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PRINCIPLES FOR HK SHIPPING REGISTER PUBLISHED
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) PUBLISHED A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MODIFIED HONG KONG REGISTER OF SHIPPING.

THIS FOLLOWS THE PUBLICATION IN MAY LAST YEAR OF A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT AND DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS AT THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, DR ALAN MCLEAN, EXPLAINED THAT THE BACKGROUND WAS THAT HONG KONG WAS AT PRESENT A BRITISH PORT OF REGISTRY AND CONSEQUENTLY ITS SHIPPING REGISTER FORMED PART OF THE BRITISH REGISTER.

+CLEARLY THIS WILL CEASE TO BE THE POSITION ON JULY 1, 1997+ HE SAID. +STEPS MUST THEREFORE BE TAKEN TO SEPARATE THE HONG KONG REGISTER FROM THE BRITISH REGISTER WELL BEFORE 1997 SO AS TO ENABLE THERE TO BE A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN 1997.+

DR MCLEAN SAID THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES UNDER WHICH THE REGISTER WOULD OPERATE ARE:

- * HIGH STANDARDS OF MARINE SAFETY WILL BE MAINTAINED;
- * ELIGIBILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT ON SHIPS WILL BE DETERMINED BY REFERENCE TO PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS;
- * THERE WILL BE A STRONG LINK BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE SHIPS ON ITS REGISTER BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT CORPORATE OWNERS WILL HAVE TO BE INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG, INDIVIDUAL OWNERS WILL BE ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG AND THE SHIPS MUST BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED FROM HONG KONG;
- * THE REGISTER WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT UNTIL JUNE 30, 1997 AND THE SAR GOVERNMENT THEREAFTER;
- * EQUIPMENT USED ON BOARD SHIPS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG MUST BE UP TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED STANDARDS;
- * TO DENOTE THE FACT THAT IT IS ON THE HONG KONG REGISTER THE SHIP WILL FLY TWO FLAGS FROM THE STERN. THESE WILL BE THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL FLAG (THE RED ENSIGN UP TO JUNE 30, 1997 AND THE PRC FLAG THEREAFTER) AND THE HONG KONG FLAG AS IT MAY BE AT THE TIME;
- * THE REGISTER WILL BE SELF-FINANCING; AND
- * THERE WILL BE A REVIEW OF HONG KONG'S TRAINING SYSTEM FOR SEAFARERS TO ENSURE THE SYSTEM MATCHES, AT ALL LEVELS, THE REQUIREMENTS OF HONG KONG AND ITS SEAFARERS.

/DR MCLEAN

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DR MCLEAN EMPHASISED THAT THE KEY PRINCIPLES WERE THAT EXISTING HIGH STANDARDS OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION, MANNING AND OPERATION WOULD REMAIN. THESE WOULD BE REINFORCED BY THE FORGING OF NEW AND VERY STRONG LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE SHIPS ON ITS REGISTER THROUGH THE PRINCIPLE OF MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE SHIP FROM HONG KONG.

DR MCLEAN SAID THAT HAVING ESTABLISHED THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES IT WAS NOW NECESSARY TO TURN THEM INTO DETAILED WORKING ARRANGEMENTS. A SET OF INTERLOCKING WORKING GROUPS INVOLVING GOVERNMENT AND ALL SIDES OF THE INDUSTRY WOULD SHORTLY BE SET UP TO DETERMINE HOW THIS SHOULD BEST BE DONE.

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JACOBS TO SUM UP DAYA BAY DEBATE
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL BE SUMMING UP THE DEBATE ON THE DAYA BAY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ISSUE FOLLOWING THE MOTION MOVED BY MISS LYDIA DUNN, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON THE REPORT ON +THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS+.

THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING AND A STATEMENT WILL BE MADE BY MR JACOBS ON CHANGES TO THE APPROVED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1986-87-PUBLIC FINANCE ORDINANCE: SECTION 8.

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NEW COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY TO START
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET UP A TEAM OF ENGINEERS AND TRANSPORT PLANNERS TO CARRY OUT A SECOND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY TO MAP OUT TRANSPORT NEEDS FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

A CONSULTANCY FIRM HAS BEEN ENGAGED TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO THE TEAM.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH THE CONSULTANTS, WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

/MR LEEDS

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MR LEEDS SAID THE AIM OF THE STUDY WAS TO DETERMINE WHAT POLICIES AND INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORT FACILITIES WERE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE AN OPTIMAL BALANCE BETWEEN DEMAND FOR AND SUPPLY OF TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES AND SERVICES UP TO THE YEAR 2001.

THE STUDY IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$8.4 MILLION AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

IT WILL PRODUCE AN IMPROVED PLANNING TOOL FOR FUTURE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROPOSALS OR TRANSPORT PLANNING OPTIONS.

THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY, WHICH STARTED IN 1973, WAS COMPLETED IN 1976. MOST OF ITS MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ACCEPTED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SECOND STUDY WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION NEW ROAD AND RAIL NETWORK OPTIONS AND THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED PREVIOUSLY SUCH AS:

- * A NEW ROUTE BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND TSUEN WAN;
- * A NEW WATERFRONT ROUTE BETWEEN WAN CHAI AND WESTERN;
- * WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY LINKING TSUEN WAN AND WEST KOWLOON;
- * ROUTE 7 ALONG THE WESTERN COAST OF HONG KONG ISLAND TO ABERDEEN;
- * FUTURE RAIL EXTENSIONS TO THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES AND JUNK BAY;
- * EXTENSION OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE TO WESTERN DISTRICT;
- * TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL; AND AN ADDITIONAL ROAD LINK ACROSS THE HARBOUR.

+THE STUDY WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RESOURCE LIMITATIONS AND CONSIDER DIFFERENT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMMES FOR NEW TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURES TO MATCH DIFFERENT RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

+IT WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE EFFECTS OF DELAYING CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO, OR EXPANSION OF, THE TRANSPORT NETWORK, AND WAYS TO AMELIORATE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE STUDY WILL MAKE USE OF THE DATA ALREADY AVAILABLE FROM MANY RECENT STUDIES. LIMITED SURVEYS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO PROVIDE DATA ON CURRENT CHANGES IN DEVELOPMENT AND TRAVEL PATTERNS SO THAT THE EXISTING TRANSPORT MODEL WILL BE REVIEWED AND UPDATED.

RECENT ADVANCES IN BOTH COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORT MODELLING TECHNIQUES WILL ALSO BE INCORPORATED TO ALLOW SPEEDY ACTION IN ANALYSING INFORMATION AND TESTING POLICY OPTIONS.

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VOTERS URGED TO SUPPORT KOWLOON CITY BY-ELECTION

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, TODAY (TUESDAY) APPEALED TO THE 15 700 REGISTERED VOTERS IN HO MAN TIN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN THE BY-ELECTION ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 16).

+VOTING TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES BUT IT IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT ACT AS IT REFLECTS THE SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND SUPPORT FOR THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD IN ITS WORK FOR THE DISTRICT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

TWO POLLING STATIONS AT THE OI MAN ESTATE MUSIC HALL AND THE HOLY CARPENTER SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE AT VALLEY ROAD ESTATE WILL OPEN FOR 15 HOURS FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM FOR THURSDAY'S BY-ELECTION.

+SO IT WILL GIVE ELECTORS AMPLE TIME TO VOTE ON THEIR WAY TO OR FROM WORK OR WHEN OUT SHOPPING OR DINING AT RESTAURANTS,+ MR FONG ADDED.

MEANWHILE, IN A BID TO ENCOURAGE VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE BY-ELECTION, A PUBLICITY BUS BROADCASTING BY-ELECTION MESSAGE AND MUSIC WILL BE TOURING VARIOUS BUSY LOCATIONS IN THE HO MAN TIN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY THROUGHOUT TODAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD HO MAN TIN SOUTH CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION IS HELD TO FILL A SEAT VACATED FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF AN ELECTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER IN AUGUST.

TWO CANDIDATES, MR SO CHOI-HING (42), AN INTERIOR DECORATOR AND MR CHIANG SAI-CHEONG (30), A TEACHER, HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO CONTEST IN THE BY-ELECTION.

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EXPO CLOSES ON HIGH NOTE

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EXPO '86 IN VANCOUVER CAME TO A COLOURFUL CLOSE ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 13) WITH THE ORGANISERS ACCLAIMING IT A GREAT SUCCESS.

THE EXHIBITION, WHICH OPENED ON MAY 2, ATTRACTED 22.1 MILLION VISITORS, FAR IN EXCESS OF THE 13.5 MILLION PROJECTED.

HONG KONG'S PAVILION RECORDED 1 357 620 VISITORS, WHICH A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE DESCRIBED AS A VERY GRATIFYING FIGURE THAT FULLY JUSTIFIED THE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE.

/THE CLOSING

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THE CLOSING CEREMONY -- TELEVISED LIVE THROUGHOUT CANADA -- WAS HELD AT THE 60 000-SEAT BRITISH COLUMBIA PLACE STADIUM, BY THE FAIRGROUND, AND LASTED ONE HOUR.

EXPO'S COMMISSIONER GENERAL, MR PATRICK REID, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITORS FOR THEIR DRIVE, DETERMINATION AND INGENUITY IN MAKING THE EXPOSITION SUCH A MEMORABLE EVENT.

THE 50-STRONG STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE HONG KONG PAVILION JOINED THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IN A PARADE THAT LED INTO THE STADIUM.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE CEREMONY CAME AS THE EXPO THEME SONG, +SOMETHING'S HAPPENING HERE+ AND THE SPECIALLY COMPOSED +PEACE ON EARTH+ WERE SUNG.

THE EXPO FLAG WAS LOWERED, AND HANDED OVER TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA, WHERE A WORLD EXPO WILL BE HELD IN 1988.

THE LAST WEEK OF EXPO '86 ATTRACTED BIG CROWDS, WITH ATTENDANCE OVER THE LAST FOUR DAYS AVERAGING 250 000.

OFFICIALS NOTED THAT THE TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF 22.1 MILLION EXCEEDED THE 20.3 MILLION RECORDED BY THE TUSKUBA EXPO IN JAPAN LAST YEAR.

AS HONG KONG STAFF BEGAN TO DISMANTLE THEIR PAVILION THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO WITH THE 3 000 PIECES OF BAMBOO FORMING THE EXTERIOR SCAFFOLDING WAS READILY SOLVED.

THE POLES WILL BE DONATED TO THE CITY OF KELOWNA IN BRITISH COLUMBIA WHICH IS BUILDING AN ORIENTAL GARDEN BEHIND ITS CITY HALL. THE POLES WILL BE USED FOR RAILINGS AND FOR THE ENTRANCE.

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MP VISITS WELFARE FACILITIES

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A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, MR JAMES COUCHMAN, TODAY (TUESDAY) VISITED A NUMBER OF WELFARE FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS EVELYN DOE, HE FIRST VISITED THE CHOI WAN SHELTERED WORKSHOP TO SEE THE DISABLED ENGAGING IN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN A SHELTERED ENVIRONMENT.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING WORK, THE WORKSHOP ALSO ORGANISES OCCASIONAL INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR ITS 120 SHELTERED WORKERS TO MAKE THEIR LIVES MORE SATISFYING AND INTERESTING.

/FROM CHOI

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FROM CHOI WAN, MR COUCHMAN WENT TO THE SHA KOK CHILDREN'S HOME WHERE RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICE IS PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN THREE AND EIGHT WHO ARE EITHER ABANDONED, ORPHANED, OR FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER CANNOT BE LOOKED AFTER IN THEIR OWN FAMILIES.

MR COUCHMAN NEXT CALLED ON THE TENANTS LIVING IN SHA TIN UNDER THE +HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY+ SCHEME.

UNDER THE SCHEME THE GOVERNMENT BUYS FLATS IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS WITH SURPLUS FUNDS FROM SALES OF GOLD COINS TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR ELDERLY PERSONS WHO ARE ABLE-BODIED AND CAPABLE OF LOOKING AFTER THEMSELVES. THE FLATS IN SHA TIN CAN ACCOMMODATE 474 ELDERLY PEOPLE.

MR COUCHMAN WILL MEET THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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VILLAGE LAYOUT PLAN BEING REPLACED

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THE NGAU TAU KOK VILLAGE LAYOUT PLAN, APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL IN MARCH 1965, IS BEING REPLACED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THE LAYOUT COVERED AN AREA OF ABOUT 11.7 HECTARES BOUNDED BY NGAU TAU KOK AND KWUN TONG ROADS, AND HAD BEEN DEVELOPED GENERALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLAN.

+THE APPROVED PLAN WAS, HOWEVER, DRAWN TO A SCALE AND IN A FORMAT DIFFERENT FROM CURRENT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS. IT IS DESIRABLE THEREFORE THAT IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH OTHER OUTLINE ZONING PLANS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS WILL ENABLE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE LAYOUT AREA TO BE CONTROLLED IN THE SAME WAY AS ALL OTHER AREAS COVERED BY STATUTORY TOWN PLANS,+ HE ADDED.

THE NEW LAYOUT PLAN FOR THIS AREA WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE KWUN TONG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE GAZETTED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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SEMINARS ON LABORATORY SAFETY ORGANISED
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TO PROMOTE SAFETY IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED 10 SEMINARS FOR SCHOOL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS IN NOVEMBER.

LABORATORY SECURITY AND SAFETY MEASURES WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE SEMINARS TO BE HELD AT THE SCIENCE TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, THIRD FLOOR, NORTH POINT, STARTING NOVEMBER 7.

THE SEMINARS ALSO AIM AT INTRODUCING TO LABORATORY TECHNICIANS THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LABORATORY MANAGEMENT, WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR DEALING WITH DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN LABORATORIES.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE TECHNICIANS TO ATTEND THE SEMINARS SHOULD HAND IN APPLICATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (CHEMISTRY), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BY OCTOBER 24.

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NO RIGHT TURN IN TSZ WAN SHAN SECTIONS

FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), THE RIGHT TURNING MOVEMENT IN TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE PROHIBITED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM YUK WAH STREET WESTBOUND ONTO TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND, OR FROM TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND ONTO YUK WAH STREET WESTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ON TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR WAN WAH STREET ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA WAI WAH STREET. MOTORISTS ON YUK WAH STREET EAST OF TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD ARE ADVISED TO USE HONG WAH STREET, WAI WAH STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD TO GAIN ACCESS TO TSZ OI ESTATE AND SHA TIN PASS ESTATE.

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MEET THE MEDIA
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THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR GORDON BLENKINSOP, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 16) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 68.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 399.331 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 461.650 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 78.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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CITY HALL TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR QUEEN'S ARRIVAL
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ALL FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY HALL COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE GREATER PART OF THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 21 (TUESDAY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE CEREMONY TO WELCOME THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, AN URBAN COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE FACILITIES TO BE CLOSED UNTIL 11 AM INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL GARDEN, THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF ART, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, THE VARIOUS EXHIBITION GALLERIES AND FUNCTION ROOMS, THE MARRIAGE REGISTRY AS WELL AS ALL RESTAURANTS, HE SAID.

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