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VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA WELL WORTHWHILE: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (MONDAY) DESCRIBED HIS VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA AS WELL WORTHWHILE AND SAID THE OVERWHELMING IMPRESSION HE HAD WAS THERE WAS MUCH SUPPORT FOR HONG KONG IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID THE TURNOUT OF 1,200 PEOPLE AT THE ASIA SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER IN THE UNITED STATES WAS A MARK OF THE SUPPORT FOR AND INTEREST IN HONG KONG.

THE GOVERNOR SAID IN CANADA THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THE TERRITORY AND A GREAT DEAL OF WILLINGNESS TO BUILD UP ON THE COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL LINKS THAT ALREADY EXISTED BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG.

"WHAT WE MUST NOW DO IS TRY TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL LINKS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE DISCUSSED GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG WITH THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER, MR BRIAN MULRONEY, AND THE WAY IN WHICH THESE HAD BUILT UP A LOT OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

"THERE ARE A LOT OF COMMERCIAL LINKS NOW AND THESE ARE PARTLY BASED ON THE NUMBER OF EX-HONG KONG PEOPLE THERE ARE IN CANADA. BUT THEY GO MUCH WIDER THAN THAT.

"WE TALKED ABOUT HOW WE COULD BUILD ON THOSE AND I SUGGESTED TO HIM, FOR INSTANCE, THAT CANADA MIGHT CONSIDER RUNNING A CANADA WEEK IN HONG KONG NEXT YEAR, AND THEN THE YEAR AFTER THAT WE MIGHT DO THE SAME. WE MIGHT RUN A HONG KONG WEEK IN CANADA, JUST TO BUILD UP ON THOSE RELATIONS," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND THE BRAIN DRAIN SITUATION, ADDING: "I SAID THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE LEAVING HONG KONG FOR CANADA, AND ALTHOUGH IN MANY WAYS WE MIGHT LIKE THOSE PEOPLE TO REMAIN HERE IN HONG KONG, I DIDN'T TREAT THIS AS BEING JUST A NET LOSS."

"IT WAS SOMETHING WHICH WE COULD TURN INTO AN ASSET ON BOTH SIDES, IN OTHER WORDS, THOSE PEOPLE WHO SETTLED IN CANADA WOULD USE THEIR HONG KONG CONNECTIONS TO BUILD UP COMMERCIAL LINKS, AND THAT COULD BE USEFUL TO US IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS TO CANADA," HE ADDED.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE UNITED STATES' RENEWAL OF CHINA'S MOST FAVOURED NATION TRADE STATUS, SIR DAVID SAID THAT WAS GOOD NEWS FOR HONG KONG AND THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT PRESIDENT BUSH RENEWED THE MFN STATUS AND PUT IN HIS WAIVER.

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"BUT AN IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY THE END OF THE STORY. WHAT MATTERS NOW IS THAT THAT DECISION SHOULD NOT BE OVERTURNED BY CONGRESS.

"I THINK THAT PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES DO REALISE WHAT A SERIOUS EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON HONG KONG IF CHINA'S MFN STATUS WAS ENDED, AND TO THAT EXTENT, ALL THE LOBBYING AND EXPLANATIONS THAT WAS DONE BY MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS IN HONG KONG HAS PAID DIVIDENDS AND I HOPE THAT THAT DECISION WILL STICK. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG," HE SAID.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT JUNE 4 MEMORIAL ACTIVITIES, SIR DAVID SAID PEOPLE WERE FREE TO DO WHAT THEY WISHED IN THE WAY OF COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATIONS OR EVENTS, PROVIDED THAT THEY STAYED WITHIN THE LAW.

"OF COURSE IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT PEOPLE HAVE THESE COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS, THOSE EVENTS LAST YEAR WERE TRAGIC. BUT WE MUST ALSO THINK AHEAD. WE MUST LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND NOT SIMPLY LOOK OBSESSIVELY AT THE PAST, WE MUST LOOK TO THE FUTURE AS WELL," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE PROSECUTION OF FIVE PEOPLE FOR THE ILLEGAL USE OF LOUDSPEAKERS DURING A PROTEST, THE GOVERNOR SAID WHILE HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE DETAIL OF ANY CASE BEFORE THE COURTS, HE STRESSED THAT PROSECUTIONS WERE A MATTER FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS ACTING INDEPENDENTLY AND NOT THE GOVERNMENT.

MEETING THE GOVERNOR AT THE AIRPORT WERE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DAME LYDIA DUNN; AND THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE.

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#### SUCCESS IN MACHINE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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FACTORY MANAGERMENTS AND WORKERS ARE INCREASINGLY WILLING TO ENSURE A SAFER WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CALL TO CURB INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

DURING THE RECENT MACHINE SAFETY CAMPAIGN 1990 MOUNTED BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE BETWEEN MARCH AND MAY, FACTORY MANAGERMENTS SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN SENDING THEIR STAFF TO ATTEND THE SAFETY TRAINING COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

IN MARCH AND APRIL, 1,087 PEOPLE ATTENDED MACHINE SAFETY COURSES ORGANISED BY THE TRAINING CENTRE, COMPARED WITH 822 IN THE SAME MONTHS LAST YEAR.

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"WE VISITED ABOUT 11,200 FACTORIES DURING THE CAMPAIGN TO ADVISE MANagements AND WORKERS ON THE PROPER METHODS OF MACHINE GUARDING AND MAINTENANCE," SAID ACTING CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING.

"WE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE TO THEM SAFE WORKING SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES, BESIDES DISTRIBUTING PUBLICATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY," MR CHAN ADDED.

"THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND SHOULD HELP BRING DOWN THE NUMBER OF MACHINERY ACCIDENTS THIS YEAR," HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR HAD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE NUMBER OF SUCH ACCIDENTS.

THE CAMPAIGN ALSO RESULTED IN SOME 330 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST BLATANT OFFENDERS.

"THERE IS ALWAYS A GRIM SIDE OF THE PICTURE WHERE SOME EMPLOYERS STILL SHOW TOTAL DISREGARD FOR SAFETY LAWS DESPITE REPEATED WARNINGS BY FACTORY INSPECTORS," MR CHAN NOTED.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO TAKE UP ADULT EDUCATION COURSES  
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APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT IN THE 1990-91 ADULT EDUCATION COURSES ARE NOW BEING INVITED.

ABOUT 40,000 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AGED 18 OR ABOVE ATTENDED THE COURSES AT 53 CENTRES LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

AVAILABLE ARE THE ADULT EDUCATION COURSE (GENERAL BACKGROUND), GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE, ENGLISH COURSE, EVENING SCHOOL OF HIGHER CHINESE STUDIES, AND THOSE OFFERED BY THE ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRES.

THE ADULT EDUCATION COURSE PROVIDES A THREE-YEAR GENERAL EDUCATION EQUIVALENT TO PRIMARY 3 TO 6 IN DAY SCHOOL, AND THE CURRICULUM INCLUDES CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION, STUDENTS CAN APPLY FOR THE FIVE-YEAR GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE, WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ENGLISH COURSE PROVIDES ADULTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE, STARTING FROM PRIMARY 4 TO GCE O-LEVEL.

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STUDENTS IN THE SECONDARY 5 AND GCE CLASSES WILL BE PREPARED TO SIT FOR THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUBJECT OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON GCE O-LEVEL EXAMINATION.

APPLICANTS FOR THE ENGLISH COURSE AND THE GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE ARE REQUIRED TO SIT FOR AN ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IN JULY.

THE EVENING SCHOOL OF HIGHER CHINESE STUDIES OFFERS A NUMBER OF SHORT COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO WISH TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES IN CHINESE CLASSICS AND CULTURE.

STUDENTS WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE ON COMPLETION OF EACH COURSE.

ANYONE WISHING TO TAKE PART IN INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING MICRO-COMPUTER STUDIES, RUN BY THE ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRES MUST APPLY TO BECOME A MEMBER, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSES, EXCEPT FOR THOSE IN ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRES, ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS; DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES; AND DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING OFFICE HOURS FROM JUNE 1 (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ENGLISH COURSE AND OTHER COURSES ARE JUNE 20 (WEDNESDAY) AND 30 (SATURDAY).

APPLICATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING CENTRES:

HONG KONG  
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KING'S COLLEGE  
QUEEN'S COLLEGE  
NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL

KOWLOON  
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QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL  
FARM ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FUK WING STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
KAI TAK GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HOI PA STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FANLING GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NTHYK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
NTHYK TAI PO DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL  
TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL

APPLICANTS WISHING TO OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS BY POST SHOULD WRITE TO ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND ENCLOSE A STAMPED RETURN ENVELOPE.

ENQUIRY MAY ALSO BE MADE BY TELEPHONE AT 839 2309 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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NEW ID CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1918-22  
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MEN BORN IN 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 AND 1922 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARD FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO JUNE 30.

MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE HONG KONG AND WEST KOWLOON NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. OTHER ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. NO. 574 7070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD  
NGAU TAU KOK  
TEL. NO. 755 3669

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. NO. 723 2424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. NO. 498 0117

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SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17, SHA TIN CENTRE STREET  
TEL. NO. 605 9108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 477 1543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. NO. 458 0646

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. NO. 672 7191

"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE \*\*\* SYMBOL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE \*\*\* SYMBOL, HE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOF.

"IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HIS EXISTING IDENTITY CARD, HE MUST PRODUCE HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

"IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY."

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT AS THE APPLICANTS IN THE COMING PHASE ARE OVER 65 YEARS OLD, SOME MAY, DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, FIND IT INCONVENIENT TO GO TO THE ISSUE OFFICES AND WISH TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

"THEY MAY APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS," HE SAID.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 824 6111.

AGED APPLICANTS LIVING ON HONG KONG ISLAND WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN USING ESCALATORS AT THE HONG KONG NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICE AT BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, MAY TELEPHONE 574 7070 TO ARRANGE TO HAVE THEIR IDENTITY CARDS REPLACED AT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE (HONG KONG OFFICE) ON EIGHTH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER II, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, WHERE LIFT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

FOR SUCH ARRANGEMENT, THEY NEED TO GIVE THEIR NAME, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER AND YEAR OF BIRTH TO IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT STAFF.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN QUARRY BAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT THE SECTION OF MOUNT PARKER ROAD SOUTH OF QUARRY BAY STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1 AM FOR ABOUT FOUR HOURS ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 30).

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

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