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SIR JACK: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR WONG TAI SIN

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE APPOINTED FOR WONG TAI SIN TO BE FOLLOWED WITH THE SETTING UP IN OCTOBER OF A DISTRICT BOARD SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN KWUN TONG.

SIR JACK MADE THE STATEMENT DURING A MEETING WITH THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEE AFTER TOURING THE DISTRICT TO SEE, AT FIRST HAND, ITS VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS.

SIR JACK DISCUSSED A RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING THE GREEN PAPER ON LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, CRIME, SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PROVISION OF CANTEENS IN THE AREA, HAWKERS AND SQUATTER PROBLEMS.

HE ALSO TOUCHED ON BRITAIN'S WHITE PAPER ON THE NATIONALITY ACT AND EXPLAINED IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

HE STARTED HIS TOUR AT YAN OI VILLAGE WHERE A NO. 3 ALARM FIRE DESTROYED SOME 50 SQUATTER STRUCTURES, AFFECTING MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, WONG TAI SIN, MR S.R. SELBY, SIR JACK ALSO STOPPED AT THE POLICE REPORTING CENTRE AT TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE AND TOURED THE ESTATE'S HAWKER BAZAAR.

SIR JACK SAW THE TAI HOM WOR SQUATTER AREA, FACTORY AREAS, INSPECTED A COOKED FOOD MARKET AND ALSO VISITED THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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CBE AWARD

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THE LATE MR JUSTICE WILFRED PICKERING, WHO WAS A JUSTICE OF APPEAL AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH ON MAY 2 THIS YEAR, HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE QUEEN TO BE AN ORDINARY COMMANDER OF THE CIVIL DIVISION OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (CBE).

THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 1, 1980 AND WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR PICKERING WAS A VALUABLE MEMBER OF THE JUDICIARY IN HONG KONG FOR NEARLY 25 YEARS. HE SERVED AS A JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR 10 YEARS, INCLUDING FOUR YEARS AS A JUSTICE OF APPEAL.

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WORKING PARTY SUBMITS REPORT TO ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

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THE WORKING PARTY INVESTIGATING THE LAW RELATING TO THE ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE AND THE TAKING OF CONFESSION STATEMENTS FROM PERSONS SUSPECTED OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES SUBMITTED ITS REPORT TO THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE WORKING PARTY ON VOIR DIRE PROCEEDINGS AND JUDGES RULES, WAS SET UP BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE LAST OCTOBER UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR JUSTICE YANG.

DURING THE NINE MONTH'S INVESTIGATION OPINIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM HONG KONG LAWYERS AND JUDGES AND OTHER PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE UK, AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

MR JUSTICE YANG TODAY THANKED ALL THOSE WHO ASSISTED THE WORKING PARTY.

MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS MR D.K. NEWBIGGING AND MR ALEX S.C. WU= MR MAX LUCAS, LEGAL DEPARTMENT= MR C.D. ST. Q. FLETCHER, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE= MR NORMAN WHITELEY, ICAC= MR ROBERT KOTEWALL AND MISS JACQUELINE LEONG, THE HONG KONG BAR, AND MR CHRISTOPHER D'ALMADA, A SOLICITOR. THE SECRETARY WAS MR W.L. YIP.

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION EXPANSION TERMED 'FANTASTIC'

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THE RAPID EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE GROWTH IN ENROLMENT DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS WERE TERMED 'FANTASTIC' BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR DAN WATERS, AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE THIS MORNING (THURSDAY).

HE RECALLED THAT IN THE 1960S THE OLD TECHNICAL COLLEGE (NOW THE POLYTECHNIC) WAS, AT THAT TIME, +ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN.+

THE FIRST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - MORRISON HILL - WAS NOT OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED TILL SEPTEMBER, 1969 AND SINCE THEN A POLYTECHNIC AND A FURTHER FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAD BEEN SET UP.

+INDEED, THE GROWTH IN NUMBERS OF TECHNICAL STUDENTS, AT CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS, HAS BEEN QUITE STAGGERING AND POSSIBLY UNEQUALLED ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD,+ MR WATERS SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN SEPTEMBER, 1970, THERE WAS LESS THAN 600 PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDENTS AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE BUT IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR, WHICH JUST ENDED, THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAD ALMOST 8 000 PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDENTS= AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 12-FOLD IN TEN YEARS.

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REGARDING THE FUTURE, MR WATERS SAID THAT IN THE EARLY 1980S ADDITIONAL FLOORS AND ANNEXES WILL BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, WHILE A SIXTH INSTITUTE IS PLANNED TO BE ESTABLISHED BY 1984.

AND OF THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, HE SAID HE WAS CONVINCED IT HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE OVERALL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

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SIR ALBERT OPENS CENTRAL METHADONE SCHEME LABORATORY
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SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, TODAY (THURSDAY) OPENED THE HO MAN TIN METHADONE SCHEME LABORATORY, WHICH WILL BOOST THE GOVERNMENT'S URINE TESTING FACILITIES FOR METHADONE PATIENTS.

THE LABORATORY, RUN BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY, CAN HANDLE 500 URINE SAMPLES A DAY, COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING CAPACITY OF 70 SAMPLES HANDLED BY THE EASTERN STREET LABORATORY IN WESTERN DISTRICT, HONG KONG ISLAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, SAID THAT WITH MORE THAN 7 000 PATIENTS ATTENDING HONG KONG'S 20 METHADONE CLINICS DAILY, THE TESTING FACILITIES AT THE EASTERN STREET LABORATORY WERE +TOTALLY INADEQUATE.+

+WITH THE PRESENT VOLUME OF ATTENDANCE, THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR URINALYSIS IS ABOUT 250 SPECIMENS A DAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE NEW FACILITY SERVES AS THE CENTRAL LABORATORY FOR URINE EXAMINATIONS IN THE METHADONE TREATMENT PROGRAMME.

+THE EASTERN STREET SERVICE HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW LABORATORY WHICH WILL HANDLE ALL INCOMING SPECIMENS. THERE WILL ALSO BE SCOPE FOR INCREASING THE EXISTING LEVEL OF SAMPLE INTAKE IN DUE COURSE,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR BOWEN LEUNG AND THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST, DR A. NUTTEN ALSO ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR TICD

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A MODERN PABX SYSTEM AT THE OCEAN CENTRE OFFICES OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 5) TO REPLACE THE EXISTING TELEPHONE SYSTEM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SYSTEM IS EQUIPPED WITH DIRECT-DIALLING-IN FACILITIES. BY DIALLING 3-7222 PLUS A THREE-FIGURE EXTENSION NUMBER A CALLER CAN MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS, WITHOUT HAVING TO GO THROUGH A TELEPHONE OPERATOR.

+UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL EXTENSION NUMBERS ARE KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, A SPECIAL NUMBER -- 3-7222333 -- HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR SIX MONTHS. OPERATORS ON THIS NUMBER WILL GIVE CALLERS THE EXTENSION NUMBER THEY REQUIRE, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

LEAFLETS CONTAINING THE EXTENSION NUMBERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO IMPORT AND EXPORT FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE FREQUENT DEALINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S GROUND FLOOR RECEPTION COUNTER, OCEAN CENTRE OFFICES.

THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO WILL, FOR ONE MONTH, INTERCEPT ALL CALLS TO THE OLD NUMBERS, AND ADVISE CALLERS THAT 3-7222333 IS THE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL ENQUIRY NUMBER.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES TO APPLICANTS ARE OBTAINABLE DURING OFFICE HOURS FROM ANY OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT..... AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FURTHER TO THE PRESS RELEASE ON THE TICD'S NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM, WOULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE YOUR EDITORIAL STAFF THAT THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION ARE : 3-7222225 (PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, MR JACK HAND)- 3-7222226 (INFORMATION OFFICER, MRS REBEKAH WONG)- AND 3-7222227 (ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER, MISS JENNIFER IP).

SEE THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON- AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 30-REMPLEY ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

FORM FIVE STUDENTS SITTING THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION THIS YEAR MAY APPLY. BUT THEY SHOULD WAIT FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMPLETE THE RELEVANT EXAMINATION RESULT COLUMN ON THE APPLICATION FORMS BEFORE RETURNING THE FORMS. /5

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR PART-TIME EVENING COURSES

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THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR 35 TECHNICAL LEVEL (POST FORM 5) PART-TIME EVENING COURSES SCHEDULED TO START IN SEPTEMBER.

THE COURSES COVER 10 DISCIPLINES AND ARE SUITABLE FOR PEOPLE WORKING IN THE TOURISM AND INDUSTRIAL FIELDS TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES.

THE DISCIPLINES ARE HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, PRINTING, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, MARINE AND FABRICATION, AND DESIGN.

MOST OF THE COURSES ARE FOR THREE YEARS AND THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS PER WEEK RANGE FROM ONE TO FOUR, NORMALLY BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM.

APART FROM BEING CONDUCTED IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PREMISES, THE EVENING CLASSES ARE ALSO ACCOMMODATED IN A NUMBER OF OUTLYING CENTRES IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

APPLICATION TO THE COURSES WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN TOMORROW (AUGUST 1) AND AUGUST 22.

APPLICATION FORMS AND GUIDES TO APPLICANTS ARE OBTAINABLE DURING OFFICE HOURS FROM ANY OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 22 TO THE RESPECTIVE INSTITUTES APPLIED FOR.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE: MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 6 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG- KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 20 HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG- KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 25 HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG- HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON- AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 30 RENFREW ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

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SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO GIVE OPEN AIR CONCERT
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THE POPULAR SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, FORMED 18 MONTHS AGO, IS TO GIVE ITS FIRST OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE ON AUGUST 15.

THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE HELD IN THE MAN YI PLAYGROUND IN SAI KUNG TOWN AND IS EXPECTED TO BE WATCHED BY 1 000 LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE 170-STRONG CHOIR, INCLUDING ITS +YOUNGER+ AND +TEENAGER+ GROUPS, WILL BE JOINED BY A BAND OF 100 YOUNG MUSICIANS ATTENDING THE NEARBY HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

THE CHOIR WILL SING SONGS DESCRIBING VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT COMPOSED BY ITS ADVISER, MR YIP CHEE-KWONG, AND SONGS FROM THE WELL-KNOWN CHILDREN'S TELEVISION PROGRAMME, +BANANA BOAT+.

PERFORMERS FROM THE TELEVISION PROGRAMME, +THE CARTOON BIRDS+, WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

CHINESE FOLK DANCES WILL BE PERFORMED BY STUDENTS, DRESSED IN CHINESE TRADITIONAL COSTUMES, OF SAI KUNG SUNG TSUN AND HANG HAU CHENG CHIK CHI MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

THE CONCERT IS BEING PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES, WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING MUSIC IN THE DISTRICT AND PROVIDING YOUNG MUSICIANS WITH A CHANCE TO GAIN EXPERIENCE.

ADMISSION WILL BE FREE. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE BRANCH OFFICE IN MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG, AND FROM SUB-OFFICES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY (AUGUST 4), A GENERAL HOLIDAY, EXCEPT ITS PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS AT WAN CHAI, YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN, ITS PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE, AND ITS MACAU FERRY WHARF UNIT OFFICES.

ITS VICTORIA SMALL CRAFT LICENSING SECTION WILL ALSO BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM ON MONDAY.

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