



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MARKET TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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THE \$1,300 MILLION MARKET TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS GOT OFF THE GROUND WITH THE SIGNING OF ITS FIRST CONTRACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHEK WU HUI EARLIER THIS WEEK.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$18.8 MILLION, INVOLVED SITE FORMATION AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE SOUTH WESTERN PART OF SHEK WU HUI. IT WAS AWARDED TO SHIMIZU CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. OF JAPAN.

MR. BOSCO KEOWN, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY THAT THE PROJECT INVOLVED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARKET TOWNS OF SHEK WU HUI AND FAN LING.

HE SAID WORK ON THE FIRST CONTRACT HAS ALREADY BEGUN AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IT WOULD INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 16 HECTARES OF LAND IN AN AREA FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE TANNERIES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND THE FIRST STAGE OF A MAJOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

MR. KEOWN POINTED OUT THAT PART OF THE LAND WHICH WOULD BE FORMED BY JULY WOULD INITIALLY BE USED AS A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TO ACCOMMODATE THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY OTHER SHEK WU HUI AND FAN LING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BEGIN IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR.

THESE PROJECTS, HE ADDED, WOULD INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

SITES WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, MARKETS, A COMMUNITY CENTRE, HOSPITAL AND STADIUM.

MR. KEOWN EMPHASISED THAT THE OBJECT OF THE DEVELOPMENT WAS TO CREATE A BALANCED COMMUNITY IN THE TWO MARKET TOWNS FOR A DESIGNED POPULATION OF 168,000.

TENDERS FOR THE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN FAN LING WILL BE CALLED IN OCTOBER.

TO COPE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEK WU HUI AND FAN LING AREAS, A FIVE-YEAR ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME HAS BEEN DESIGNED.

WORK ON THE FIRST CONTRACT OF THIS PROGRAMME, INVOLVING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A 2,420-METRE ROAD COVERING A SECTION OF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD WILL BEGIN THIS AUTUMN AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, THE ROAD WILL BE IMPROVED TO DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH CYCLE-WAYS AND FOOTPATHS WHICH WILL BE LINKED TO SUBWAY OR FOOTBRIDGE FACILITIES AT MAJOR ROAD INTERSECTIONS AND CROSSING POINTS IN THE AREA.

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NEW COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPOINTED
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR. D.S. WHITE-
LEGG, WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE NEXT MONTH AFTER SERVING THE
GOVERNMENT FOR 19 YEARS. HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR. C.C. GREEN-
FIELD, WHOSE APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR. WHITELEGG FIRST JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS A
CADET OFFICER IN 1959 ON TRANSFER FROM THE FEDERATION OF MALAYA (AS
IT WAS THEN KNOWN).

HIS SERVICE WAS MAINLY IN THE FINANCE, ESTABLISHMENT (CIVIL
SERVICE) AND DEFENCE (SECURITY) BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT
SECRETARIAT AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, BEFORE BEING
APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST IN 1973. HE WAS AWARDED THE OBE THIS
YEAR.

MR. GREENFIELD, AGED 41, IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. SINCE
JANUARY 1966, HE HAS BEEN IN THE SERVICE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS
DEVELOPMENT IN LONDON DURING WHICH TIME HE WAS SECONDED ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS TO OVERSEAS TERRITORIES TO WORK IN THE CENSUS AND
STATISTICAL FIELD INCLUDING A PERIOD IN HONG KONG FROM SEPTEMBER
1973 TO SEPTEMBER 1975 AS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND
STATISTICS.

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SEVEN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS PROMOTED
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE PROMOTION OF FOUR LOCAL AND THREE OVERSEAS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. MARTIN ROWLANDS, THIS MORNING BROKE THE GOOD NEWS TO THE OFFICERS OF THEIR PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF STAFF GRADE 'C' -- THE EQUIVALENT RANK OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. ALL HAVE BEEN ACTING IN THIS RANK FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

THE PROMOTED OFFICERS ARE: MR. GORDON SIU, MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT= MRS. ELIZABETH WONG, ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN THE FINANCE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT= MR. CLIVE OXLEY, DISTRICT OFFICER, TAI PO= MR. MICHAEL SZE, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, KOWLOON WEST= MR. GORDON MORTIMER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT= MR. MICHAEL SMITH, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF TRAINING IN THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH= AND MR. JACK SO, WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ALL THE PROMOTIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM FEBRUARY 1, EXCEPT FOR MR. SO'S WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 1.

MR. SIU JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1966 AND WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR. HE HAS SERVED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE FINANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCHES.

MRS. WONG JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1969. SHE HAS SERVED IN THE HOME AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FINANCE BRANCHES. SHE HAS BEEN IN HER PRESENT POST SINCE MARCH LAST YEAR.

MR. OXLEY HAS BEEN WITH THE GOVERNMENT SINCE 1969 AND SERVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH, THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WHERE HE HAS BEEN A DISTRICT OFFICER, FIRST IN SAI KUNG AND LATER IN TAI PO, SINCE 1973.

MR. SZE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1969 AND HAS SERVED WITH THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND RESETTLEMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS. HE HAS BEEN IN HIS PRESENT POST SINCE MAY, 1975.

MR. MORTIMER JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1971. HE SERVED IN THE LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT BRANCHES BEFORE MOVING TO THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT LAST SEPTEMBER.

MR. SMITH HAS BEEN WITH THE GOVERNMENT FOR 20 YEARS AND SERVED IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. HE HAS HELD HIS PRESENT POST SINCE NOVEMBER, 1976.

MR. SO WHO JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1969, SERVED WITH THE RESETTLEMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS, THE SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE I.C.A.C. AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT BEFORE TAKING UP HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT WITH GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES LAST MONTH.

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RESULTS OF HEUNG YEE KUK ELECTIONS

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TWENTY-ONE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE TODAY ELECTED SPECIAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE 23RD TERM OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AT THE REGIONAL ELECTIONS HELD AT THE KUK'S OFFICE IN CUMBERLAND ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE NEW COUNCILLORS ELECTED FOR THE THREE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS -- TAI PO, SOUTHERN AND YUEN LONG -- ARE:

TAI PO (INCLUDING SHA TIN):-- MR. MAK NAM, MR. KAN CHAU-CHI, MR. CHEUNG SAN, MR. LEE SHU-SHING, MR. TANG TUNG, MR. CHAN YIU-FAI AND MR. WAI HON-KWONG.

SOUTHERN (COMPRISING SAI KUNG, ISLANDS AND TSUEN WAN):-- MR. NG TAM-HING, MR. LAM WAI-KEUNG, MR. CHUNG PUN, MR. TAI WING-FAI, MR. HO WING-KWONG, MR. HO YUN-LAM AND MR. YUEN SHU-KWAN.

YUEN LONG (INCLUDING TUEN MUN):-- MR. MAN YEUNG-PO, MR. CHU HIN-CHEUNG, MR. LI SHUI-CHING, MR. HO SAN-KUEN, MR. CHEUNG CHING-CAT, MR. TANG TIM-KAU AND MR. LAI KAM-MAN.

THERE WERE ALTOGETHER 33 CANDIDATES, 12 FOR TAI PO DISTRICT, TEN FOR SOUTHERN AND 11 FOR YUEN LONG.

THE SEVEN COUNCILLORS FOR YUEN LONG DISTRICT WERE CHOSEN WITHOUT GOING THROUGH AN ELECTION AS FOUR OF THE 11 CANDIDATES FOR THIS ELECTORAL DISTRICT WITHDREW FROM THE ELECTION.

THE ELECTIONS WERE HELD BY SECRET BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PROCEDURE PRESCRIBED IN THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK ORDINANCE IN THE LAWS OF HONG KONG.

THE RETURNING OFFICER WAS THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES WHO WAS ASSISTED BY STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO ATTEND AMS DINNER
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ATTEND THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE MESS DINNER TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE HONG KONG COUNTRY CLUB, DEEP WATER BAY.

THE GOVERNOR WILL ARRIVE AT 7.45 P.M.

OTHER GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, COMMISSIONER OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE, AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT.

DR. K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHO IS ALSO THE UNIT CONTROLLER OF AMS WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

RTHK TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE
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RTHK WILL BE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MAY 13) TO INTRODUCE THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF +THE COMMON SENSE+ — +THE ARMED FORCES IN HONG KONG.+

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONFERENCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN STUDIO 1 OF TELEVISION PRODUCTION CENTRE, 79, BROADCAST DRIVE.

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FINDINGS OF COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL SYSTEM

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THE COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL SYSTEM WHICH HAS BEEN IN OPERATION IN WEST KOWLOON FOR A YEAR HAS REDUCED THE JOURNEY TIME IN THE AREA BY 30 PER CENT.

THIS WAS ONE OF THE FINDINGS OF A 12-WEEK EVALUATION STUDY OF THE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF P.W.D. AND CARRIED OUT BY MR. JOHN HUMPHREYS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT IN LONDON.

OTHER BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM INCLUDE ITS FLEXIBILITY IN CHANGING TRAFFIC CONTROL STRATEGIES TO COPE WITH DIFFERENT SITUATIONS, AND THE SHORT TIME TAKEN TO DISCOVER FAULTS IN TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

A REPORT ON THE STUDY, WHICH CONTAINS A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

IT IS HOPED THAT A DECISION ON THE PROPOSALS WILL BE MADE LATER THIS YEAR.

MR. HUMPHREYS, WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN FEBRUARY, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING WORK IN LONDON FOR THE PAST 17 YEARS.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF A TEAM WHICH DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL COMPUTER CONTROLLED AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM IN WEST LONDON.

DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS HE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH NATION-WIDE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND TRAFFIC ENGINEERING PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, INCLUDING GIVING ADVICE ON COMPUTER CONTROL SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTRY.

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PLAYLEADERSHIP CENTRE-CUM-STUDY ROOM OPENS AT LAM TIN ESTATE

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A PLAYLEADERSHIP CENTRE WHICH ALSO ACCOMMODATES STUDY ROOM FACILITIES WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF LAM TIN ESTATE TO ENJOY THEIR LEISURE IN A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE WAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE RUN BY THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE TWO TYPES OF SERVICES IN FOSTERING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT.

+PLAYLEADERSHIP IS A NEW MODE OF YOUTH GUIDANCE INTRODUCED SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO REACH OUT TO YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE UNLIKELY TO JOIN ORGANISED OR SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE ADDED THAT PLAYLEADERS, USING THE REACH OUT APPROACH IN SOCIAL WORK, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE ATMOSPHERE IN PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS TO HELP THESE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE INTEGRATE INTO NORMAL SOCIAL GROUP ACTIVITIES.

+THROUGH THE ORGANISATION OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES, FORMATION OF PLAYGROUPS, SUPERVISION, PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND ENCOURAGING FREE PLAY IN FOOTBALL PITCHES, REST GARDENS AND PLEASURE GROUNDS, A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND FAIRER USE OF PLAYGROUND FACILITIES COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT,+ HE NOTED.

APART FROM ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES, MR. LEE ADDED, THE SCHEME ALSO ENABLES PARTICIPANTS TO BRING FORWARD THEIR PERSONAL AND FAMILY PROBLEMS SO THAT OBSTACLES TO THEIR CHARACTER AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COULD BE IDENTIFIED AND REMOVED.

COMMENTING ON THE STUDY ROOM FACILITIES OF THE CENTRE, MR. LEE SAID THAT THE QUIET ENVIRONMENT AND ADEQUATE TUITION SERVICE WOULD BE MEETING A GREAT DEMAND AMONG STUDENTS LIVING IN CONGESTED CONDITIONS.

+SINCE THIS CENTRE COMMENCED OPERATION TWO MONTHS AGO, THE PLAYLEADERSHIP SECTION HAS ATTRACTED 420 PEOPLE A DAY AND THE STUDY ROOM HAS A DAILY ATTENDANCE OF 110,+ MR. LEE NOTED.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE EFFORTS OF THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION IN SETTING UP THE LAM TIN PLAYLEADERSHIP CENTRE AND STUDY ROOM, THE DIRECTOR REVEALED THAT THE ASSOCIATION WOULD SOON BE OPENING A SIMILAR CENTRE IN TSZ WAN SHAN.

A GRANT OF \$150,000 HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, DECORATION AND FURNISHING OF THE TWO CENTRES, HE SAID.

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WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TO COMMEMORATE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY (MAY 17), THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S (IARC) STATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU) HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA WILL BE ON AIR FROM MAY 13 TO 21 TO COMMUNICATE WITH RADIO AMATEUR ENTHUSIASTS IN THE WORLD.

THE STATION WILL USE SPECIAL CALL SIGN +4UØ - ITU+ TO COMMUNICATE AND THOSE WHO CONTACT THIS STATION WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL +QSL+ (ACKNOWLEDGEMENT) CARD.

IN ADDITION, A RADIO AMATEUR CONTEST FOR THE +ITU TROPHY+ WILL ALSO BE SPONSORED BY THE BRAZILIAN RADIO AMATEUR ORGANISATION LIGA DE AMADORES BRASILEIROS DE RADICENMISSAO (LABRE).

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO RADIO AMATEURS OF ALL NATIONS, AND WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (MAY 13) BETWEEN 0000 AND 2400 HOURS GMT FOR TELEPHONY. THE TELEGRAPHY PERIOD WILL BE ON MAY 20, FROM 0000 TO 2400 HOURS GMT.

APART FROM THE ITU TROPHY, THERE WILL BE, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS FOR THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN BOTH THE TELEGRAPHY AND TELEPHONE CLASSES. LABRE IS OFFERING A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE FIRST TIME -- A RETURN AIR TICKET TO BRAZIL WITH A THREE-DAY STAY IF THE WINNER IS A NON-BRAZILIAN.

COPIES OF THE CONTEST RULES ARE AVAILABLE FROM DR. W.C. LO, HON. SECRETARY OF THE H.K. AMATEUR RADIO TRANSMITTING SOCIETY (HARTS), TEL: 3-2811592 BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 3.30 P.M.

DR. LO SAID LICENSED RADIO AMATEURS BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY WOULD TAKE PART IN BOTH ACTIVITIES.

THE HONG KONG TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY HAS ALLOCATED A SPECIAL CALL SIGN FOR THE HARTS STATION.

ITU WAS FOUNDED IN 1865 IN PARIS AND IS NOW THE OLDEST INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. IT HAS 154 MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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CONCERTS FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN
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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED TWO DEMONSTRATION CONCERTS FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OF INSTITUTIONS IN SANDY BAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE CONCERTS WILL BE HELD FROM 1.30 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M. AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE AND AT THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCENT HOME, BOTH AT SANDY BAY ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE CONCERTS WAS TO INTRODUCE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND TO TRAIN UP SOME OF THE TALENTED ONES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER A DEMONSTRATION CONCERT AT JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE, 15 SANDY BAY ROAD, FROM 1.30 P.M. TO 2.30 P.M.

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