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PRINCE CHARLES DELIGHTED TO BE IN HONG KONG
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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO BE IN HONG KONG AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MANY OPPORTUNITIES OF RETURNING.

HE SAID THIS AT A CONCERT OF THE SEVENTH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THE CONCERT WAS PERFORMED BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, HONG KONG'S OWN ORCHESTRA WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS IN 1974.

PRINCE CHARLES, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE, WAS RECEIVED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CITY HALL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR. A. DE O. SALES AND MRS. SALES AND WAS WELCOMED IN THE FOYER BY SIR RUN RUN SHAW, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE. A GUARD-OF-HONOUR WAS PROVIDED BY CADETS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES.

THE PRINCE'S ARRIVAL IN THE CONCERT HALL WAS SIGNALLED BY A ROLL OF DRUMS, FOLLOWED BY THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. THE PARTY THEN SETTLED DOWN TO LISTEN TO THE OPENING ITEM OF THE PHILHARMONIC CONCERT, WEBER'S OVERTURE TO OBERON, UNDER THE BATON OF GUEST CONDUCTOR MR. ALUN FRANCIS.

ALSO APPEARING IN THE CONCERT WAS MISS MELODY WU, A LOCAL PIANIST WHO WAS THE SOLOIST IN THE GRIEG PIANO CONCERTO.

DURING THE CONCERT INTERVAL, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS MET SOME OF THE LEADING CONTRIBUTORS TO HONG KONG'S CULTURAL LIFE AT A RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE IN THE EXHIBITION HALL.

AMONG THE PEOPLE PRESENTED TO THE PRINCE WERE MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC COMMITTEE. A SMALL GROUP OF MUSICIANS, INCLUDING COMPOSERS AND PERFORMERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CHINESE OPERA AND LOCAL BALLET AND DRAMA GROUPS, WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO PRINCE CHARLES.

THE INTERVAL WAS THEN FOLLOWED BY TCHAIKOVSKY'S 4TH SYMPHONY.

PRINCE CHARLES WAS THE SECOND MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY TO HAVE ATTENDED THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL. IN 1977, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE FIFTH HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL IN THE CITY HALL. THE OPENING CONCERT AT THAT TIME WAS ALSO PERFORMED BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, CONDUCTED BY HELEN QUACH.

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SPEECH BY HRH AT CITY HALL CONCERT

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SPEECH BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES DURING THE INTERVAL OF THE ARTS FESTIVAL CONCERT AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING:

+SIR RUN RUN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED FOR WELCOMING ME HERE THIS EVENING. I FEEL THAT I HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE REASON THAT I AM STANDING HERE NOW IN THE INTERVAL AND ACTUALLY I HAVE AN AUDIENCE TO SPEAK TO, BECAUSE I HAVE A FEELING THAT IF I TRIED IT AT THE END THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY BODY HERE LEFT AT ALL. HOWEVER, I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO HONG KONG ON THIS PARTICULAR OCCASION AND ALTHOUGH IT IS A VERY SHORT VISIT I KNOW I CAN SEE A GREAT DEAL, AND NOT ENOUGH PERHAPS, BUT I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO, I HOPE MANY OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, TO COME BACK HERE AND SEE MORE OF THIS AMAZING, BUSTLING, FLOURISHING PLACE, WHICH I HAD SEEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT TODAY ALREADY. AND I AM ALSO PARTICULARLY PLEASSED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR WHAT IS, I BELIEVE, THE LAST CONCERT PERFORMANCE IN THE FESTIVAL SEASON. NORMALLY I AM ASKED TO OPEN THINGS, IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO CLOSE IT.

+I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU THINK BUT HAVING HEARD AT LEAST THE FIRST PART OF THE CONCERT THIS EVENING, YOU NEVER KNOW, IT MIGHT GET WORSE- I THINK THAT THE ARTS OBVIOUSLY SEEM TO BE FLOURISHING IN HONG KONG AND FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD THIS EVENING IT SOUNDS THAT THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA IS DOING THE MOST MARVELLOUS THINGS HERE AND I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE LAST PIECE BY THE SOLOIST, WHO I THOUGHT PLAYED GRIEG'S CONCERTO QUITE BRILLIANTLY. AND WITH A NAME LIKE MELODY (WU) YOU SIMPLY CAN'T GO WRONG.

+LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WON'T KEEP YOU ANY MORE BECAUSE THERE ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THINGS LIKE MUSIC. I OFTEN FEEL THAT IF I WAS STANDING HERE I WOULD HAVE TO PLAY SOMETHING, BUT I WAS TOLD BY THE CONDUCTOR JUST NOW THAT HE HAS A SPARE CELLO WAITING FOR ME. I HAVE ACTUALLY TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO HIM I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO PRACTISE, AND THAT WHEN YOU ARE WITH THE NAVY IT IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU BANG THE BOW AGAINST THE BULKHEAD ALL THE TIME. ANYWAY, I AM MOST DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AND I DO LOOK FORWARD TO MANY OPPORTUNITIES OF RETURNING.+

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PRINCE CHARLES TOURS SHA TIN

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES BEGAN HIS SECOND DAY'S BUSY SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS IN HONG KONG THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING WHEN HE TOURED SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO SEE ITS LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, PRINCE CHARLES ARRIVED AT SIU LEK YUEN AT 10.10 A.M. OVERLOOKING THE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY AT SHA TIN. ON HAND TO GREET HIM WAS THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR. JOHN DON- SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON, AND SHA TIN PROJECT MANAGER, MR. FONG CHUN-NAM.

PRINCE CHARLES WAS TOLD THAT THE FOCAL POINT OF SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT WAS THE TOWN CENTRE OCCUPYING A SITE OF 22 HECTARES BORDERED BY RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND RIVERSIDE PARK. THE WHOLE TOWNSHIP WILL BE A SELF-CONTAINED ONE AND WILL EVENTUALLY ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN 500,000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-EIGHTIES. SHA TIN'S PRESENT POPULATION IS NEARLY 50,000.

HE ALSO LEARNED THAT THERE WILL BE 41 GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 45 GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TWO SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES, A 1,400-BED TEACHING HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AND HALLS.

FOLLOWING THE SHA TIN VISIT, PRINCE CHARLES TOURED ONE OF THE OLDEST SIGHTS OF SHA TIN --- TSANG TAI UK.

TSANG TAI UK IS A 130-YEAR-OLD, TRADITIONAL WALLED VILLAGE FOUNDED BY A MASON NAMED TSANG SAM LEE.

AT THE VILLAGE, NOW INHABITED BY ABOUT 700 PEOPLE, MR. AKERS-JONES PRESENTED THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, VILLAGE ELDERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

WHILE THE VILLAGE ELDERS WERE BEING INTRODUCED TO THE PRINCE, MANY CHILDREN DASHED OUT AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY JOSTLED WITH EACH OTHER FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT PRINCE CHARLES, THE FIRST ROYALTY TO VISIT THEM.

SOME VILLAGERS ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE THE MEMORABLE OCCASION WITH THEIR CAMERAS.

AFTER THE TOUR OF THE VILLAGE, PRINCE CHARLES PROCEEDED TO LEK YUEN AND WO CHE ESTATES WHERE HE SAW AT FIRST HAND THE PUBLIC HOUSING IN HONG KONG AND ITS FACILITIES.

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PRINCE CHARLES WAS DELIGHTED WITH THE WELCOME GIVEN TO HIM BY THOUSANDS OF FLAG-WAVING CHILDREN AT THE TWO ESTATES, AND STOPPED SEVERAL TIMES TO TALK TO SOME OF THEM.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, PRINCE CHARLES FIRST ARRIVED BY CAR AT THE BUS TERMINUS IN FRONT OF LEK YUEN'S COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

THEY WERE WELCOMED BY MR. DONALD LIAO, DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. ANTHONY HUI CHEE-CHUNG, HOUSING MANAGER OF LEK YUEN ESTATE, AND MR. MICHAEL HO KWOK-CHO, HOUSING MANAGER OF WO CHE ESTATE.

THE ROYAL PARTY THEN WENT UP TO THE PODIUM OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND THROUGH A SUPERMARKET TO THE MODULAR MARKET OPPOSITE BLOCK 3.

AT THE LEK YUEN MARKET, HE SHOOK HANDS WITH THE OPERATORS OF SEVERAL STALLS INCLUDING A FISHMONGER WHO, GRINNING BROADLY, HELD UP A LARGE FISH FOR HIS INSPECTION THEN SHOOK HIS HAND WHILE THE PRINCE ALSO BROKE INTO A SMILE AS HE RESPONDED.

HE ASKED STALL-HOLDERS QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR PRODUCE AND AT A BEAN MERCHANT'S STALL WAS OFFERED AND ATE A BEAN SPROUT.

AT WO CHE, MR. LIAO SHOWED THE PRINCE MODELS OF THAT ESTATE AND A NEARBY HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATE, AND EXPLAINED TO HIM THE CONCEPT OF +PEDESTRIANISATION+ BY WHICH WO CHE AND LEK YUEN ARE LINKED BY A SERIES OF OVERHEAD WALKWAYS.

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PRINCE CHARLES JOINS PICNICKERS

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SEVERAL HUNDRED PICNICKERS WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO FIND PRINCE CHARLES IN THEIR MIDST AT A BARBECUE SITE IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK.

AS THEY ATE THEIR BARBECUE LUNCH AND PLAYED ON THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, PRINCE CHARLES SPENT ABOUT 20 MINUTES WANDERING THROUGH THE THROG, TALKING AMICABLY WITH THE PICNICKERS. FOR THEM THEIR SUNDAY OUTING OFFERED MORE THAN EXPECTED.

AFTER PRINCE CHARLES COMPLETED HIS SHA TIN TOUR THIS MORNING, HE FLEW AN RAF WESSEX HELICOPTER FROM THE SHA TIN RACE-COURSE TO THE NEW LANDING ZONE AT THE COUNTRY PARK'S KEI LING HA MANAGEMENT CENTRE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, PRINCE CHARLES MET THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR. MARTIN LEWIS AND SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR. JOHN WHOLLEY.

IN OPEN LANDROVERS, THE PARTY DROVE TO THE TSO WO HANG BARBECUE SITE WHERE PRINCE CHARLES MET SENIOR FIELD OFFICER (EAST), MR. Y.O. CHENG, AND MINGLED WITH THE PICNICKERS.

BUT IT WAS NOT ONLY THE PICNICKERS AT TSO WO HANG WHO RECEIVED PRINCE CHARLES.

AFTER THE PARTY PROCEEDED THROUGH THE TAI MONG TSAI BARRIER, PRINCE CHARLES MADE AN UNSCHEDULED STOP AT ANOTHER BARBECUE SITE TO VIEW THE SCENERY OF TSAM CHUK WAN AND SPEAK TO VISITORS TO THE PARK.

THE GROUP THEN CONTINUED TO PAK TAM CHUNG WHERE PRINCE CHARLES BOARDED THE WESSEX FOR A FLIGHT TO HARCOURT ROAD.

THROUGHOUT THE 40-MINUTE JOURNEY FROM KEI LING HA TO PAK TAM CHUNG, PRINCE CHARLES WAS BRIEFED ON THE COUNTRY PARKS PROGRAMME BY MR. LEWIS.

MR. LEWIS SAID THAT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL LAND AREA OF 1,055.61 SQUARE KILOMETRES, ABOUT 272.58 SQUARE KILOMETRES HAD BEEN EITHER DESIGNATED OR GAZETTED AS COUNTRY PARKS.

HE TOLD PRINCE CHARLES THAT THE SETTING ASIDE OF LAND FOR COUNTRY PARKS WAS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AS WELL AS PROVIDING A RECREATIONAL ASSET FOR OUR 4.7 MILLION POPULATION.

AND HE SAID THE POPULARITY OF THE COUNTRY PARKS WAS SHOWN TODAY WITH THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE SAI KUNG AREA ALONE DURING REASONABLY INCLEMENT WEATHER.

MR. LEWIS SAID ABOUT FIVE MILLION PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE COUNTRY PARKS THIS YEAR AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING FEVERISHLY TO PROVIDE ENOUGH AMENITIES FOR THESE VISITORS.

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HRH AT HMS TAMAR RECEPTION

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MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY GREETED HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AT A RECEPTION AT HMS TAMAR.

WEARING HIS NAVAL UNIFORM, PRINCE CHARLES ARRIVED AT THE PIER OF HMS TAMAR ON BOARD THE HMS WASPERTON AT 2.45 P.M. AFTER PASSING OTHER VESSELS OF THE ROYAL NAVY AND A FIREBOAT DISPLAY IN MID-HARBOUR.

AS HE STEPPED TOWARDS THE CARPETED GANGPLANK OF THE WASPERTON, THE BUGLERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION ROYAL GREEN JACKETS SOUNDED THE ALERT, FOLLOWED BY THE STRAINS OF THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS BAND.

ON HAND TO MEET PRINCE CHARLES AT THE WIND-SWEPT PIER WAS THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, SIR ROY REDGRAVE AND CAPTAIN-IN-CHARGE HONG KONG, CAPTAIN R.W. MOLAND, RN.

AT THE RECEPTION, PRINCE CHARLES MET MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING CHURCH LEADERS, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH LEADERS AND ALSO MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT THE RECEPTION BY MR. LI FOOK-KOW, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS.

AFTER THE RECEPTION ENDED, PRINCE CHARLES PROCEEDED TO UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE HEADQUARTERS BRITISH FORCES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CASSINO LINES: 8 A.M. - 2.20 P.M.

A PRESS COACH FOR THOSE WISHING TO COVER THE PARADE (BADGE A) WILL LEAVE FOR CASSINO LINES AT 6 A.M. SHARP FROM THE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST ENTRANCE TO VICTORIA BARRACKS.

A SECOND PRESS COACH (FOR HOLDERS OF BADGE B) WILL LEAVE VICTORIA BARRACKS AT 9 A.M. FOR THE PRINCE'S TOUR OF THE TRAINING AREAS AT CASSINO LINES.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES MAKING USE OF THE EARLY PRESS COACH AT 6 A.M. MAY REMAIN AT CASSINO LINES, IF THEY SO WISH, TO COVER THE PRINCE'S TOUR OF THE TRAINING AREAS LATER IN THE MORNING, AND RETURN ON THE LATER PRESS COACH. THOSE WISHING TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PARADE MAY DO SO ON THE EARLY PRESS COACH.

SEK KONG: 2.30 P.M. - 2.55 P.M.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AT 12.30 P.M. SHARP. POSITION 1 ON THE PARADE GROUND IS FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY AND POSITION 2 FOR REPORTERS.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF THE STANDARD, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES IN POSITION 1 WILL HAVE TO MOVE FURTHER INFIELD TO MAKE WAY FOR A MARCH PAST.

EDITORS ARE ADVISED THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO THIS FUNCTION WILL NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE ABLE TO COVER THE THREE YUEN LONG FUNCTIONS BELOW.

YUEN LONG: 3.10 P.M. - 3.55 P.M.

TWO PRESS COACHES, ONE FOR TOWN HALL AND THE OTHER FOR THE STADIUM, WILL LEAVE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK AT 1 P.M. SHARP. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING YUEN LONG TOWN HALL WILL BE FIRST TAKEN TO A FIXED PRESS POSITION AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI YUK ROAD TO COVER THE ARRIVAL OF THE ROYAL MOTORCADE. AFTER THAT THEY WILL MOVE FROM THE ROUNDABOUT TO THE TOWN HALL (POSITION 1).

IN THE STADIUM, A FIXED POSITION FOR GENERAL PRESS WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE GRANDSTANDS NEAR THE ROYAL BOX. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ESCORTED FORWARD FOR THE +EYE-DOTTING+ CEREMONY BUT MUST RETURN TO THE PRESS ENCLOSURE IMMEDIATELY AFTER. LATER, THE PRESS PARTY WILL BE ESCORTED TO TAKE UP POSITION 2 IN THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL TO COVER THE PRINCE'S TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION IN THE TOWN HALL.

BEATING THE RETREAT: 7.15 P.M.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE THE QUEEN'S ROAD EAST ENTRANCE TO VICTORIA BARRACKS AT 5.30 P.M. FOR CASSINO LINES (BADGE C).

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WHERE TO SEE THE PRINCE TOMORROW (MONDAY)
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THE FOLLOWING IS A GUIDE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SEE HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES WHO WILL BE TRAVELLING TOMORROW (MONDAY) FROM RAF SEK KONG TO YUEN LONG AND FROM THERE TO CASSINO LINES:

FROM RAF SEK KONG TO YUEN LONG STADIUM (2.55 P.M. - 3.10 P.M.)

SEK KONG CAMP, KAM TIN ROAD, AU TAU CROSS ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD, YUEN LONG STADIUM.

FROM YUEN LONG TOWN HALL TO CASSINO LINES (4 P.M. - 4.20 P.M.)

TOWN HALL, YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AU TAU CROSS ROAD, SAN TIN ROAD, RIGHT TURN TO TAM MEI CAMP, FAMILY LINES.

WEATHER PERMITTING, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL RELAY THE YUEN LONG RALLY LIVE ON RTV 1 AND TVB JADE AT 3.10 P.M. THE ENGLISH VERSION WILL BE SHOWN ON TVB PEARL AT 6.10 P.M. AND AFTERWARDS AT 7 P.M. ON RTV 2.

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CHECK BEFORE APPLYING TO STUDY OVERSEAS
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STUDENTS INTENDING TO PURSUE PRE-UNIVERSITY, SECRETARIAL OR TECHNICAL COURSES IN INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST MAKING APPLICATIONS TOO HASTILY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY): +THIS IS ESPECIALLY THE CASE IF THE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVE DEPOSITING A LARGE DOWN PAYMENT AS REGISTRATION OR TUITION FEES.+

HE ADVISED STUDENTS TO CONSULT NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS FIRST BEFORE MAKING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

SOME OF THESE ORGANISATIONS ARE THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE HANG SENG BANK LTD., AND CONSULATES OR COMMISSIONS.

+STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO FIND OUT WHETHER THEY WILL BE AT LIBERTY TO MOVE TO ANOTHER INSTITUTION IN THE SAME COUNTRY SHOULD THEY SO WISH, AND IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES ANY FEES PAID WOULD BE REFUNDABLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE ONLY ORGANISATIONS AUTHORISED TO PROVIDE IMMIGRATION FACILITIES TO ENTER OVERSEAS COUNTRIES ARE THE IMMIGRATION SERVICES OR CONSULATES IN HONG KONG.

+STUDENTS WHO MAKE PAYMENTS TO TRAVEL OR OTHER AGENCIES IN THE HOPE THAT THEIR ENTRY INTO A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR FURTHER EDUCATION WILL BE FACILITATED DO SO AT THE RISK OF BEING DECEIVED BY THE AGENCIES AND EVEN BEING DISQUALIFIED BY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GRANTING OF A VISA AFTER PAYMENT TO AN AGENCY DOES NOT ESTABLISH ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO ACTIONS.

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DECEMBER 1978 EMPLOYMENT FIGURES

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A RECENT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT IN DECEMBER 1978, THERE WERE 280,300 PEOPLE ENGAGED IN WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, AN INCREASE OF 11,160 OR 4.1 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1978 AND 12,270 OR 4.6 PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1977.

EMPLOYMENT IN RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS REACHED 102,440 PEOPLE, BEING 1.4 PER CENT AND 1.7 PER CENT ABOVE THE SEPTEMBER 1978 AND DECEMBER 1977 FIGURES.

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED 18,820 PEOPLE ENGAGED IN HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES, AN INCREASE OF 6.4 PER CENT OVER SEPTEMBER 1978. WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1977, THE EMPLOYMENT IN HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES ROSE BY 7.3 PER CENT.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IN DECEMBER 1978 AND SEPTEMBER 1978 AND A COMPARISON BETWEEN THEM ARE:

	PERSONS ENGAGED IN DECEMBER 1978	PERSONS ENGAGED IN SEPTEMBER 1978	CHANGES OF DEC. 1978 OVER SEPT. 1978	
			PERSONS	%
WHOLESALE TRADE	41,680	40,390	+ 1,290	+ 3.2
RETAIL TRADE	141,860	134,880	+ 6,980	+ 5.2
IMPORT-EXPORT BUSINESS	96,770	93,870	+ 2,890	+ 3.1
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	102,440	101,000	+ 1,430	+ 1.4
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	18,820	17,690	+ 1,130	+ 6.4
TOTAL	401,560	387,830	+13,730	+ 3.5

NOTE : COMPONENTS MAY NOT ADD UP TO TOTAL DUE TO ROUNDING UP OF FIGURES.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN CHEUNG SHA WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 7) TO 8 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MTR CHEUNG SHA WAN STATION.

AREAS AFFECTED ARE UN CHAU ESTATE, CHEUNG SHA WAN ESTATE, CHEUNG SHA WAN POLICE MARRIED QUARTERS, CHEUNG SHA WAN GOVERNMENT FACTORY BUILDING BLOCK 1 AND 2, FORTUNE STREET AND A FACTORY BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF UN CHAU STREET AND WING LUNG STREET.

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