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GOVERNOR RETURNS
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, RETURNED TO HONG KONG THIS EVENING AFTER HAVING BEEN AWAY FOR MORE THAN SIX WEEKS VISITING THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, FOLLOWED BY A HOLIDAY IN ENGLAND.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, SIR EDWARD SAID HE FOUND IT VERY VALUABLE IN THE UNITED STATES TO BE ABLE TO TALK TO LEADING AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AND TO ADDRESS A NUMBER OF INFLUENTIAL AUDIENCES.

+I WAS VERY RELIEVED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VETO ON THE JENKINS BILL WAS NOT OVER-RIDDEN. BUT I WAS LEFT IN NO DOUBT ABOUT THE CONTINUING STRENGTH OF PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN UNITED STATES.+

IN CANADA, THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG PUT ON A VERY GOOD SHOW IN THE EXPO, DOING QUITE A LOT FOR HONG KONG'S IMAGE THERE.

+THEN I WAS IN LONDON, SAME TIME AS THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP AND I FOLLOWED THAT CLOSELY. THAT WAS A PRODUCTIVE SESSION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS AWAY, BUT I HAD A GOOD TALK WITH MR RENTON.+

SIR EDWARD SAID HE WOULD VISIT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN PEKING, SIR RICHARD EVANS.

+I THINK IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT HE AND I SHOULD KEEP IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH AND IT WILL, OF COURSE, GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW CONTACT WITH SOME OF THE CHINESE OFFICIALS WHO ARE DEALING WITH HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

+SO MY FIRST TASK IS TO GET MYSELF UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING.+

WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DAYA BAY ISSUE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WOULD BE BRINGING HIM UP TO DATE ON ALL THAT.

HE ADDED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE LEGCO FACT-FINDING MISSIONS HAD COME BACK AND WERE PREPARING THEIR REPORTS. +THEIR COLLEAGUES WILL WANT SOME TIME, I IMAGINE, TO STUDY THOSE REPORTS AND ASSESS THEM. THAT SEEMS TO BE A VERY SENSIBLE WAY OF PROCEEDING.+

ON WHETHER HE WOULD DISCUSS THE DAYA BAY ISSUE WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS WHEN HE GOES TO PEKING, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I THINK THEY ARE QUITE LIKELY TO ASK ME ABOUT THE STATE OF OPINION ON DAYA BAY IN HONG KONG AND I'LL DO MY BEST TO GIVE THEM AN APPRECIATION OF THAT.

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+BUT IT WOULD BE RATHER A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN GENERAL. I SHALL NOT BE TAKING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO THEM.+

THE GOVERNOR WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY SIR DAVID; THE ACTING SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG; AND THE ACTING SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR S.L. CHEN.

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LIBERATION DAY TO BE OBSERVED
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HONG KONG WILL OBSERVE THIS YEAR'S LIBERATION DAY WITH A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 25).

DURING THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10.45 AM IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG BRITISH FORCES, HONG KONG PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT AND HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE WILL LAY WREATHS AT THE SHRINE IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS WHO DIED IN THE BATTLE OF HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1941 OR LATER AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

COLONEL C.J.D. BULLOCK WILL LAY A WREATH ON BEHALF OF THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES.

THE WREATH OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION WILL BE LAID BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR J.V.G. MITCHELL.

REGIMENTAL WREATHS OF THE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE LAID BY ITS COMMANDING OFFICER, LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. HUTCHINS, AND THAT OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT BY WARRANT OFFICER SECOND CLASS P. DOBSON.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT AND THE VOLUNTEERS FOUGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE IN THE BATTLE OF HONG KONG.

THE WREATH OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE WILL BE LAID BY COLONEL H.A. DE B. BOTELHO.

THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE SOUNDING OF THE LAST POST, A TWO-MINUTE SILENCE AND REVEILLE, AND THE FIRING OF THREE VOLLEYS OF SALUTE.

THE FIRING PARTY, BUGLER AND SENTRIES, WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE VOLUNTEERS.

/REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES

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REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE WILL BE HELD AT LITTLE SAI WAN AND STANLEY CEMETERIES.

PARADES WILL BE HELD AT BOTH CEMETERIES BY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE AND WREATHS WILL BE LAID ON BEHALF OF THE COMMANDANT AND OFFICERS.

CONTINGENTS WILL ARRIVE AT LITTLE SAI WAN CEMETERY AT 10.30 AM AND AT STANLEY AT 11.30 AM.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT HONG KONG ISLAND (AUXILIARY), MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, WILL GIVE A BRIEF ADDRESS.

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MODERN REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES FOR BETTER SERVICE
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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE ALLOCATION OF \$2.239 MILLION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO TRACTORS AND SIX ELECTRO-HYDRAULIC COMPACTION TRAILERS IN ORDER TO EXPAND ITS TRACTOR/TRAILER REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM TO MORE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS (RCP).

+THE SYSTEM, WHICH WAS FIRST INTRODUCED AT TWO RCPS IN 1983, HAS PROVED TO BE A SUCCESS,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

+THERE ARE GREAT ADVANTAGES IN USING THE SYSTEM. A TRAILER CAN BE TOWED TO AN RCP WHERE IT CAN BE DETACHED, PLUGGED INTO A POWER SUPPLY AND LEFT TO OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY. MEANTIME, ANOTHER TRAILER CAN BE PUT TO WORK ELSEWHERE.

+IN ADDITION TO SAVINGS IN STAFF COST, THE TRAILER HAS A BIGGER LOADING CAPACITY THAN THE CONVENTIONAL TRUCK.

+FURTHER, THE ELECTRICALLY-POWERED CRUSHING OPERATION IS SILENT, UNLIKE THE CONVENTIONAL SYSTEM WHICH IS POWERED BY THE VEHICLE'S ENGINE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL TRIAL OF THE SYSTEM, 11 OTHER RCPS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR USING THIS SYSTEM.

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PIER EXTENSION WORK TO BE RESUMED
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WORK IS TO RESUME ON EXTENDING THE EXISTING PIER AT TUNG WAN ON LANTAO WHICH IS USED FOR TRANSPORTING PRISONERS TO AND FROM THE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES COMPLETING THE PILING AND BUILDING THE PIER SUPERSTRUCTURE AND CATWALK.

THE \$4.37 MILLION PROJECT WAS FIRST GAZETTED IN EARLY 1985 FOR EXTENDING THE PIER BY 220 METRES AND CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN MAY.

HOWEVER, THE CONTRACT WAS RE-ENTERED IN APRIL THIS YEAR WHEN THE CONTRACTOR FAILED TO MEET THE WORKING PROGRESS REQUIREMENT.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, AND WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN NINE MONTHS.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 12.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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FLYOVER LANE CLOSED FOR RECONSTRUCTION
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THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 28) FOR RECONSTRUCTION, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THIS IS PART OF THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FLYOVER WHICH WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, THE REMAINING TWO LANES OF THE FLYOVER WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR KOWLOON TONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD USE THE GROUND LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND PROCEED NORTH ALONG WATERLOO ROAD.

TO ENHANCE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THE DIVERSION ROUTE, 7-10 AM AND 4-7 PM NO STOPPING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON WATERLOO ROAD SECTIONS BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND PUI CHING ROAD/SOARES AVENUE.

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TO EASE TRAFFIC LOAD ALONG PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, PARTICULARLY AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET, MOTORISTS FROM HONG KONG HEADING FOR KOWLOON WEST AND TSUEN WAN SHOULD USE THIS ROUTE : CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL INTERCHANGE, GASCOIGNE ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER, FERRY STREET, TONG MEI ROAD, LAI CHI KOK ROAD OR GASCOIGNE ROAD, NATHAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT AND KOWLOON EAST SHOULD USE THE EAST KOWLOON WAY.

IN ADDITION, THE NORTHBOUND BUS STOP AT PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD UNDER PUI CHING ROAD FLYOVER FOR CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES 103, 113 AND 170 WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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MORE VACANCIES NOTIFIED BY EMPLOYERS

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THE NUMBER OF JOB VACANCIES NOTIFIED BY EMPLOYERS TO THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT INCREASED STEADILY IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, THE DIVISION RECEIVED 63 259 JOB VACANCIES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND EMPLOYERS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 10 771 VACANCIES, OR 21 PER CENT OVER THE FIGURES FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE INCREASE HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY NOTICEABLE IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WHICH PROVIDED 28 692 JOBS, OR 45 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VACANCIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY 15 033 VACANCIES FOR SERVICES SECTORS, 10 770 FROM THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, AND 2 277 FROM THE TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR.

AT THE SAME TIME, MORE THAN 22 800 PERSONS INCLUDING SOME 200 HOLDING UNIVERSITY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS, WERE PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE DIVISION WHICH OFFERS A FREE SERVICE HELPING EMPLOYERS TO RECRUIT STAFF AND JOB-SEEKERS TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT LOCALLY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8524158.

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LAND OFFICE ON THE MOVE
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THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE MOVING TODAY (SATURDAY) FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO NEW ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE HIGH BLOCK OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES (QGO) AND WILL CONDUCT BUSINESS FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 26).

THE OFFICE'S PUBLIC SEARCH AREA (MEMORIALS) WILL OCCUPY THE 17TH FLOOR WHILE THE PUBLIC SEARCH AREA (REGISTER CARDS) AND THE RECEIPT AND DESPATCH UNIT (DEEDS REGISTRATION) WILL BE ACCOMMODATED ON THE 18TH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

THE NEW NUMBER FOR ENQUIRY IS 5-8622873.

SOME OF THE PHOTOCOPYING AND MICROFILM EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN REMOVED YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) WHILE OTHERS WILL BE MOVED ON TUESDAY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUOUS, BUT LIMITED, LAND RECORDS SEARCHING SERVICE.

NORMAL SERVICE WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 27).

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DISCO NITE FOR KWUN TONG YOUTHS ORGANISED
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MORE THAN 1 000 YOUTHS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THEMSELVES AT THE KWUN TONG +DISCO NITE+ ON AUGUST 30 (SATURDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE DISCO NITE WILL MARK THE CLOSE OF THE DISTRICT'S EIGHT-WEEK SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

TWO DISC JOCKEYS FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, MISS CANDY CHEA AND MR Y.S. MAK, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO HOST THE EVENT AT 8 PM AT THE KAI YIP ESTATE RECREATION CENTRE.

ABOUT 600 ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WERE ORGANISED DURING THE EIGHT-WEEK KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, WITH A SPONSORSHIP OF \$346 000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

LIMITED TICKETS FOR THE DISCO NITE, AT \$15 PER HEAD, ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-416315.

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WESTERN, EASTERN DISTRICTS TRAFFIC CHANGES
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THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 26).

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRACHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

MEANWHILE, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND HEALTHY STREET WEST WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM ON TUESDAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, AFFECTED FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE DIVERTED TO TIN CHIU STREET, JAVA ROAD AND MAN HONG STREET BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

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PROHIBITED ZONES FOR PLB IN SHEUNG SHUI
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THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE DESIGNATED PROHIBITED ZONES TO ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 26):

- * THE SECTION OF SAN SHING AVENUE BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 101 AND 121;
- * THE ACCESS ROAD TO TONG KUNG LENG FROM FAN KAM ROAD; AND
- * THE ACCESS ROAD TO PING KONG FROM FAN KAM ROAD.

NO PUBLIC LIGHT BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THESE PROHIBITED ZONES.

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PARKING METER OPERATING HOURS SHORTENED
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THE OPERATING HOURS OF GOODS VEHICLE PARKING METERS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE SHORTENED FROM THE EXISTING 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT TO 8 AM TO 8 PM FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 26).

THE PARKING METERS ARE LOCATED AT CHUEN LUNG STREET, CHUNG ON STREET, HAU TEI SQUARE, LOK TAK COURT, SAI LAU STREET, SAN TSUEN STREET, SHIU WO STREET, WO TIK STREET, MA TAU PA STREET, FUI YIU KOK STREET AND TSO KUNG STREET.

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NO FLUSHING WATER
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 26) TO 10 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY TAI HO ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD, TSO KUNG STREET, HOI PA STREET, HEUNG CHE STREET, FU YUNG STREET, TAI PA STREET AND YUEN TUN CIRCUIT, INCLUDING HEUNG WO STREET AND TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY.

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Royal Visit.

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF AT CITY HALL * * * * *

A LITTLE BIT OF HONG KONG HISTORY WILL BE MADE WHEN THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH ARE WELCOMED AT CITY HALL ON OCTOBER 21 BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG.

IT WILL BE THE QUEEN'S FIRST OFFICIAL FUNCTION DURING HER VISIT, AND THE SECOND TIME SHE HAS VISITED THE BUILDING WHICH FOR ALMOST A QUARTER OF A CENTURY HAS BEEN THE CENTRE OF HONG KONG'S CULTURAL LIFE. THE QUEEN ALSO ATTENDED A WELCOMING CEREMONY IN CITY HALL DURING HER LAST VISIT IN 1975.

HISTORY WILL ALSO BE REPEATING ITSELF, BECAUSE THE FIRST BRITISH ROYAL VISITOR TO HONG KONG, AN EARLIER DUKE OF EDINBURGH, PRINCE ALFRED, ONE OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S SONS, INAUGURATED THE FIRST CITY HALL IN 1869.

BUILT ON QUEEN'S ROAD, THE EARLIER BUILDING WAS LARGELY DEMOLISHED IN 1933 TO MAKE WAY FOR THE HONG KONG BANK'S NEW HEADQUARTERS, WHICH IN TURN HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THE ULTRA-MODERN STRUCTURE THE QUEEN WILL VISIT AFTER THE WELCOMING CEREMONY IN THE PRESENT-DAY CITY HALL.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL STEP ASHORE FROM HMY BRITANNIA AT QUEEN'S PIER AND WILL BE GREETED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE WHO WILL PRESENT THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL T.A. BOAM, SIR S.Y. CHUNG AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

THE QUEEN WILL INSPECT A GUARD OF HONOUR MOUNTED BY THE 6TH QUEEN ELIZABETH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES BEFORE ENTERING THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL. SPEECHES WILL BE GIVEN BY THE GOVERNOR AND SIR S.Y. CHUNG TO WHICH HER MAJESTY WILL REPLY.

AFTER THE WELCOMING CEREMONY THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH WILL LEAVE THROUGH THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE WHICH WILL BE LINED WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN AND MEMBERS OF YOUTH GROUPS.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$20 MILLION, THE CITY HALL WAS OPENED BY THE THEN GOVERNOR, SIR ROBERT BLACK, ON MARCH 2, 1962. SINCE THEN IT HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG.

EACH DAY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE VISIT ITS LIBRARIES, RESTAURANTS AND THEATRES AND THE BUILDING HAS BECOME THE MAIN VENUE FOR THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL AND THE FESTIVAL OF ASIAN ARTS.

BUT FOR THOUSANDS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE CITY HALL HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN THEIR HEARTS BECAUSE IT IS WHERE THEY STARTED MARRIED LIFE. THE CITY HALL MARRIAGE REGISTRY IS THE MOST POPULAR IN HONG KONG.

SO IT IS FITTING THAT THE QUEEN'S FIRST OFFICIAL FUNCTION ON HER VISIT SHOULD BE IN A BUILDING THAT PLAYS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE TERRITORY.