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GOVERNOR INAUGURATES FIRST DISTRICT BOARD

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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD BRING NEW LIFE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF KWUN TONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

PRESIDING AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE FIRST OF 10 NEW BOARDS TO BE SET UP IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND BEFORE APRIL 1982, SIR MURRAY SAID THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT STEP BECAUSE IT WAS THE FIRST STAGE IN ESTABLISHING NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN THE URBAN AREA.

HE SAID THE NEW STEP TOWARDS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE EVIDENT WISH OF PEOPLE TO HAVE MORE INFLUENCE OVER LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, AND BY THE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PARTICIPATION WHICH WAS SO APPARENT IN THE WORK OF MANY BODIES, INCLUDING THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, THE AREA COMMITTEES AND PARTICULARLY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THESE DIVERSE BODIES. +THE NEW STEP WE TAKE CAN ONLY SUCCEED WITH THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DISTRICT BOARDS HAVING AN INCREASING INFLUENCE ON THE WAY GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES ARE DRAFTED AND IMPLEMENTED TO MEET DISTRICT NEEDS.

+A STRONG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL COMPLEMENT TO THE WORK OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE URBAN AREA AS HAS BEEN PROVED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD:

+THIS INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD ESTABLISHES THE FIRST OF 10 NEW BOARDS WHICH WILL BE SET UP IN KOWLOON AND ON HONG KONG ISLAND BEFORE APRIL 1982. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FIRSTLY BECAUSE IT IS THE FIRST STAGE IN ESTABLISHING NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN THE URBAN AREA. BUT ALSO BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT WILL BRING NEW LIFE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF KWUN TONG.

+THIS NEW STEP TOWARDS LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE EVIDENT WISH OF PEOPLE TO HAVE MORE INFLUENCE OVER LOCAL ADMINISTRATION, AND BY THE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PARTICIPATION WHICH HAS BEEN SO APPARENT IN THE WORK OF MANY BODIES INCLUDING THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, THE AREA COMMITTEES AND PARTICULARLY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEES. THE MEMBERS OF THESE DIVERSE BODIES HAVE DONE AND DO MAGNIFICENT WORK. THEY MAY BE BEST KNOWN FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO CAMPAIGNS FOR KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN, FIGHTING CRIME, PROVISION OF RECREATION SPORT AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES, FIGHTING NARCOTIC ADDICTION AND SO ON. BUT THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH DISTRICT BOARDS WITH WIDER RESPONSIBILITIES WAS BASED UPON THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND THE SUPPORT THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN EACH DISTRICT. I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THESE PUBLIC-SPIRITED PEOPLE WHO OVER THE YEARS HAVE SERVED THE COMMUNITY IN THIS WAY. THE NEW STEP WE TAKE TODAY CAN ONLY SUCCEED WITH THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

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+THE FIRST DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE URBAN AREA WILL CONSIST OF A MAJORITY OF APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS EITHER RESIDENT OR HAVING A STRONG INTEREST IN THEIR DISTRICTS- THEY WILL WORK SIDE BY SIDE WITH OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MORE IMPORTANT SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE SEATS FOR URBAN COUNCILLORS.

+AMONG THE APPOINTED UNOFFICIALS ABOUT HALF - IN THE CASE OF KWUN TONG 12 - WILL BE AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. THEIR TERM WILL EXTEND FROM THEIR DATE OF APPOINTMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1982.

+HOWEVER, FOR THE SECOND TERM, WHICH WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER 1982 AND EXTEND FOR 3 YEARS, ABOUT HALF THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS WITHIN DISTRICTS. THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE FILLED BY APPOINTED MEMBERS WILL THEN BE REDUCED BY ABOUT HALF AND THE NEW APPOINTEES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION HAVE BEEN DECLARED. AT THAT TIME IN ADDITION TO SEATS FOR A FEW OFFICIALS, THERE WILL BE SEATS ON THE KWUN TONG BOARD FOR TWELVE ELECTED UNOFFICIALS AND FOR UP TO TWELVE APPOINTED UNOFFICIALS.

+DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL PLACE INCREASING RESPONSIBILITIES ON AREA COMMITTEES TO ENSURE THAT AREA REPRESENTATIVES, WHETHER, AS IN THE FIRST TERM, THEIR OWN CHAIRMEN OR, AS IN SUBSEQUENT ONES, CONSTITUENCY ELECTED, ARE FULLY AWARE OF PROBLEMS WITHIN THEIR AREAS AND ARE ACTING ON THEM APPROPRIATELY ON THE DISTRICT BOARDS. I RELY ON THE AREA COMMITTEES TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE.

+IT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE SCHEME THAT IT SHOULD BE ROOTED IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PROBLEMS. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF MANY PUBLIC SERVICES CAN BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE IF THOSE WHO USE THEM HAVE A STRONG INFLUENCE ON HOW THEY ARE RUN. THIS DEMANDS THAT THEY ARE CONSULTED ON THE PLANNING OF THESE SERVICES, AND THAT DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE AN INCREASING INFLUENCE ON THE WAY GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES ARE DRAFTED AND IMPLEMENTED TO MEET DISTRICT NEEDS. IT WILL BE DEMANDING WORK FOR UNOFFICIALS- IT WILL ALSO MAKE VERY SUBSTANTIAL DEMANDS ON OFFICIALS AND A STRONG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE AN ESSENTIAL COMPLEMENT TO THE WORK OF DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE URBAN AREA AS HAS BEEN PROVED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+FOR THIS NEW EXPERIMENT TO WORK, ON THE ONE HAND UNOFFICIAL ADVICE MUST BE TIMELY, WELL INFORMED AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND ON THE OTHER HAND THE GOVERNMENT MUST BE ABLE AND WILLING TO RESPOND TO IT QUICKLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY- BY THIS I MEAN BY EITHER DOING WHAT IS ASKED, OR BY GIVING A CONVINCING EXPLANATION OF WHY IT CANNOT BE DONE, OR DONE AT THAT TIME. ONLY BY SUCH A TWO WAY EXCHANGE CAN THE PARTNERSHIP BE FORMED TO MOUNT AN EFFECTIVE ATTACK ON DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

+IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS ADMINISTRATIVE PATTERN WHICH WE SEE TAKING SHAPE IN KWUN TONG TO-DAY, SHOULD BRING A BREATH OF FRESH AIR INTO ADMINISTRATION IN THE 1980S.

+I WISH THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SUCCESS, AND I PROMISE MY INTEREST AND MY SUPPORT.+

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON JUVENILE CRIME

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THE WORKING GROUP FORMED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE UPSURGE IN JUVENILE CRIME HAS FOUND VARIOUS FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE TREND ALTHOUGH IT COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY SINGLE MAIN CONTRIBUTORY ONE. IT HAS ALSO MADE WIDE RANGING RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNTERACT THE UPSURGE.

THE WORKING GROUP CONSISTED OF THREE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS - DR HO KAM-FAI AND MR PANG HANG-YIN OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, AND MRS CHAN WONG SHUI OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION - AND 11 OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THE HOME AFFAIRS, SOCIAL SERVICES AND SECURITY BRANCHES, THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS AND THE ROYAL HK POLICE FORCE. THE CONVENOR WAS MR NIGEL FRENCH, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH.

MR FRENCH EXPLAINED THAT THE RISE IN THE JUVENILE CRIME RATE WAS REMARKABLE AND DISTURBING IN THAT IT WAS SO SUDDEN AND STEEP, THAT IT WAS UNEXPECTED, AND THAT IT DID NOT HAPPEN EARLIER.

RECORDS SHOW THAT WHILE BEFORE 1978 THE RATE (I.E. THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS OF JUVENILES PER 100 000 IN THE 7 - 15 AGE GROUP) HAD REMAINED STABLE AT BETWEEN 150 AND 200 EACH YEAR, THERE HAD BEEN AN ALARMING 250 PER CENT INCREASE SINCE THEN. THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WAS THEREFORE ASKED BY THE GOVERNOR TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE AND TO SUGGEST REMEDIAL MEASURES.

OUTLINING THE MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR FRENCH SAID THE PRECONDITIONS FOR A RISE IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND CRIME ALL EXISTED WELL BEFORE 1979.

+VARIOUS NEW FACTORS HAVE EMERGED AS WELL. IT IS CLEAR THAT MANY FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO THE UPSURGE AND THE WORKING GROUP FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY CONCLUSIVELY ANY SINGLE MAIN CONTRIBUTORY ONE. ONE POSSIBLE SUCH FACTOR HOWEVER MIGHT BE DELAYED EFFECTS OF THE PHASED INTRODUCTION OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN 1978.

+WE HAVE FOUND CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE FROM OUR RESEARCHES TO SUPPORT THIS,+ HE ADDED. +IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSAL JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION IS STILL IN A TRANSITIONAL STAGE AND THAT STUDENTS AS WELL AS TEACHERS AND PARENTS ARE TAKING TIME TO ADJUST TO THE CHANGES.

+THE RISE IN JUVENILE CRIME COULD BE A SIDE-EFFECT OF THIS PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT BUT OTHER FACTORS HAVE ALSO UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO VARYING EXTENTS,+ HE SAID.

MR FRENCH EMPHASISED HOWEVER THAT JUVENILE OFFENDERS STILL CONSTITUTED LESS THAN ONE HALF OF ONE PER CENT OF THE JUVENILE POPULATION AND THAT THE JUVENILE CRIME RATE WAS STILL RELATIVELY LOW- IT WAS LOWER THAN THE OVERALL, ADULT AND MOST PARTICULARLY THE YOUTH (16 - 20 YEARS OLD) CRIME RATES.

+IT SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE CONCLUDED THAT COMPULSORY EDUCATION IS UNDESIRABLE SIMPLY FOR THE SIDE-EFFECTS ON SOME YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK OF MIXING A WIDER CROSS-SECTION OF STUDENTS TOGETHER,+ HE SAID.

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MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE WORKING GROUP HAVE ALREADY BEEN ENDORSED BY THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WHILE OTHERS WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED. THE MEASURES INCLUDE:

- (A) A REVIEW OF THE JUNIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN OF WIDELY DIFFERING ABILITIES AND INTERESTS-
- (B) A REVIEW OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SCHEME IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED WITH MIXED ABILITY IN SCHOOLS-
- (C) A REVIEW OF THE STANDARDS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE PROGRAMME PLAN ON PERSONAL SOCIAL WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE COVERING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION-
- (D) AN EXPANSION OF ORGANISED ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON MAKING JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND OTHER YOUTH MOVEMENTS AS WELL AS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRES MORE ATTRACTIVE TO YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK-
- (E) EDUCATION OF TEACHERS, PARENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE MEASURES WHICH CAN BE TAKEN TO COUNTERACT GANG INFLUENCES-
- (F) EMPHASIS ON FIGHTING JUVENILE AND YOUTH CRIME IN THE 1981/82 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN-
- (G) STRICTER SECURITY AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES BY SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES, ETC. TO COUNTERACT THE GROWING TREND TOWARDS SHOPLIFTING BY JUVENILES-
- (H) GREATER EFFORTS TOWARDS STAMPING OUT CERTAIN VICE ACTIVITIES, INVOLVING YOUNG GIRLS IN PARTICULAR-
- (I) FURTHER EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY AND THE TELEVISION STATIONS TO IMPROVE THE CONTENT AND STANDARDS PORTRAYED IN TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

RESEARCHES BY THE WORKING GROUP WERE UNDERTAKEN ON THREE FRONTS:

- (A) AN EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDS OF 1 551 JUVENILE OFFENDERS PROSECUTED BETWEEN JANUARY 1978 AND OCTOBER 1980-
- (B) DETAILED INTERVIEWS OF 377 OF THESE OFFENDERS ON THE BASIS OF A 27 PAGE QUESTIONNAIRE- AND
- (C) WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS, CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER RESEARCH.

ADVICE ON DRUG SAFETY

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THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF PHARMACIST, MR MERVYN LOIE, TODAY (THURSDAY) CALLED FOR A CONCERTED EFFORT BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED -- DOCTORS, PHARMACISTS AND CONSUMERS -- TO ENSURE DRUG SAFETY AT HOME.

SPEAKING AT A ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, HE SAID CHILDREN ARE PARTICULARLY PRONE TO THE ACCIDENTAL INGESTION OF DRUGS, OFTEN THROUGH THE NEGLIGENCE OF PARENTS.

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENACTED LEGISLATION TO CONTROL THE SALE OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DRUGS, HE SAID, IT WOULD STILL BE UP TO THE PARENTS THEMSELVES TO ENSURE ALL MEDICINES ARE STORED OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH.

MR LOIE SAID DOCTORS COULD HELP REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF DRUG POISONING BY GIVING CLEAR DIRECTIONS TO PATIENTS HOW DRUGS SHOULD BE TAKEN AND WHAT THE SIDE EFFECTS WERE LIKELY TO BE.

PHARMACISTS, TOO, COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING DRUG SAFETY BY GIVING ADVICE ON HOW DRUGS SHOULD BE STORED AND WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE ADMINISTERING OF CERTAIN DRUGS, THEIR COMPATIBILITY WITH ALCOHOL, THE ADVISABILITY OF DRIVING OR OPERATING MACHINES AND SO FORTH, HE SAID.

BUT ABOVE ALL, SAID MR LOIE, THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT IN PROMOTING DRUG SAFETY IS IN THE HOME, AND THIS IS WHERE THE CONSUMERS THEMSELVES MUST PLAY THEIR PART.

ON STORAGE OF DRUGS, HE GAVE THIS ADVICE :

- * UNKNOWN MEDICINES OR MEDICINES THAT HAVE BEEN KEPT FOR A LONG TIME SHOULD BE DISCARDED.
- * ALL MEDICINES THAT HAVE SHOWN SIGNS OF DETERIORATION, SUCH AS CHANGE IN COLOUR, APPEARANCE OR SMELL SHOULD BE DISCARDED.
- * ALL MEDICINES MUST BE LOCKED OR STORED OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.
- * STORE ALL MEDICINES IN COOL, CLEAN AND DRY PLACES, AWAY FROM DIRECT SUNLIGHT.

ON THE QUESTION OF ADMINISTERING OF DRUGS, MR LOIE ADVISED CONSUMERS THAT THEY :

- * READ THE LABEL OR DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE CAREFULLY BEFORE TAKING THE MEDICINE.
- * TAKE MEDICINES AT THE RIGHT TIME (I.E. IF THREE TIMES DAILY, ALWAYS AT THE SAME TIMES OF THE DAY) AND THE RIGHT DOSAGE.
- * NOTE AND OBEY ALL WARNINGS ON THE LABEL.

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- * NOTE ALL REACTIONS OR SIDE EFFECTS AFTER ADMINISTRATION AND, IF ANY, REPORT TO THE DOCTOR OR PHARMACIST.
- * REPLACE CAP TIGHTLY AFTER TAKING THE MEDICINE.
- * DO NOT TAKE CHINESE AND WESTERN MEDICINES AT THE SAME TIME.
- * PREGNANT WOMEN AND LACTATING MOTHERS SHOULD TAKE MEDICINES ONLY UNDER THE INSTRUCTIONS OF DOCTORS OR PHARMACISTS.
- * SHOULD NOT TAKE MEDICINES SPECIALLY PRESCRIBED FOR OTHER PERSONS NOR SHOULD THEY RECOMMEND MEDICINE TO OTHER PEOPLE.
- * NEVER TAKE ANY MEDICINES RECOMMENDED BY FRIENDS OR RELATIVES.
- * DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO HELP THEMSELVES TO ADMINISTER MEDICINES, EVEN VITAMINS.

THE CHIEF PHARMACIST REFUTED ALLEGATIONS THAT HONG KONG IS THE +DUMPING+ GROUND OF DANGEROUS AND SHODDY MEDICINES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ANY IMPORTER WHO WISHED TO IMPORT A DRUG TO HONG KONG WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, ENDORSED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AFTER VERIFICATION THAT THE DRUG HAD BEEN REGISTERED AND WAS FROM A PROPER MANUFACTURER.

SINCE JULY 1978 WHEN THE LAW WAS ENFORCED, A NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST DEALERS SELLING UNREGISTERED PRODUCTS, HE ADDED.

MR LOIE ALSO SAID THAT BEFORE A DRUG IS INTRODUCED INTO THE MARKET, EXTENSIVE RESEARCH HAS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE MANUFACTURER TO DETERMINE ITS EFFICACY AND SAFETY.

+A DRUG MAY NOT THUS BE READY FOR THE MARKET WITHOUT YEARS OF RESEARCH AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS Poured INTO IT,+ HE SAID.

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DJAKARTA MEETING FORERUNNER OF MAJOR MFA NEGOTIATIONS

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AMBASSADOR FELIPE JARAMILLO, AMBASSADOR OF COLUMBIA, MR CARLOS SANTOS-NEVES, COUNSELLOR OF BRAZIL, AND MR ALVARO MOERZINGER, FIRST SECRETARY OF URUGUAY, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT BEFORE TRAVELLING ON TO INDONESIA TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP ON NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE IN TEXTILES TO BE HELD IN DJAKARTA FROM APRIL 6.

COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO, MET THE VISITORS ON ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

MR TSAO

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1981

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MR TSAO AND MR T.H. CHAU, COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN GENEVA, BOTH REPRESENTING HONG KONG AT THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE, WILL TRAVEL TO DJAKARTA WITH THE VISITORS.

THE DJAKARTA CONFERENCE IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR MULTI-FIBRE AGREEMENT (MFA) NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE CONTINUING IN GENEVA.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS WITH WHOM HONG KONG HAS COMMON TRADE INTERESTS WAS HELD IN BOGOTA, COLUMBIA, LAST NOVEMBER. THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR W. DORWARD, REPRESENTED HONG KONG.

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YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NEW OFFICE-BEARERS SWORN IN
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THE SIXTH TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF YUEN LONG TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WERE SWORN IN TODAY (THURSDAY).

ADMINISTERING THE OATH WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM.

THE COMMITTEE'S TERM OF OFFICE WILL LAST TWO YEARS, DURING WHICH THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUNNING THE TOWN HALL, FOUNDED 10 YEARS AGO TO ORGANISE AND PROVIDE VENUES FOR RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.

THE COST OF BUILDING THE TOWN HALL WAS MET BY THE LOTTERIES FUND, WHILE THE SITE WAS GRANTED BY GOVERNMENT.

A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, COMPRISING LOCAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS AND PROMINENT RECREATION AND SPORT FIGURES, WAS FORMED IN 1975.

OVER THE PAST DECADE A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN ORGANISED, INCLUDING EXHIBITIONS, INTEREST GROUPS, TRAINING CLASSES AND COMPETITIONS.

A CHILDREN'S CHOIR, A BALLET SCHOOL AND A SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP HAVE ALSO BEEN FORMED.

FUNDS FOR ACTIVITIES ARE PROVIDED BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE 50-MEMBER COMMITTEE, THE NEW CHAIRMAN, MADAM LEUNG SING-TAK, SAID THEY WOULD ALL TRY TO LIVE UP TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR PREDECESSORS AND CONTINUE TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL LIFE IN YUEN LONG.

OTHER GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN= YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG= AND FORMER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN CHIU.

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WARNING ABOUT BOGUS LABOUR INSPECTORS
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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST BOGUS LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.

THE REMINDER WAS ISSUED BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF THREE REPORTS IN ONE WEEK OF PEOPLE IMPERSONATING LABOUR INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE REPORTS WERE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY EMPLOYERS WHO HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE LABOUR INSPECTORS.

THE CALLERS REPORTEDLY ASKED THE EMPLOYERS FOR PARTICULARS OF THEIR FACTORIES OR FIRMS AND INDICATED THEY WOULD BE CALLING ON THEM SHORTLY.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED: +ANY EMPLOYER WHO RECEIVES SUCH TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE FUTURE SHOULD INFORM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.+

+THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT NEVER TELEPHONES EMPLOYERS TO ALERT THEM OF ANY IMPENDING VISITS. LABOUR INSPECTORS VISIT FACTORIES OR COMMERCIAL FIRMS AT RANDOM AND WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE.+

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT ALL LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CARRIED WITH THEM GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS AND WARRANTS BEARING THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS AND NAMES.

+MEMBERS OF THE FACTORY, LABOUR AND OTHER INSPECTORATES OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE UNDER INSTRUCTION TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANTS WHEN VISITING PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT.+

+EMPLOYERS SHOULD BE ALERT TO PEOPLE IMPERSONATING OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. IF IN DOUBT THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY OR REPORT TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION,+ HE ADDED.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HO MAN TIN
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN HO MAN TIN WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR AT THE JUNCTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD WHICH COLLAPSED WHEN A WATER MAIN BURST.

UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS, THE SOUTHBOUND GROUND LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY OF WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD HAS BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT FOR LOCAL ACCESS PURPOSE.

MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC TURNING RIGHT FROM WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY HAS BEEN BANNED.

NORTHBOUND BUSES OF KMB ROUTE NUMBERS 3, 7B, 10, 12B AND 208 ARE DIVERTED VIA WATERLOO ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (WESTBOUND), EMBANKMENT ROAD, AND BOUNDARY STREET INSTEAD OF WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD (EASTBOUND).

TRAFFIC SIGNS AND BARRIERS HAVE BEEN PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM DONATION
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THREE CHARITIES WILL BENEFIT BY \$120 000 MONTHLY FROM INTEREST RECEIVED FROM \$10 MILLION DONATED RECENTLY BY PHILANTHROPIST SIR SHIU-KIN TANG TOWARDS THE TSUEN WAN GAMES HALL PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED IN 1983.

UNTIL THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF \$10 MILLION GIVEN BY SIR SHIU-KIN ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY RECENTLY IS USED FOR THE TSUEN WAN PROJECT, THE INTEREST OF ABOUT \$120 000 A MONTH WILL BE DIVIDED AMONG THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, THE PO LEUNG KUK, AND PROJECTS TO BE NAMED BY LADY MACLEHOSE.

THE ORIGINAL DONATION IS NOW BEING HELD IN TRUST BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS INCORPORATED AND PUT IN DEPOSIT AT THE HANG SENG BANK. IN MAKING THE DONATION, SIR SHIU-KIN STATED THAT INTEREST GOING TO THE TUNG WAH AND THE PO LEUNG KUK SHOULD BE NOT LESS THAN \$500 000 EACH IN THE 1981-82 YEAR ENDING IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, OTHERWISE HE WOULD MAKE A FURTHER DONATION TO REACH THE FIGURE.

THE ORIGINAL \$10 MILLION DONATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, BY SIR SHIU-KIN ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY ON MARCH 21 FOR USE IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A GAMES HALL IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN. THE GAMES HALL WILL BE BUILT BETWEEN SHEK YAM AND LEI MUK SHUE ESTATES- WORK IS EXPECTED TO START ON IT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN 1983.

THE TWO ESTATES HAVE A TOTAL POPULATION OF 70 000 PEOPLE. THE GAMES HALL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE 1 000 RESIDENTS OF NEARBY TAI PAK TIN, SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, DA CHUEN PING AND CHUNG KWAI CHUNG VILLAGES AS WELL. IT WILL HAVE PROVISION FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS, SQUASH, GYMNASTICS AND OTHER INDOOR SPORTS.

IN MAKING THE DONATION, SIR SHIU-KIN SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO SUPPORT RECREATIONAL PROJECTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHER PEOPLE WOULD ALSO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT.

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TAI PO DISTRICT TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAY
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MORE THAN 15 000 TREES, SHRUBS AND SEEDLINGS WILL BE PLANTED ALONG ROAD SIDES AND VARIOUS OPEN SPACES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE FORTHCOMING TREE PLANTING SEASON BEGINNING ON FRIDAY (APRIL 3).

THE FIRST TREE PLANTING EXERCISE -- THE TAI PO DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY -- WILL BE HELD AT THE APPROACH ROADSIDES LEADING TO THE TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE, TAI PO, AT 10.30 AM ON FRIDAY.

THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEONG, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

ABOUT 100 CHILDREN FROM FIVE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TAI PO DISTRICT WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE TREE PLANTING DRIVE WITH AN AIM TO AROUSE THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN PLANTING AND CARING FOR TREES AND CREATING A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT THE OPEN SPACE IN THE VICINITY OF TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE, TAI PO, TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A 11-SEATER VAN WILL LEAVE THE JUNCTION OF HANKOW ROAD AND MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9 AM FOR TAI MEI TUK TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

AN OFFICER FROM NTSD INFORMATION UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1981

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HONG KONG JING YING TO PERFORM
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THE HONG KONG JING YING, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A SUCCESSFUL THREE-WEEK TOUR OF LONDON, WILL BE PERFORMING ON MONDAY (APRIL 6) AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, STARTING AT 8 PM.

THE 17-MEMBER HONG KONG JING YING GROUP HAD WON ACCLAIM FOR PERFORMANCES AT THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD 25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMONWEALTH BALL, THE CAMDEN FESTIVAL, ON BBC-TV AND AT OTHER OCCASIONS.

ON MONDAY EVENING THE GROUP WILL PERFORM +AN EVENING OF CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCE+, WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN ENSEMBLE PIECE, +LEGEND+, A DI-ZI SOLO, +BIRDSONG+, A YANG QIN SOLO, +SHEN-BEI FOLK SONG+, A PIPA SOLO, +THE FLOWER FAIR+, AND A PERCUSSION SOLO, +NIGHT+.

DANCE ITEMS WILL INCLUDE SUCH FAMOUS PIECES +RAINBOW SILKS+, +MOON IN THE WESTERN CHAMBER+, +THE CANARY+, +IMPROMPTU+, +THE FARM GIRL+, +SHADOWS IN THE MOONLIGHT+ AND +EMBROIDERING THE SHAWLS+.

ADMMISION TO THE CONCERT IS FREE AND TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED AT ALL OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE. TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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