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GOVERNOR STRESSES NEED TO MAINTAIN HK'S GROWTH

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY STRESSED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S GROWTH BY +ANY MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL+, INCLUDING TRADING UP, AND DIVERSIFYING AND BROADENING OUR INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC BASE.

SIR MURRAY EMPHASISED THIS NEED BECAUSE +THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN ONE OF UNCERTAINTY FOR THE TRADING SECTOR AND SEEN A MARKED LURCH TO PROTECTIONISM IN SOME OF OUR MAJOR MARKETS.+

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE 9TH ANNUAL +GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR HONG KONG DESIGN+ AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SIR MURRAY SAID: +IN THIS SITUATION THE IMPROVEMENT OF DESIGN PROMOTED BY THE HONG KONG DESIGN COUNCIL CAN HELP A GREAT DEAL,+ SIR MURRAY OBSERVED.

HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HONG KONG WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE DESIGN AND QUALITY OF OUR PRODUCTS, AND SAID INDUSTRIALISTS WERE AWARE OF THE NEED TO ACHIEVE THIS IN ORDER TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH:

+ONCE AGAIN WE ARE GATHERED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS OF OUR INDUSTRIALISTS TO ADVANCE THE QUALITY AND DESIGN OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS AND TO IMPROVE OUR IMAGE OVERSEAS.

+THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN ONE OF UNCERTAINTY FOR THE TRADING SECTOR AND SEEN A MARKED LURCH TO PROTECTIONISM IN SOME OF OUR MAJOR MARKETS. THIS HAS EMPHASISED THE NEED TO MAINTAIN GROWTH BY ANY MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL, INCLUDING TRADING UP, AND DIVERSIFYING AND BROADENING OUR INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC BASE.

+IN THIS SITUATION THE IMPROVEMENT OF DESIGN PROMOTED BY THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL CAN HELP A GREAT DEAL.

+OVER THE TEN YEARS OF THE COUNCIL'S OPERATION, HONG KONG HAS SUCCESSFULLY MOVED AWAY FROM PRODUCING ONLY TO BUYERS' SPECIFICATION, AND NOW MANUFACTURES ORIGINAL PRODUCTS, WHICH INCREASINGLY COMMAND THE RESPECT OF BUYERS ON THEIR OWN MERIT. MANY LOCALLY-DESIGNED PRODUCTS ARE HOLDING THEIR OWN IN THE MOST INDUSTRIALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF OUR GROWTH INDUSTRIES SUCH AS ELECTRONICS AND OPTICAL GOODS.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE DESIGN AND QUALITY OF OUR PRODUCTS. INDUSTRIALISTS ARE AWARE OF THE NEED TO ACHIEVE THIS IN ORDER TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE. MY VISITS TO FACTORIES HAVE ALSO BROUGHT HOME TO ME HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE FROM OUR UNIVERSITIES, THE POLYTECHNIC AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE JOINING THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AND THAT MANY HAVE ALREADY MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN DESIGN AND ENGINEERING. WE SHALL NO DOUBT SEE MORE GOODS WITH GOOD, ORIGINAL DESIGNS AS INDUSTRIALISTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TALENT OF OUR YOUTH.

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+I RATHER LIKE MR. WU'S IDEA OF 'BUY HONG KONG' - THOUGH I'M GLAD THAT HE DOESN'T ADVOCATE GOING AS FAR AS OTHERS HAVE. RAISING A TARIFF WALL BEHIND WHICH TO CONSTRUCT IMPORTS -- SUBSTITUTION INDUSTRIES IS A POLICY WITH PITFALLS. IF ANYONE SUFFERS IT'S ALWAYS THE CONSUMER.

+THE FIRST ESSENTIAL WOULD BE THAT MORE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SELL IN HONG KONG. THE FEW WHO HAVE WORKED AT DEVELOPING LOCAL RETAIL SALES HAVE SHOWN THAT IT CAN BE DONE AND CAN BE PROFITABLE, AND CAN MAKE A WELCOME CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR PRODUCTION FLOW

+LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THE NAME OF THE WINNER OF THIS YEAR'S GOVERNOR'S AWARD IS CASSIA ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS LIMITED, AND THE WINNING PRODUCT IS A TRAVELLING DIGITAL ALARM CLOCK. THE JUDGES WERE OF THE OPINION THAT THE QUALITY OF THIS ITEM WOULD CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO HONG KONG'S DESIGN REPUTATION IN OVERSEAS MARKETS, AND THAT ITS LIGHT WEIGHT, GOOD FINISH AND STREAMLINED DESIGN COMBINE TO MAKE IT AN IDEAL TRAVELLER'S TIME-KEEPER.

+I CONGRATULATE CASSIA ELECTRONIC AND WISH THEM SUCCESSFUL SALES OF THIS EXCELLENT PRODUCT.

+AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN ASKING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CASSIA ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS LIMITED, TO COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THE TROPHY.+

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BRITISH EXPERT TO HEAD PWD'S GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS APPOINTED A BRITISH CONSULTANT WITH MORE THAN 30 YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN SOIL MECHANICS AND FOUNDATION ENGINEERING TO HEAD ITS GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE.

HE IS MR. STANLEY RODIN WHO BEFORE COMING HERE WAS DIRECTOR FOR GENERAL TECHNICAL SERVICES OF WIMPEY LABORATORIES IN BRITAIN.

HE WILL BE TAKING OVER FROM MR. BRYAN O'RORKE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP THE NEW OFFICE LAST YEAR.

MR. RODIN HOLDS A FIRST-CLASS HONOURS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM LONDON UNIVERSITY AND A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. HE IS A FELLOW OF THE BRITISH INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND ALSO OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS.

MR. RODIN BRINGS TO THE P.W.D. A WEALTH OF EXPERTISE HE HAS GAINED OVER THE YEARS' WORKING ON MAJOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING PROJECTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

FOLLOWING THE ABERFAN DISASTER IN WALES IN 1966 HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD AS CONSULTANT ON COLLIERY SPOIL TIPS AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THEIR CODE OF PRACTICE AND FOR DEVISING A COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH PROGRAMME ON SPOIL TIP MATERIALS AND DESIGN.

OTHER PROJECTS WITH WHICH MR. RODIN HAD BEEN CONNECTED INCLUDE A REFINERY IN ADEN, DAMS IN BRAZIL, SUDAN, SOUTH AFRICA, SCOTLAND, TURKEY, AUSTRALIA AND ICELAND, THE LANCASHIRE-YORKSHIRE MOTORWAY AND THE MEDWAY BRIDGE IN BRITAIN.

IN ADDITION, MR. RODIN IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF MANY TECHNICAL PAPERS, ONE OF WHICH +PRESSURE OF CONCRETE ON FORMWORK+ HAS BECOME THE STANDARD REFERENCE FOR THE SUBJECT.

MR. RODIN IS MARRIED AND HAS A SON AND A DAUGHTER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO OPEN SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE \$68 MILLION SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL AT 3 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 18).

THE 1,400-METRE TUNNEL AIMS TO IMPROVE ROAD COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN.

SIR MURRAY WILL FIRST UNVEIL A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE TO DECLARE THE SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL OPENED. HE WILL THEN TOUR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BEFORE DEPARTING BY WAY OF THE NEW TUNNEL.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. TWO VANS, AM2080 AND AM2081, WILL LEAVE THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE AT MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 2 P.M. SHARP ON WEDNESDAY.

OFFICERS OF THE P.W.D.'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT OPENS BRANCH OFFICE

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THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN A BRANCH OFFICE IN KOWLOON ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 18) TO COPE WITH ITS INCREASING WORKLOAD AND TO MAKE ITS SERVICE MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE LIVING IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEW OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH AND NINTH FLOORS OF RITZ BUILDING, 625 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK, WILL HANDLE ALL TYPES OF APPLICATIONS FOR AID IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS.

THESE WILL INCLUDE CASES ARISING OUT OF TRAFFIC OR INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS= CASES IN RELATION TO FAMILY LAW COVERING DIVORCE, SEPARATION, MAINTENANCE, CHILD CUSTODY AND WARDSHIP= WAGE CLAIMS= BANKRUPTCY= COMPANY WINDING-UP= ADMIRALTY= WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION= LANDLORD AND TENANT MATTERS AND BREACH OF CONTRACT.

APPLICATIONS FOR AID IN CRIMINAL CASES WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE DEPARTMENT'S HEAD OFFICE ON THE 18TH FLOOR OF SINCERE BUILDING, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, AND APPLICANTS WHO ARE IN CUSTODY WILL CONTINUE TO BE ASSISTED IN MAKING THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR AID THROUGH CO-OPERATION OF PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

/THE BRANCH

THE BRANCH OFFICE'S HOURS OF WORK WILL BE FROM 9 A.M. TO 5.30 P.M. ON MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS, 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON FRIDAYS AND 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAYS. ITS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-302241 (TEN LINES).

THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID, MR. D. O'R. MAYNE, SAID THE NEW BRANCH OFFICE IS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE LIVING IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HOPED THAT +SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE SO THAT RESIDENTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL HAVE EVEN MORE CONVENIENT FACILITIES FOR SEEKING LEGAL AID NEARER TO THEIR HOMES.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO LIVE OR WORK IN KOWLOON OR THE NEW TERRITORIES DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO GO TO THE NEW BRANCH OFFICE AND THEY HAVE A CHOICE OF CONDUCTING THEIR LEGAL MATTERS EITHER AT THE HEAD OFFICE OR AT THE KOWLOON OFFICE.

+BUT ONCE A FILE HAS BEEN OPENED, LITIGANTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONDUCT THEIR LITIGIOUS MATTERS IN THAT OFFICE UNLESS THEIR CASE IS REFERRED BY MY STAFF TO ANOTHER OFFICE,+ HE ADDED.

MR. MAYNE ALSO ASSURED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE THE SAME STANDARD OF SERVICE IN THE NEW BRANCH OFFICE AS IS AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S HEAD OFFICE.

HE SAID THAT IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE UNABLE TO SEEK LEGAL AID DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO SEE THEM OUTSIDE THESE HOURS.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN TRAVELLING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES EITHER BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR INJURY MR. MAYNE SAID HIS OFFICERS WOULD CONTINUE TO VISIT THEM AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL IF THEY WILL CONTACT HIS DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARY AT 5-457036 EXT. 224.

THE WORKLOAD OF THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN JANUARY 1967.

IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION, THE DEPARTMENT HANDLED ABOUT 1,200 CIVIL CASES AND LAST YEAR IT DEALT WITH MORE THAN 7,300 CASES IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS - MORE THAN FIVE TIMES OF THAT IN 1967. IN 1977 THE DEPARTMENT ALSO HANDLED 1,389 CRIMINAL CASES OF VARIOUS KINDS.

THE NUMBER OF CIVIL CASES HANDLED LAST YEAR REPRESENTED A 40 PER CENT INCREASE AS AGAINST THAT IN 1976 AND THIS WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTED TO THE RAISE OF THE CEILINGS IN MEANS TEST ON JUNE 1, 1977 WHEN THE MAXIMUM DISPOSABLE INCOME FOR A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR LEGAL AID WAS INCREASED FROM \$700 TO \$1,000 A MONTH AND THE DISPOSABLE CAPITAL FROM \$4,000 TO \$10,000.

MR. MAYNE EMPHASISED THAT THE LEGISLATION USES THE PHRASES +DISPOSABLE INCOME+ AND +DISPOSABLE CAPITAL+ WHICH MEANS THE INCOME AND CAPITAL ARRIVED AT AFTER STATUTORY DEDUCTIONS. +IN OTHER WORDS, PERSONS WITH REAL INCOMES AND CAPITAL OF FAR MORE THAN \$1,000 PER MONTH AND \$10,000 CAPITAL RESPECTIVELY VERY OFTEN QUALIFY FOR LEGAL AID.+

SINCE ITS INCEPTION, ABOUT 42,000 PEOPLE HAVE SOUGHT AID FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN RESPECT OF CIVIL CASES AND THE TOTAL VALUE OF DAMAGES RECOVERED FOR AIDED PERSONS AMOUNTED TO MANY TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

THE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT WERE EXTENDED IN JANUARY 1970 TO COVER CRIMINAL TRIALS IN THE HIGH COURT AND APPEAL CASES GENERALLY. THEY WERE FURTHER EXPANDED IN APRIL 1973 TO COVER MOST CASES TRIED IN DISTRICT COURTS. MORE THAN 7,000 PEOPLE HAVE APPROACHED THE DEPARTMENT FOR AID IN CRIMINAL CASES SINCE JANUARY 1970.

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PATHOLOGY BUILDING MARKS PROGRESS
OF GOVERNMENT MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
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THE GOVERNMENT'S 10-YEAR MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HAS TAKEN ANOTHER BIG STRIDE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN 11-STOrey CLINICAL PATHOLOGY BUILDING AT KWONG WAH HOSPITAL.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, TODAY PERFORMED THE EARTH-BREAKING CEREMONY TO MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE HUGE MEDICAL COMPLEX.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE BUILDING WILL HOUSE A LARGE NUMBER OF RESEARCH AND THERAPY UNITS, SUCH AS X-RAY DEPARTMENT, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT, PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT, ORTHOPAEDIC WARD, CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY UNIT, BACTERIOLOGY AND PARASITOLOGY UNIT AND BLOOD TESTING UNIT.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, DR. THONG SAID THE CLINICAL PATHOLOGY BUILDING WAS THE LATEST PRODUCT OF THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE SUCCESSIVE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP AND THE GOVERNMENT IN PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE BUILDING WAS ONE OF THE PROJECTS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S 10-YEAR MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL PROVIDE A MUCH LARGER ACCOMMODATION AND GREATER RANGE OF VARIOUS SERVICES WHICH WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE FACILITIES OF KWONG WAH HOSPITAL AND ENABLE IT TO PLAY THE FULL ROLE OF A REGIONAL HOSPITAL, HE SAID.

DR. THONG SAID THAT DUE TO THE SIZE AND COMPLEX NATURE OF THE PROJECT, CONSIDERABLE TIME HAD BEEN SPENT IN ITS PLANNING.

THE LATEST ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT WAS \$17 MILLION, 80 PER CENT OF WHICH WAS TO BE BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE BALANCE TO BE RAISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP, HE SAID.

DR. THONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PAST AND PRESENT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR UNCEASING EFFORTS IN GETTING THE PROJECT FINALLY UNDERWAY.

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DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO OPEN CHILD CARE CENTRE
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST SELF-SUPPORTING AND NON-PROFIT-MAKING CHILD CARE CENTRE IN HONG KONG AT NOON TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE TUNG WAH SELF-SUPPORTING DAY NURSERY, OPERATED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, IS SITUATED AT 12-22, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, TUNG HEY LAU, FIRST FLOOR, FLAT A, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER MR. LEE'S SPEECH.

COPIES OF MR. LEE'S SPEECH IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM G.I.S. PRESS BOXES LATER TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

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