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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR PEKING
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, LEFT FOR PEKING THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO CONTINUE TO TAKE PART IN THE SINO-BRITISH TALKS ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, AND THE VICE - CHIEF EDITOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR TAN GAN.

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR WERE THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, AND THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER, MR Y.P. CHENG.

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AGREEMENT ON JOINT-VENTURE WEATHER STATION SIGNED
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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU HAVE JUST SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO SET UP A JOINT-VENTURE AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATION ON HUANGMAO ZHOU OFF THE PEARL RIVER ESTUARY ABOUT 70 KILOMETRES SOUTHEAST OF ZHUHAI.

ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT, THE GUANGDONG BUREAU WILL PROVIDE THE SITE AND ALL CIVIL WORKS FOR THE STATION.

THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL PROVIDE THE METEOROLOGICAL SENSORS, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A MICROPROCESSOR-BASED SYSTEM AND DEVELOP THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE. THESE FACILITIES WILL BE USED TO ACQUIRE AND PROCESS METEOROLOGICAL DATA AT THE SITE AND TO TRANSMIT THEM BACK TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

AS THERE IS NO ELECTRICITY ON THE UNINHABITED ISLAND, THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE POWERED BY SOLAR ENERGY.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN GUANGZHOU AT THE END OF A TWO-DAY VISIT BY A THREE-MAN DELEGATION OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FROM FEBRUARY 15 TO 17. THE DELEGATION COMPRISED THE DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR JOHN PEACOCK, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR PETER LI, AND THE SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, MR YEUNG KAI HING.

DURING THE VISIT, THEY HELD TALKS WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU, MR XIE GUOTAO, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR CHANG YIANGSONG ABOUT THE STATION PROJECT.

THE IDEA FOR AN OFFSHORE AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATION WAS CONCEIVED SOME YEARS AGO BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND WAS LATER PROPOSED TO THE CHINESE METEOROLOGICAL AUTHORITIES AS A POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURE.

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THE IDEA WAS DEVELOPED FURTHER WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE METEOROLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION IN PEKING VISITED THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN NOVEMBER 1982.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU THEN HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AND MADE A JOINT SITE VISIT TO THE ISLAND AT THE END OF 1983.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT TO GUANGZHOU LAST WEEK WAS TO HOLD THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS AND SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE STATION WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL BY MID-1985.

BY THEN THE STATION WILL TRANSMIT PROCESSED METEOROLOGICAL DATA, SUCH AS WIND, TEMPERATURE AND AIR PRESSURE, EVERY 30 MINUTES BY UHF RADIO TO A CENTRAL COMPUTER AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HEADQUARTERS WHERE THE DATA WILL BE STORED AND ALSO DISPLAYED IN REAL-TIME.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DATA WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY INJECTED INTO THE HONG KONG-GUANGZHOU-PEKING METEOROLOGICAL COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO THE STATE METEOROLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION IN PEKING AND THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU.

THE DATA WILL BE USED BY BOTH SIDES FOR FORECASTING THE WEATHER OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND FOR MONITORING TROPICAL CYCLONES AND OTHER SEVERE WEATHER SYSTEMS APPROACHING SOUTH CHINA FROM THE SOUTH.

DURING THE TWO-DAY VISIT, BOTH PARTIES ALSO DISCUSSED TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN MARINE METEOROLOGY.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR TECHNICAL STAFF FROM THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU TO COME TO HONG KONG TO LEARN THE METHODS THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY EMPLOYS TO PROCESS MARINE METEOROLOGICAL DATA BY COMPUTER.

ON THE SAME DAY THAT THE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN GUANGZHOU, TWO TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY ALSO WENT TO GUANGZHOU WITH UPPER-AIR SOUNDING EQUIPMENT TO PERFORM AN INTER-COMPARISON ON RADIOSONDES.

THE INTER-COMPARISON WILL LAST TWO WEEKS AND IS BEING CARRIED OUT JOINTLY WITH THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS LAID DOWN BY THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION.

THE PURPOSE IS TO FIND OUT THE INSTRUMENTAL AND OBSERVATIONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO TYPES OF RADIOSONDES USED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE GUANGDONG METEOROLOGICAL BUREAU.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR AIRPORT RADAR TOWER
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A CONTRACT VALUED AT \$4.1 MILLION HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR A RADAR TOWER AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, AWARDED TO CHUNG SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED, A 40-METRE HIGH TOWER WILL BE BUILT TO HOUSE A SHORT-RANGE RADAR SYSTEM WITH SIGNAL PROCESSING AND DISPLAY FACILITIES.

IT WILL BE USED TO CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR AND SHOW THE POSITION AND MOVEMENTS OF ALL AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES AND OTHER POTENTIAL OBSTRUCTIONS ON THE AIRFIELD AND OF SHIPS IN THE SOUTH-EASTERN APPROACHES TO HONG KONG.

OTHER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE CONTRACT INCLUDE A DANGEROUS GOODS STORE, AN OIL TANK, A STANDBY GENERATOR ROOM, A RADAR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ROOM, AN AIR-CONDITIONING PLANT ROOM, A CARBON DIOXIDE ROOM AND BATTERY SWITCH ROOMS.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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CENTRES PROMOTING CAREERS EDUCATION
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IN RECENT YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN DOING ITS BEST IN PROMOTING CAREERS EDUCATION TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE THE RIGHT JOBS, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES SET UP ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ARE AIMED AT ACQUAINTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE WORLD OF WORK,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IN THE TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MR YEUNG SAID THAT EACH CENTRE HAD A REFERENCE LIBRARY AND VARIOUS AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, WITH STAFF TO HANDLE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS.

HE SAID THAT ANOTHER EFFECTIVE WAY OF HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE WAS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO COLLECT INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM DIFFERENT TRADES.

TO THIS END, THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AND THE HONG KONG CAREERS MASTERS ASSOCIATION JOINTLY ORGANISE REGIONAL CAREERS CONVENTIONS ANNUALLY.

EACH CONVENTION FEATURES A CAREERS EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY LOCAL STUDENTS AND TALKS BY EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS TRADES.

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+JUDGED FROM THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE BY BOTH SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS AND FROM THE ACTIVE SUPPORT GIVEN BY CAREERS TEACHERS, THIS FUNCTION HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED NECESSARY.+

+GIVEN SUPPORT AND MOTIVATION BY THE PEOPLE CONCERNED, I AM CONVINCED THAT OUR YOUNG WILL BE PROVIDED WITH BETTER CAREERS EDUCATION,+ HE ADDED.

IN THIS OPENING SPEECH EARLIER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, SAID THAT EDUCATION FOR THE OFFSPRING NOWADAYS DID NOT FALL ON PARENTS AND FAMILIES ONLY.

BOTH SCHOOLS AND SOCIETY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS RESPECT, HE ADDED.

YOUNG PEOPLE, HE SAID, HAD TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZON, TO HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF THEIR OWN APTITUDE AND ABILITY AND TO ACQUIRE AS MUCH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AS POSSIBLE.

THE COPE OF LEARNING SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO BOOKS BUT SHOULD ALSO EXTEND TO VARIOUS TRADES, HE ADDED.

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IMPORTANCE OF DAY NURSERIES IN NEW TOWN STRESSED
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DAY NURSERIES ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AMONG WELFARE SERVICES IN NEW HOUSING AREAS AS MANY PEOPLE LIVING THERE ARE YOUNG WORKING COUPLES WITH SMALL CHILDREN.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) WHEN HE OPENED THE SALVATION ARMY'S TAI YUEN NURSERY AT TAI YUEN ESTATE IN TAI PO.

THE NURSERY CATERS FOR 100 CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWO AND SIX.

+I AM SURE THAT THE NURSERY WILL PROVIDE NOT ONLY A HAPPY AND SAFER PLACE FOR CHILDREN WHILE THEIR PARENTS ARE AT WORK, BUT ALSO A STIMULATING AND IMAGINATIVE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY CAN BEGIN TO DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE THREE NURSERIES IN TAI PO PROVIDING 270 PLACES.

+WE EXPECT ANOTHER 300 PLACES TO BE ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR, AND THIS SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE NEED FOR SUCH PLACES IN TAI PO,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THAT IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ENSURE THAT WHEN NEW HOUSING ESTATES ARE COMPLETED AND BEGIN TO TAKE IN NEW TENANTS, ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE NEEDS OF THE NEW RESIDENTS CAN BE MET AND A PROPER COMMUNITY CAN DEVELOP.

+WELFARE SERVICES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE SERVICES REQUIRED IN ANY NEW TOWN,+ HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPEECH ON ANTI-COUNTERFEITING WORK
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN, WILL ADDRESS THE DINNER MEETING OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF KOWLOON AT FIVE CONTINENTS RESTAURANT, 14/F., REGAL MERIDIEN AIRPORT HOTEL, KOWLOON, ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

MR JORDAN'S SPEECH ON GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-COUNTERFEITING WORK WILL BE DELIVERED AT ABOUT 8.15 PM.

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COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB PLAYING MAJOR ROLE
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THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ASSUMED A MAJOR ROLE IN DEVELOPING THE PERSONALITY AND LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL OF YOUTHS IN HONG KONG.

ESTABLISHED IN 1978, THE CLUB STARTED AS A +CLEAN YOUR CITY+ TEAM TO LEND SUPPORT TO THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, RECALLED THE CLUB'S SENIOR INSPECTOR, MR C.B. LAU.

+THE INITIAL SCHEME WAS SO WELL RECEIVED BY SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS THAT IT WAS STEADILY EXPANDED TO COVER A BROAD RANGE OF ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO TAP THE POTENTIAL OF OUR YOUTHS,+ HE SAID.

IN LINE WITH ITS NEW ROLE, THE TEAM WAS REORGANISED IN 1978 AND RENAMED THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC).

AFTER STEADY EXPANSION OVER THE YEARS, THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES NOW INCLUDE SEMINARS, DEBATES, FIELD STUDIES, EXHIBITIONS, TRAINING CAMPS AND VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS COVERING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, FUND RAISING, FIRE PREVENTION, CONSUMER EDUCATION, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND ROAD SAFETY.

THE ACTIVITIES HAVE PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL, AND THE CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP HAS GROWN FROM 16 000 STUDENTS IN 1978 TO ABOUT 100 000 TODAY.

+CYC MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INITIATE AND ORGANISE THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE SCHOOL UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A TEACHER, WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CYC SECTION PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FUNDS,+ MR LAU SAID.

THEY ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CYC DISTRICT COMMITTEE SCHEME.

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AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 12 SUCH COMMITTEES COMPRISING MAINLY PRINCIPALS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER ALL OF THE 18 DISTRICTS IN THE TERRITORY BY 1986.

TERRITORY-WIDE, THERE IS THE CYC ANNUAL PARADE HIGHLIGHTING THE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR.

+MORAL EDUCATION AND THE INCULCATION OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY ARE THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE CYC MOVEMENT,+ MR LAU POINTED OUT.

TO ENCOURAGE GOOD PERFORMANCES, THE CLUB HAS DEVELOPED A MERIT AWARD SCHEME.

UNDER THE SCHEME, MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN POINTS ACCORDING TO THE DURATION AND NATURE OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.

+IN ADDITION, OVERSEAS STUDY TOURS ARE OFFERED PERIODICALLY TO MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR PERFORMANCES,+ MR LAU SAID.

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OPEN SPACE TO BE BUILT UNDER BRIDGE
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THE SPACE UNDER AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE IS TO BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$635 000 CONTRACT TO BUILD AN OPEN SPACE THERE.

IT WILL OCCUPY A 2 500-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD ADJACENT TO ABERDEEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A FEATURE OF THE OPEN SPACE WILL BE A 22-METRE DIAMETER FLOWER POT.

OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE PLANTS, BENCHES, CONCRETE CHESS TABLES AND FLOWER POTS.

THE AREA WILL BE LANDSCAPED TO INTEGRATE WITH THE PAVING PATTERNS.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM YESTERDAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 83.7 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 490.687 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 415.301 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 70.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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KWUN TONG WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 24) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE : PREMISES ALONG CHA KWO LING ROAD BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND CHA KWO LING TSUEN- WAI YIP STREET BETWEEN KING YIP STREET AND CHA KWO LING ROAD INCLUDING THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND SHELL OIL DEPOT.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WOH CHAI STREET
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FROM FEBRUARY 23 (THURSDAY) TO MARCH 2, THE SECTION OF WOH CHAI STREET BETWEEN PAK TIN STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS IN WOH CHAI STREET HEADING FOR PAK TIN STREET ARE ADVISED TO USE NAM CHEONG STREET AND WAI CHI STREET.

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