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GOVERNOR OPENS TOWN HALL AND LAYS FOUNDATION STONES
FOR TWO MORE IN NT
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TODAY (MONDAY) WAS A BIG DAY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHEN THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, OPENED A TOWN HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AT SHEUNG SHUI AND LAID THE FOUNDATION STONES FOR TWO OTHERS AT TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN.

SIR MURRAY SAID THE PROGRAMME, COSTING ALMOST \$272 MILLION, FURTHERED GOVERNMENT'S POLICY THAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CULTURE, AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION, AS WELL AS MEETING PLACES FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, SHOULD BE MORE EVENLY SPREAD BETWEEN THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TOWN HALL AT SHEUNG SHUI IS BEING UPGRADED SO THAT IT CAN BE USED AS A PLACE OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT: THE TOWN HALLS AT TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN WILL BE DESIGNED ON THE SAME LINES AS THE TOWN HALL AT TSUEN WAN, OPENED TWO YEARS AGO, EXCEPT THAT BOTH WILL HAVE LARGER STAGES. THEY WILL BE READY BY 1985.

+IT HAS GIVEN ME VERY MUCH PLEASURE TO VISIT THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY TO OFFICIATE AT THESE THREE EVENTS,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

IN A SPEECH AT SHEUNG SHUI, HE SAID OPENING THE CENTRE MARKED A NEW STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

THE FIRST RESIDENTS WOULD BE ARRIVING IN THE NEARBY CHOI YUEN ESTATE IN A MONTH'S TIME.

WITHIN A YEAR THERE WOULD BE ALMOST 30 000 PEOPLE LIVING THERE.

+ASSIMILATING THE NEWCOMERS INTO THE COMMUNITY WILL BE A CHALLENGE. I AM SURE IT WILL BE MET WITH THE SAME VIGOUR AND GENEROSITY WITH WHICH YOUR LEADERS HAVE COME TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD THIS FINE HALL,+ HE SAID.

THE OPENING WAS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TSUEN WAN AND YUEN LONG ALREADY HAD TOWN HALLS.

+EARLIER TODAY I LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR A TOWN HALL IN TUEN MUN,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

+THIS AFTERNOON I WILL DO THE SAME IN SHA TIN.+

LATER THIS YEAR CONSTRUCTION OF HALLS WOULD START IN TAI PO AND SAI KUNG.

+SO THERE WILL BE A RING OF SEVEN HALLS, EACH A FOCUS FOR DISTRICT COMMUNITY LIFE UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ITS DISTRICT BOARD.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS A HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT THE OPENING OF THE CENTRE, AND LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONES FOR TWO TOWN HALLS, SHOULD ALL TAKE PLACE ONLY THREE DAYS BEFORE THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

/+PROPER OPPORTUNITIES

+PROPER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INTERESTS THROUGH DISTRICT BOARDS, PROPER BUILDINGS FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, AND PROPER GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR BOTH, ARE THE LEGS ON WHICH THESE NEW COMMUNITIES ARE BEING BUILT,+ HE SAID.

+THEY CAN ONLY SUCCEED THROUGH THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL RESIDENTS, THE SINCERITY AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE WORKING PARTNERSHIP SO FORMED.+

HE SAID THE BUILDING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TOWN HALL WAS AN IMPRESSIVE EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE RESIDENTS OF SHEUNG SHUI.

+I AM CONFIDENT THIS SAME SPIRIT WILL ENSURE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY WENT FIRST TO TUEN MUN BY SCHEDULED HOVERFERRY SERVICE FROM HONG KONG ISLAND. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE JOURNEY BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES= THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR BRIAN WILSON= THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD= THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON= AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR JOHN DON.

MEETING HIM ON ARRIVAL AT TUEN MUN FERRY PIER WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR S.K. KWEI. AT THE TOWN HALL SITE HE WAS MET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT= FORMER KUK CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN YAT-SUN= AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

MR WILSON SAID WHEN THE CITY HALL IN HONG KONG WAS FIRST OPENED IN 1962 THERE WAS SOME DOUBT WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ENOUGH PUBLIC INTEREST IN CULTURAL MATTERS TO FILL ITS CONCERT HALL AND THEATRE REGULARLY. HAPPILY THIS HAD BEEN PROVED WRONG.

+THERE ARE NOW ROUGHLY TWICE AS MANY APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF THE CITY HALL FACILITIES AS THERE ARE SPACE AND TIME AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID.

THE SAME SORT OF DOUBTS WERE EXPRESSED BEFORE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL WAS OPENED IN 1980, BUT WERE LIKEWISE PROVED WRONG, HE SAID.

+I AM DELIGHTED TO SAY THAT IN THE CASE OF THIS NEW TUEN MUN TOWN HALL NO SUCH DOUBTS HAVE BEEN RAISED.+

PEOPLE SEEMED TO HAVE AT LAST REALISED THAT IN BOTH THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES THERE WAS INCREASING INTEREST IN THE PERFORMING ARTS, MR WILSON SAID.

THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT THE PUBLIC'S ONLY INTEREST WAS TO ATTEND PLAYS, CONCERTS, DANCE AND CHINESE OPERA PUT ON BY OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL COMPANIES.

THERE WAS AN EQUAL DEMAND FOR SUITABLE VENUES FOR LOCAL AMATEUR CULTURAL GROUPS TO PRACTISE AND PERFORM, OFTEN TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS.

/HE SAID

HE SAID THE \$125 MILLION TUEN MUN TOWN HALL- SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN EARLY 1985, WOULD PROVIDE AN AUDITORIUM SEATING 1 450 PERSONS, BUILT SPECIFICALLY FOR LARGE-SCALE ORCHESTRAL, OPERATIC, DANCE AND THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES.

IT WOULD BE A FIRST-CLASS VENUE THAT OFFERED GOOD SEATING, ACOUSTICS, LIGHTING, SOUND AMPLIFICATION, STORAGE SPACE AND OF COURSE AIR-CONDITIONING.

IN ADDITION TO THE MAIN AUDITORIUM, THERE WOULD BE MEDIUM-SIZED, MULTI-FUNCTIONAL ROOMS WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR REHEARSALS, PRACTICE, EXHIBITIONS AND SMALL-SCALE PERFORMANCES.

MR WILSON SAID A CONFERENCE ROOM SEATING UP TO 50 PERSONS WITH A SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION SYSTEM WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED AT THE REQUEST OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

HE SAID PROVISIONS OF TOWN HALLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD NOT BEEN AN EASY TASK IN COMPETITION WITH THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS OF HOUSING AND INDUSTRY.

+IT HAS IN FACT BEEN LARGELY YOUR EXCELLENCY'S SUPPORT THAT HAS RESULTED IN THESE TOWN HALLS, INCLUDING THE ONE AT SHA TIN.

+WITHOUT THAT SUPPORT AND THE PATRONAGE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY HAS BESTOWED ON CULTURAL FUNCTIONS IN THE NT, THESE TOWN HALLS MIGHT HAVE LANGUISHED AS A DISTANT HOPE,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR THEN LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE AND SAW A MODEL OF THE FINISHED COMPLEX, THE DETAILS OF WHICH WERE EXPLAINED BY THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR DAVID BOOTH.

THE TOWN HALL WILL BE IN THE TOWN CENTRE ON A 40 000 SQUARE METRE SITE CLOSE TO THE PARK.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE CHINESE AND EUROPEAN RESTAURANTS, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK FOR 850 VEHICLES, A LIBRARY, A POST OFFICE, A MARRIAGE REGISTRY AND A BUS STATION WHICH WILL BE COVERED TO ENSURE SOUND ISOLATION FOR THE AUDITORIUM.

THESE ARE DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN PHASE II OF THE PROJECT.

PILING WORK ON THE AUDITORIUM BLOCK STARTED LAST NOVEMBER.

TUEN MUN, WHICH ORIGINALLY HAD A POPULATION OF 40 000, NOW HAS APPROXIMATELY 140 000 RESIDENTS, MOSTLY IN PUBLIC HOUSING. THE POPULATION WILL INCREASE TO 200 000 THIS YEAR AND TO NEARLY 600 000 WHEN THE NEW TOWN IS COMPLETED BY EARLY 1990S.

THE GOVERNOR NEXT WENT TO SHEUNG SHUI TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE TOWN HALL THERE.

THE PROGRAMME OF UPGRADING INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIGHTING AND SOUND SYSTEMS AND THE FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS, ADDITIONAL STAGE EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A DANCE STUDIO.

/SIR MURRAY

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SIR MURRAY WAS MET BY A WELCOMING PARTY HEADED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE OPENING FULFILLED THE DREAMS AND HOPES OF MANY YEARS OF RESIDENTS OF NORTH DISTRICT.

+WE HAVE LONG BEEN HAMPERED BY THE LACK OF A SUITABLE VENUE FOR PERFORMANCES AT ALL LEVELS,+ HE SAID.

+NOW WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A WELCOME AND MUCH-NEEDED EXPANSION IN ARTISTIC, CULTURAL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.+

ONE OF THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE PROJECT HAD BEEN THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, MR CHEUNG SAID.

DONATIONS OF OVER \$2.5 MILLION TOWARDS THE \$8.8 MILLION COST OF THE CENTRE HAD BEEN MADE BY LOCAL PEOPLE AND OTHER PROMINENT NEW TERRITORIES CITIZENS, UNDERLINING THEIR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES, WHICH WERE COMPOSED ALMOST ENTIRELY OF LOCAL RESIDENTS, WOULD ADVISE AND ASSIST IN RUNNING THE HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE WHICH CONTAINED AN AUDITORIUM, A DANCE STUDIO, LIBRARY, CONFERENCE ROOM AND OTHER FACILITIES.

MEMBERS OF NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINED GUESTS WITH FOLK DANCES, CANTONESE OPERA AND A CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE BEFORE SIR MURRAY UNVEILED THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND 900-SEAT TOWN HALL WHICH IS IN LUNG SUN AVENUE NEAR SHEUNG SHUI RAILWAY STATION.

HE ALSO TOURED THE LIBRARY AND PREVIEWED A LOCAL HISTORICAL EXHIBITION WHICH WILL OPEN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND CONTINUE UNTIL MARCH 8.

ON DISPLAY ARE PHOTOGRAPHS, RELICS, ANCIENT TOOLS AND A REPRODUCTION OF A VILLAGE HOUSE.

THE POPULATION OF NORTH DISTRICT IS 130 000 AT PRESENT, BUT WILL GROW TO ALMOST 400 000 BY 1991.

AFTER LUNCH AT FANLING LODGE, ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, AS WELL AS BY MR AKER-JONES AND THE OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, THE GOVERNOR WENT TO SHA TIN.

HE WAS MET AT THE TOWN HALL SITE BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE= THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH KWOK= THE DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL SERVICES, MR DARWIN CHEN= AND MR WAI HON-LEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE.

MR WILSON SAID WHEN THE FIRST TOWN HALL WAS OPENED IN TSUEN WAN IN FEBRUARY, 1980, ITS FACILITIES WERE ALREADY IN HEAVY DEMAND, WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RATE OF 72 PER CENT FOR PERFORMANCES, AND THERE WAS NO REASON TO DOUBT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL WOULD BE ANY LESS POPULAR.

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FACILITIES, LIKE TUEN MUN, WOULD INCLUDE A MAIN AUDITORIUM AND MEDIUM-SIZED, MULTI-FUNCTIONAL ROOMS.

THE \$138-MILLION TOWN HALL, LOCATED ON A 20 000 SQUARE METRE SITE IN THE TOWN CENTRE BETWEEN THE RAILWAY STATION AND THE SHING MUN RIVER, WOULD ALSO BE EQUIPPED WITH A CONFERENCE ROOM WITH SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FACILITIES, AGAIN AT THE REQUEST OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT WOULD BE DESIGNED FOR HIGHLY-PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCES AS WELL AS A WIDE RANGE OF DISTRICT CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

IT WOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH A CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL, LARGE PRACTICE AND REHEARSAL ROOMS AND TWO LECTURE ROOMS EACH ACCOMMODATING 145 PERSONS. SEATING WOULD BE MOVABLE AND ALL WOULD HAVE ACOUSTIC TREATMENT, SOUND AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

MR WILSON SAID BOTH TUEN MUN AND SHA TIN TOWN HALLS WOULD BE MANAGED BY THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UNDER THE GENERAL GUIDANCE OF LOCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE TOWN HALLS MET LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THESE THREE TOWN HALLS WOULD NOT BE THE ONLY VENUES FOR THE ARTS IN THE NT.

THERE WOULD ALSO BE SMALLER, PURPOSE-BUILT CULTURAL FACILITIES IN SMALLER TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES.

FOR INSTANCE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 880, THE AIR-CONDITIONED HALL OF THE CHIU LUT SAU SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YUEN LONG WAS REGULARLY USED FOR PERFORMANCES AND FUNCTIONS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF A LOCAL COMMITTEE AND THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

AFTER THE GOVERNOR LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE, MR LAU WONG-FAT THANKED HIM FOR ADMINISTERING THE CEREMONIES IN THREE DISTRICTS OF THE NT, THEREBY SHOWING HIS CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE AND QUALITY OF LIVING OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN AND NORTH DISTRICT NOW HAD TOWN HALLS, AND SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN WERE SOON TO HAVE THEIR OWN.

+THIS IS REALLY GOOD NEWS FOR THE WHOLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL HELP CONSIDERABLY TO INSTIL A SENSE OF CIVIC PRIDE AND BELONGING IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SHOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS MEETING THE NEEDS OF NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS IN RESPECT OF CULTURAL AND CIVIC FACILITIES,+ MR LAU SAID.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE GOVERNOR SAW A MODEL OF THE FINISHED COMPLEX.

THE TOWN HALL, ON WHICH PILING WORK ALSO STARTED LAST NOVEMBER, WILL EVENTUALLY SERVE A POPULATION OF AT LEAST 750 000 WHEN IT IS COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

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UNOFFICIALS' ROLE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS
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DR THE HON SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE TREND OF INCREASING UNOFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS IS NOT AN ACCIDENT, BUT THE RESULT OF A DELIBERATE AND CONTINUING POLICY.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL HALL, SIR SZE-YUEN SAID IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT +THE CONCEPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME+.

QUOTING THE WORDS OF THE GOVERNOR IN HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR, SIR SZE-YUEN SAID THAT THIS +REFORM FOLLOWS AN EVOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS.+

THE EXTENT OF UNOFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN MUCH BROADENED WITH THE GROWTH IN NUMBERS OF CONSULTATIVE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

SPEAKING OF HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE, SIR SZE-YUEN RECALLED THAT DURING THE THIRTEEN-YEAR PERIOD FROM 1965-1978, THERE WERE MANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL ALMOST DOUBLED FROM 13 TO 24- SPEECHES MADE BY MEMBERS INCREASED SIX-FOLD AND QUESTIONS ASKED INCREASED BY TEN TIMES.

LAST YEAR, UNOFFICIALS MADE UP THE GREATER NUMBER OF PERSONS IN OVER 320 GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

WITH UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATION COMING FROM A WIDE AND DIVERSIFIED CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WOULD BE ABLE TO FOCUS MORE SHARPLY ON THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT, HE SAID.

WHILE THE PRESENT BOARD WAS MADE UP OF APPOINTED MEMBERS, IT WAS ONLY AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT, AS THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WOULD BE HAVING ELECTIONS IN SIX MONTHS TIME.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS

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IN CONNECTION WITH THURSDAY'S NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE PRESS BY THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA/IPRU):

1. AT 0845 HRS, A COACH WILL LEAVE HANKOW ROAD, BEHIND THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING AT TSIM SHA TSUI, TO TAKE THE PRESS TO POLLING STATIONS IN SHA TIN, TAI PO (WHERE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PICTURES FROM OUTSIDE THE POLLING BOOTH OF THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND MRS AKERS-JONES, CASTING THEIR VOTES AT 10.30 AM), YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS FACILITY WILL END AT APPROXIMATELY 1.30 PM. STAFF OF THE CNTA/IPRU WILL BE ON THE COACH TO HELP THE MEDIA.
2. DURING ELECTION DAY, ROUGH FIGURES OF VOTER TURNOUT WILL BE TELEPHONED TO STAFF OF THE CNTA/IPRU AT REGULAR INTERVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY- THESE WILL BE COLLATED AND PROVIDED TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES FOR ISSUE ON THE TELEPRINTER.
3. VOTING TAKES PLACE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 PM ON THURSDAY. COUNTING OF VOTES WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY AFTER 10 PM AND THE RESULTS WILL BE PASSED TO CNTA/IPRU STAFF WHO WILL MAN THE UNIT'S OFFICE ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING UNTIL THE FINAL RESULT IS IN. THE PRESS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THIS OFFICE AT ANY TIME DURING THE NIGHT, OR CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS: 3-71502466, 3-71502465, 3-71502485, 3-71502484, AND 3-71502459.

HOWEVER, THE RESULTS WILL BE PASSED TO GIS FOR ISSUE ON THE TELEPRINTER.

4. AT 10 PM ON ELECTION DAY, A FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE PRESS TO ATTEND A VOTE COUNTING CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN TO TAKE PICTURES. TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE HANKOW ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9 PM AND PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE RETURNED TO HANKOW ROAD AFTERWARDS.
5. THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO REASON WHY PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD NOT MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEND POLLING BOOTHS- BUT IT IS STRESSED THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE PICTURES WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF A POLLING STATION OR TO ENTER IT UNLESS YOU ARE A REGISTERED VOTER OR ELECTION OFFICIAL.
6. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE ABOVE, OR HAVE ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO CONTACT OFFICERS OF THE CNTA/IPRU ON ANY OF THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS GIVEN ABOVE.

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HONG KONG/CANADA TEXTILE ARRANGEMENTS

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FOLLOWING A WEEK OF NEGOTIATION, A NEW AD REFERENDUM TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA WAS INITIALLED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY (SATURDAY).

THIS IS TO COVER THE EXPORT OF CERTAIN TEXTILES AND GARMENTS FROM HONG KONG TO CANADA FOR THE PERIOD 1982 TO 1986 AND WILL SUPERSEDE THE EXISTING ONE-YEAR INTERIM ARRANGEMENT CURRENTLY IN PLACE FOR 1982 ONLY.

THE AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENTS.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE CANADIAN CHIEF TEXTILES NEGOTIATOR, MR DOUG ARTHUR, AND THE HONG KONG DELEGATION BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR JUSTIN YUE.

DETAILS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT, WHICH IS STILL SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM IN HONG KONG

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MORE THAN 50 OVERSEAS DELEGATES REPRESENTING MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ARTS CENTRES, FESTIVALS, BROADCASTING AUTHORITIES, THE MEDIA, AND MUSIC AND ARTS INSTITUTIONS HAVE ARRIVED HERE TO ATTEND A FOUR-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON EAST WEST EXCHANGE IN MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS.

THE SYMPOSIUM IS ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL OF UNESCO, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE 10TH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

IT WAS ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY- MR M.G.R. SANDBERG- THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN- THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM- IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF IMC, PROFESSOR SIR FRANK CALLAWAY- AND THE SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO, MR JACK BORNOFF.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, THE SYMPOSIUM PRESIDENT, MR ALEX WU TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE MODEL OF THE PROPOSED ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS WHICH WAS ON DISPLAY AT THE ARTS CENTRE THIS MORNING.

HE SAID THE ACADEMY WOULD DO MUCH MORE THAN PROVIDE REHEARSAL AND TRAINING PREMISES - IT WOULD BECOME A FOCUS FOR MANY OF OUR ASPIRATIONS TOWARDS THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.

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RETRAINING COURSES FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS

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HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE TO ATTEND FOUR REFRESHER COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE) IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

+THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSES WILL BE TO FAMILIARISE TEACHERS WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN APPROACHES TO THE TEACHING OF LANGUAGE, AND TO ENABLE THEM TO EXTEND THEIR RANGE OF LINGUISTIC AND PEDAGOGICAL SKILLS AS WELL AS TO IMPROVE THEIR GENERAL ABILITY IN LANGUAGE TEACHING,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ONE OF THE MAIN AIMS OF THE ILE IS TO RAISE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN THE TRAINING OF NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

EACH OF THE FOUR COURSES WILL BE OF 16 WEEKS DURATION, AND WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1982 AND JUNE 1983.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH COURSE IS 50, AND THERE WILL BE NO CHARGES.

THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE RELEASED FROM NORMAL SCHOOL DUTIES TO ATTEND THE RETRAINING COURSES ON A FULL-TIME BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SCHOOLS CONCERNED WILL BE ALLOWED TO EMPLOY A FULL-TIME REPLACEMENT TEACHER FOR THE WHOLE OF THE 1982-83 ACADEMIC YEAR, RELEASING TWO TEACHERS TO ATTEND CONSECUTIVE COURSES AT THE ILE, HE SAID.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 19 TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SCHOOLS), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

RESULTS OF THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY APRIL.

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HENNESSY ROAD TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

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THE CENTRAL CARRIAGEWAY IN WESTBOUND HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN LEE GARDEN ROAD AND PERCIVAL STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS FROM 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 3) FOR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

TRAFFIC AT THE JUNCTION OF HENNESSY ROAD AND PERCIVAL STREET WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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WORK SAFETY SHOW ATTRACTS MANY

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+SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+, AN AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, CAME TO A SUCCESSFUL END AT 6 PM TODAY (MONDAY), ATTRACTING 30 000 VISITORS OVER THE PAST 11 DAYS.

THE VISITORS CAME FROM A CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, MAINLY WORKERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WERE IMPRESSED WITH THE SHOW'S SOUND AND LIGHTING EFFECTS AND THE SIMPLE AND CONCISE MESSAGE IT CONVEYED.

THE RESPONSE WAS SO ENCOURAGING THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PLANS TO RE-STAGE THE 12-MINUTE SHOW IN AREAS WITH LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF WORKERS, SUCH AS WONG CHUK HANG, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN, IN THE HOPE THAT AS MANY WORKERS AS POSSIBLE WOULD BE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK SAFETY.

VISITORS TO +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF WINNING A THREE-IN-ONE MUSIC CENTRE, A REFRIGERATOR AND MANY OTHER PRIZES IN AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY QUIZ ORGANISED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOW.

SINCE ADMISSION WAS BY TICKET, THE VISITORS WERE REQUIRED TO TICK THE CORRECT ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ON THE STUB OF THEIR TICKET.

THE CORRECT ANSWER COULD BE OBTAINED FROM TWO +QUESTION AND ANSWER+ MACHINES WHICH FORMED PART OF A STATIC DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

AT THE END OF TODAY'S LAST SHOW, ALL THE TICKET STUBS COLLECTED OVER THE PAST 11 DAYS WERE PUT INTO A BOX AND 60 WINNING NUMBERS WERE DRAWN BY MR CHAN SIU-LAP, CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR.

THE RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL PRESS ON MARCH 10, 1982.

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REROUTING OF TRAFFIC

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TRAFFIC USING THE CIRCULAR CARRIAGEWAY AT THE EASTERN END OF THE SHEK O HEADLAND ACCESS ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY CLOCKWISE FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 3).

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VERDEHR TRIO TO PERFORM AT TSUEN WAN

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THE VERDEHR TRIO FROM THE UNITED STATES WILL BE GIVING A CONCERT AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL ON MARCH 25 AT 7.30 PM.

THE TRIO GOT TOGETHER IN 1972 TO SPECIALISE IN MUSIC FOR VIOLIN, CLARINET AND PIANO. APART FROM GIVING PERFORMANCES IN THE UNITED STATES, THEY HAVE ALSO MADE SEVERAL EUROPEAN TOURS, PERFORMING IN AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ENGLAND, FRANCE, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, WEST GERMANY AS WELL AS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CLARINET CONGRESS.

THEY HAVE NOW BEGUN A SERIES OF RECORDINGS OF NEWLY-COMMISSIONED WORKS AND TRANSCRIPTIONS OF WORKS FOR TRIO, AIMED AT ENLARGING THE LITERATURE FOR VIOLIN, CLARINET AND PIANO.

THE MEMBERS OF THE TRIO ARE VIOLINIST WALTER VERDEHR, AND HIS WIFE CLARINETIST ELSA LUDEWIG-VERDEHR, AND PIANIST GARY KIRKPATRICK.

WALTER VERDEHR RECEIVED HIS FIRST VIOLIN INSTRUCTIONS AT THE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC IN GRAZ, AUSTRIA, AND OBTAINED HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES FROM JUILLIARD SCHOOL. HE WENT TO STUDY AT VIENNA ACADEMY OF MUSIC UPON GRADUATION AND RETURNED TO THE JUILLIARD TO BECOME THE FIRST VIOLINIST TO RECEIVE A DOCTORATE FROM THE SCHOOL.

HIS WIFE ELSA HOLDS TWO BACHELOR'S DEGREES IN MUSIC AND MUSIC EDUCATION, ONE MASTER'S DEGREE IN MUSIC AND ONE DOCTOR'S DEGREE IN MUSICAL ARTS. SHE IS NOW A PROFESSOR AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

GARY KIRKPATRICK ACQUIRED HIS MUSICAL TRAINING IN THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRIA. HE IS THE WINNER OF THE STEPANOR PIANO COMPETITION IN VIENNA AND THE INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION IN JAEN, SPAIN. HE IS AT PRESENT ON THE MUSIC FACULTY OF THE WILLIAM PATERSON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE CONCERT WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES PRESENTATIONS OFFICE OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TICKETS AS \$7 AND \$10 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 41.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 241.796 MILLION CUBIC METRES, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO 212 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR, THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 262.652 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, MAKING UP 45.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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