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GOVERNOR RECOVERS WELL

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, IS RECOVERING WELL, A GOVERNMENT HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WENT FOR A ONE-HOUR WALK IN THE COUNTRY PARK EARLIER TODAY WITH DR STEPHEN LEE OF THE CARDIAC TEAM, GOVERNMENT MEDICAL UNIT, QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, AND DR LUK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

THE DOCTORS ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT MR PATTEN IS MAKING A GOOD RECOVERY AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESUME WORK ON FEBRUARY 15 AS PLANNED.

DR STEPHEN LEE IS THE CARDIOLOGIST WHO HEADED A TEAM WHICH INCLUDED DR RAYMOND CHAN, DR LINDA LAM AND DR KENNETH LAM. THEY SUCCESSFULLY TREATED THE GOVERNOR AT THE LEWIS LABORATORY ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

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STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO POLITICAL REFORMS: SHA

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THE GOVERNOR'S POLITICAL BLUEPRINT WAS FORMULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STEP-BY-STEP PRINCIPLE OF REFORMS, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CHINESE ETHNIC MINORITIES SHOW IN CENTRAL, MR SUEN STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSALS WERE MADE AFTER THE GOVERNMENT HAD FULLY CONSIDERED AND BALANCED THE VIEWS FROM VARIOUS SECTORS.

MANY OPINIONS AND SUGGESTIONS, HE ADDED, WERE RECEIVED SINCE THE GOVERNOR'S REFORM PACKAGE WAS ANNOUNCED.

THESE HAD BEEN COMPILED INTO A COMPENDIUM FOR REFERENCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND TO HELP THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON THE ISSUE, HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE BOUNDARY AND ELECTION COMMISSION BILL HAD BEEN INTRODUCED RECENTLY, MR SUEN CALLED ON THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG TO OPENLY DISCUSS THE VARIOUS BILLS ON THE PROPOSED POLITICAL REFORMS.

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PUBLIC URGED TO GIVE MORE VIEWS ON REFORMS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL WONG, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO GIVE VIEWS ON THE GOVERNOR'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS.

SPEAKING AT A SPRING LANTERN CARNIVAL IN YAU TSIM, MR WONG SAID THEIR OPINIONS COULD HELP THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO COME UP WITH A POLITICAL MODEL WHICH WOULD BE FAIR, OPEN AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

MR WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD COLLECTED MANY SUBMISSIONS FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

AND THE RELATED LEGISLATION WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE CARNIVAL WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL.

PROGRAMMES INCLUDED GAME STALLS, MAGIC SHOW, CHINESE TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFTS, SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES.

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SEEK ADVICE TO AVOID HOLD-UP OF TEXTILE CONSIGNMENTS

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TEXTILE EXPORTERS ARE URGED TO SEEK UP-TO-DATE CLASSIFICATION ADVICE FROM THE TRADE DEPARTMENT BEFORE ACTUAL SHIPMENT OF TEXTILE PRODUCT TO AVOID HOLD-UP BY IMPORTING COUNTRY AUTHORITIES.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID:

"CLASSIFICATION PRACTICE FOR TEXTILE EXPORT TO RESTRAINED MARKETS MAY CHANGE OVER TIME.

"RELEVANT AUTHORITY IN IMPORTING COUNTRIES, WHO CONSIDER THE PRODUCTS TO BE INCORRECTLY CLASSIFIED, HAVE THE RIGHTS TO HOLD-UP TEXTILE CONSIGNMENTS AND MAY REQUEST THE PRODUCTION OF A RETROSPECTIVE EXPORT LICENCE IN THE CATEGORY DEEMED TO BE APPROPRIATE FOR IMPORT PURPOSE."

THEREFORE, TRADERS ARE ADVISED TO SEEK CLASSIFICATION ADVICE PRIOR TO EXPORTATION.

"SINCE REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITIOUS CLASSIFICATION ADVICE ARE NORMALLY NOT ENTERTAINED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT, TRADERS SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT WELL IN ADVANCE OF ACTUAL SHIPMENT OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS," HE SAID.

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HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT IN CASES WHEN IMPORTING COUNTRY AUTHORITIES AND THE TRADE DEPARTMENT HELD DIFFERENT VIEWS ON CLASSIFICATION OF THE TEXTILE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE UP THE MATTER WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE CLASSIFICATION DIFFERENCE.

"THE TRADE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE EVERY ENDEAVOUR TO ASSIST THE TRADER, HOWEVER, IN THE EVENT THAT THE CLASSIFICATION DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE IMPORTING COUNTRY AUTHORITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT BE RESOLVED, QUOTA OR PERMIT WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE SUPPLIED BY THE EXPORTER CONCERNED FOR IMPORT PURPOSE TO THE DESTINED COUNTRY," HE ADDED.

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SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND PAYS OUT \$13M

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THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND HAS RECENTLY MADE GRANTS TALLING \$13 MILLION TO 46 CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MISS JACQUELINE WILLIS, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MISS WILLIS IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNOR ON ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FUND.

"THE MAJOR GRANTS THIS YEAR INCLUDED A SUM OF \$1,213,622 MADE TO PO LEUNG KUK, OF WHICH \$1 MILLION WAS TO FUND THE EXTENSION SCHEME OF THE KUK'S WELFARE BUILDING AND \$213,622 FOR RENOVATION OF ITS LEK YUEN NURSERY," MISS WILLIS SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT WHILE \$1,018,420 WAS GRANTED TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, THE ST JOHN COUNCIL FOR HONG KONG GOT A SUM OF \$907,423 -- \$776,263 TO SET UP A NEW AMBULANCE STATION IN SHEUNG SHUI AND \$131,160 TO BUY TRAINING FACILITIES, OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE.

THE HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$884,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 53-SEATER BUS.

A SUM OF \$793,000 WAS GRANTED TO THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG FOR THE SETTING UP OF TWO WOMEN'S CLUBS IN TSEUNG KWAN O AND TUEN MUN RESPECTIVELY.

THE SAMARITAN FUND WAS GRANTED \$772,215 FOR THE PURCHASE OF WHEELCHAIRS AND SURGICAL IMPLANTS FOR NEEDY PATIENTS.

THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL WAS GRANTED \$750,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AUTOMATIC HAEMATOLOGY ANALYSER.

THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$733,500 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FILM PROCESSOR AND A MOBILE X-RAY IMAGE INTENSIFIER UNIT.

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THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS WERE GRANTED \$683,000 AND \$640,000 RESPECTIVELY FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

SET UP WITH A BEQUEST OF \$500,000 BY THE LATE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG ON HIS DEATH IN 1956, THE CHARITABLE FUND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

IN 1966, THE CAPITAL OF THE FUND WAS INCREASED THROUGH THE INJECTION OF \$4.95 MILLION FROM THE CHINA CHARITABLE FUND SET UP BY HIM.

THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG CHARITABLE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY HONGKONG BANK TRUSTEE LTD.

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YUEN LONG MATERNITY HOME CLOSURES

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YUEN LONG MATERNITY HOME WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 22 (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT ALL CLIENTS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE MATERNITY HOME FOR ANTE-NATAL CARE WOULD BE DIRECTED TO POK OI HOSPITAL OR TUEN MUN HOSPITAL STARTING FROM THAT DATE.

THE CLOSURE WILL NOT AFFECT THE DISTRICT'S YUEN LONG MADAM YUNG FUNG SHEE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VARIOUS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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