWLOON PARK AND KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND.

AT 9.30 AM A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT MR F.K. HU, WILL OFFICIATE IN THE CEREMONY AT KOWLOON PARK WHERE ABOUT 4 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN 20 EVENTS.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WILL START THE CELEBRATIONS AT 2.30 PM AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND.

IN THE EAST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR CHARLES YEUNG, WILL START OFF THE CELEBRATIONS AT FANLING RECREATION GROUND AT 10 AM. AMONG THE 23 EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE REGION ARE A CROSS-COUNTRY RACE, A PARACHUTE PERFORMANCE AND A CANOEING FUN DAY.

IN THE WEST AT SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND, A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORT, MR HOWARD YOUNG, WILL PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM. SOME 25 EVENTS ARE PLANNED FOR THE DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES YUEN LONG AREA.

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**MORE COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON TSING YI
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MORE COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE ADDED TO TSING YI ISLAND IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, ITS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TAM WING-PONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MOSTLY LOCATED IN THE TWIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OF CHEUNG CHING AND CHEUNG HONG, THESE FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A CLINIC, A COMMUNITY NURSING CENTRE, A FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE, A POST OFFICE AND A POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD UNIT WHICH WILL ALL BE OPERATIVE BY JUNE.

IN ADDITION, A TEMPORARY SPORTS CENTRE AT CHEUNG HONG ESTATE WILL SOON BE READY FOR USE, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALL-WEATHER BASKETBALL COURT, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND A SOCCER PITCH NEAR THE ESTATES ARE WELL UNDER WAY.

+WITH THESE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES, MEMBERS OF LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS WILL HAVE MORE VENUES TO ORGANISE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR TAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE 18TH TERM OF THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE TODAY.

BEGINNING THIS YEAR, MEMBERS OF THE RURAL COMMITTEE WILL SERVE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS, INSTEAD OF ONE AS IN THE PAST, TO COINCIDE WITH THE TERM OF OFFICE OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

BOTH THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN TIN-SUNG, AND VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR TANG LAP-CHI, HAVE BEEN RE-ELECTED. THERE ARE SEVEN EXECUTIVE MEMBERS SERVING THE COMMITTEE.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S INAUGURATION WERE THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND AN APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAN PO-FONG.

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HK/EEC TEXTILE TALKS RECESSED

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THE CURRENT TALKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND EEC COMMISSION OFFICIALS ON THE FUTURE OF THE HK/EEC TEXTILE RESTRAINT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN RECESSED, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, COMMISSIONER OF TRADE SAID IN A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY).

+DURING THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, WE EXCHANGED INFORMATION ON THE ISSUES WHICH EACH SIDE WOULD RAISE IN THE COMING NEGOTIATIONS,+ MR MILLS SAID.

+THE EEC IS SEEKING A VERY RESTRICTIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH HONG KONG INCLUDING REDUCTIONS OF 10 PER CENT IN FIVE IMPORTANT CATEGORIES FOR HONG KONG. THE FIVE CATEGORIES ARE 4 (KNITTED SHIRTS); 5 (KNITTED SWEATERS); 6 (WOVEN TROUSERS AND MEN'S SHORTS); 7 (WOVEN/KNITTED BLOUSES); AND 8 (MEN'S WOVEN SHIRTS).

+IN ADDITION THE EEC IS SEEKING EXTREMELY LOW GROWTH RATES WITH NO FLEXIBILITY IN SOME CATEGORIES AND MINIMAL FLEXIBILITY IN OTHERS.

+HONG KONG, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS LOOKING FOR GREATER EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY AND SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY WITHIN ANY NEW AGREEMENT TO ALLOW IT TO FOLLOW MARKET TRENDS.

+OUR POSITIONS ARE DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED,+ MR MILLS SAID, +AND THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN BRUSSELS ON JUNE 1, WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT INDEED.+

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LICENSING SYSTEM FOR ARGENTINA IMPORT BAN

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THE IMPORT PROHIBITION (ARGENTINA) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1982 IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY AND COME INTO IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THESE NEW REGULATIONS MODIFY THE SCOPE OF THE BAN INTRODUCED LAST TUESDAY (APRIL 13):

- (A) BY EXTENDING THE BAN TO GOODS FROM ARGENTINA EXPORTED TO HONG KONG VIA THIRD COUNTRIES- AND
- (B) BY ENABLING GOODS FROM ARGENTINA THAT WERE ALREADY ON THE WAY TO HONG KONG BEFORE APRIL 13 TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE BAN.

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TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE BAN AS MODIFIED, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS WILL UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS INTRODUCE AN IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM. IMPORT LICENCES WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNLESS THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS IS SATISFIED THAT THE GOODS FROM ARGENTINA WERE ALREADY ON THE WAY TO HONG KONG BEFORE APRIL 13, OR THAT THEY WERE INTENDED FOR TRANSHIPMENT OR RE-EXPORT TO CHINA.

THE NEW REGULATIONS PRESERVE THE PENALTIES ALREADY INTRODUCED. THEY PROVIDE FOR A FINE OF \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

NOTICES ARE BEING CIRCULATED BY THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TO IMPORTERS, SHIPPING COMPANIES, AIRLINES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ORGANISATIONS INFORMING THEM OF THE IMPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

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OPEN DAY AT KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

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THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL HOLD AN OPEN DAY ON FRIDAY (APRIL 23) FROM 12.30 TO 4.45 PM AT 20 HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE INSTITUTE, OPENED IN SEPTEMBER 1975, IS ONE OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OPERATED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

IT HAS FOUR TEACHING DEPARTMENTS: COMMERCIAL STUDIES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, ALL PLANNED TO MEET THE DEMAND OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES AT BOTH THE TECHNICIAN AND CRAFTSMEN LEVELS.

THE INSTITUTE OPERATES 18 FULL-TIME DAY CLASSES, 50 PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE CLASSES, 63 EVENING CLASSES AND TEN SHORT COURSES, FOR A TOTAL ENROLMENT OF ABOUT 4 600 STUDENTS.

A PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CHEN HSONG SCHOLARSHIPS AND ANNUAL CRAFT SKILLS COMPETITION AWARDS 1981-82 WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM AT THE HALL OF THE INSTITUTE.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (TECHNICAL EDUCATION) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR J.K. DEVEREUX; THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CHEN HSONG MACHINERY CO. LTD., MR CHIANG CHEN AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE INSTITUTE, MR K.C. HO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OPEN DAY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (APRIL 23) FROM 12.30 PM TO 4.45 PM AT 20 HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG AND THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CHEN HSONG SCHOLARSHIPS AND ANNUAL CRAFT SKILLS COMPETITION AWARD WILL START AT 2.30 PM AT THE HALL OF THE INSTITUTE. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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APPOINTMENT OF TWO QUEEN'S COUNSEL
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THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR NEIL KAPLAN AND MR ARJAN SAKHRANI FOR APPOINTMENT AS HER MAJESTY'S COUNSEL FOR HONG KONG.

MR KAPLAN WAS BORN IN LONDON IN 1942. HE RECEIVED HIS LEGAL EDUCATION AT KING'S COLLEGE, LONDON, WHERE HE RECEIVED AN LL.B. IN 1964. HE WAS CALLED TO THE ENGLISH BAR IN 1965 AND TO THE HONG KONG BAR IN 1981. HE RECEIVED HIS PUPILLAGE IN THE CHAMBERS OF MR LEWIS HAWSER, Q.C., AS THE PUPIL OF MR GREVILLE JANNER, Q.C., M.P.

HE HAD PRACTISED IN LONDON FOR 15 YEARS, WHERE HE BUILT UP A SUBSTANTIAL PRACTICE AND A FINE REPUTATION. HIS PRACTICE CONTAINED BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MATTERS, WITH SOME SPECIALISATION IN BUILDING AND COMMERCIAL CASES.

HE WAS APPOINTED A DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1980 AND HIS SKILL AND EXPERIENCE HAVE MADE HIM A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THOSE CHAMBERS, UNDERTAKING THE HEAVIER CIVIL CASES IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED.

MR SAKHRANI WAS BORN IN HONG KONG IN 1947. HE WAS EDUCATED AT ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, KING GEORGE V SCHOOL AND LA SALLE COLLEGE, HONG KONG.

HE RECEIVED HIS LEGAL EDUCATION AT THE INNS OF COURT AND WAS CALLED TO THE ENGLISH BAR IN FEBRUARY 1968 AND TO THE HONG KONG BAR IN AUGUST 1968. HE SERVED HIS PUPILLAGE PARTLY IN LONDON WITH MR R. NEVILLE THOMAS, Q.C. AND PARTLY IN HONG KONG WITH MR HENRY LITTON, Q.C.

MR SAKHRANI HAS SERVED SUCCESSFULLY AS A DEPUTY DISTRICT JUDGE AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD SINCE 1973. HE HAS ALSO SERVED ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES OF THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN ITS AFFAIRS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

HE HAS BUILT UP A GOOD GENERAL PRACTICE, MAINLY IN CIVIL MATTERS AND IS A SOUND, PERSUASIVE ADVOCATE, WHO PRESERVES COURTESY AND TOLERANCE AT ALL TIMES AND IS A CREDIT TO HIS PROFESSION.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE WILL FORMALLY CALL THE NEW SILKS TO THE INNER BAR AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE SUPREME COURT ON MAY 29.

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YAN CHAI HOSPITAL DIRECTORS VISIT SWD

NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS AFTERNOON (TUESDAY) PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE.

THE VISITORS, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MRS CHA LIU BIE-JU, WERE RECEIVED BY MR ALLEYNE AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

IN A BRIEF MEETING, MRS CHA THANKED THE SWD FOR ITS SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEARS AND DISCUSSED THE HOSPITAL'S PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS, WHICH INCLUDE CHILD CARE CENTRES AND HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY IN TUEN MUN AND A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN KWAI CHUNG FOR 250 ELDERLY PEOPLE.

MR ALLEYNE COMMENDED THE HOSPITAL FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE SWD WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY WORK OF YAN CHAI.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN PING CHE

FROM FRIDAY TO SUNDAY (APRIL 25), NAI ROAD IN PING CHE IN FANLING WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC - EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS - BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM FOR A MOTOR RALLY.

SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP AND EXTRA POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE THERE TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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