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MASSIVE DEVELOPMENTS UNDERWAY IN TSUEN WAN

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MASSIVE RECLAMATION WORKS ARE TAKING PLACE ALONG THE SEA FRONT OF TSUEN WAN AND THE NORTHERN PART OF TSING YI TO PROVIDE LAND FOR PROJECTS NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED POPULATION GROWTH TO ONE MILLION BY THE EARLY 1990'S.

IN TSUEN WAN, SOME 28 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE RECLAIMED FOR AN ELEVATED ROADWAY - SECOND STAGE OF THE BY-PASS - LINKING THE NEW TOWN WITH TUEN MUN HIGHWAY, A FERRY PIER AND TRANSPORT COMPLEX, AN ADMINISTRATIVE AND CULTURAL COMPLEX, A CARPARK, A STADIUM, PUBLIC OPEN SPACES, AND A HOUSING ESTATE.

ON TSING YI NORTH, A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 44 000, A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE FOR 9 000 AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES WILL BE BUILT ON 40 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED LAND.

TODAY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, INSPECTED THE PROGRESS OF WORK DURING A TOUR TO THE NEW TOWN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR HAIDER BARMA, AND THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, SIR PHILIP FIRST VISITED TSING YI TO SEE THE OLD TOWN AND THE DEVELOPMENTS.

WORK ON THE SECOND TSING YI BRIDGE WILL COMMENCE EARLY NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN MID 1987 AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF $270 MILLION. THE BRIDGE WILL HELP PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCESS FOR THE 220 000 RESIDENTS IN EARLY 1990'S.

THE PARTY LATER BOARDED THE MARINE LAUNCH +TIN HAU+ TO LOOK AT SITES FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND.

APART FROM THE TWO HOUSING PROJECTS, PART OF THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL ALSO PROVIDE SITE FOR THE ROAD NETWORK LINKING THE WESTERN ACCESS TO THE SECOND BRIDGE.

ALL THE 90 MARICULTURISTS IN THE VICINITY WERE CLEARED LAST MONTH, AND CLEARANCE OF SQUATTER BOATS INSIDE THE MOON TSAI TONG TYPHOON SHELTER IS IN PROGRESS.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO THE TSUEN WAN BAY WHERE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL AND RECLAMATION WORK ARE IN PROGRESS.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WAS TOLD THAT ON THE RECLAIMED LAND, A TWO-AND-A-HALF-KILOMETRE ELEVATED ROADWAY WOULD CONNECT THE STAGE I OF THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS AT TEXACO ROAD TO TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AT CHAI WAN KOK WHEN COMPLETED IN 1985.

IT IS FORECAST THAT BY 1986, AT LEAST 4 000 VEHICLES PER HOUR WILL BE USING THIS $290 MILLION NEW ROAD DURING PEAK PERIODS.

A NEW PIER WITH A RESTAURANT AND SHOPPING FACILITIES WILL BE READY THIS SEPTEMBER, WHILE THE TRANSPORT COMPLEX COMPRISING A BUS TERMINUS, MAXICAB AND TAXI STANDS WILL BE COMPLETED BY MID 1984.

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WORK ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE BLOCK TO ACCOMMODATE THE DISTRICT BOARD, COUNCIL CHAMBER, A LIBRARY, POST OFFICE, MARRIAGE REGISTRY AND A SMALL AUDITORIUM WILL BEGIN IN 1986/87, TAKING ABOUT THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

IN ADDITION, A 2.4-HECTARE SITE HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR A HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE FOR 6 700 PEOPLE, AND A 2.35-HECTARE SITE FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 8 000 PEOPLE.

SIR PHILIP LATER WENT TO THE TAI UK WAI RESITE VILLAGE IN TSUEN WAN WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 800 LIVING IN 28 THREE-STOREY BLOCKS SINCE 1956.

HE ALSO LEARNED THAT IN ORDER TO HELP IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITION THERE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD HELP ORGANISE PERIODIC CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS, ORGANISE MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN CAMPAIGNS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND THE FORMATION OF OWNERS' CORPORATION TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT.

THE FINAL STOP WAS AT THE ROTARY PAVILION ON FU YUNG SHAN WHERE THE PARTY HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE ENTIRE NEW TOWN.

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DB ACHIEVEMENTS WELL RECEIVED

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN AND WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARDS, ALTHOUGH STILL IN THE +WARMING-UP+ STAGE, HAVE ADVANCED ALONG A BROAD FRONT OF DISTRICT PROBLEMS RANGING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT TO TOWN PLANNING, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TONY COOPER, SAID TODAY.

IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE TAI PING SHAN LIONS CLUB, HE LISTED VARIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE TWO BOARDS WHICH HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+HOWEVER, PROBLEMS STILL NEED TO BE SOLVED AND THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES; BUT AS THE BOARDS SETTLE DOWN AND GAIN MORE AND MORE EXPERIENCE, THEN WILL THEY BE BETTERABLE TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES AND ADVISE ON PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

+ALREADY THEY HAVE, IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN AND WAN CHAI, HAD SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS -- REST ASSURED, MORE IS TO COME.+

ECHOING A REMARK BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AT LAST MONTH'S CONFERENCE ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THAT DISTRICT BOARDS +HAVE ALREADY MANY ACHIEVEMENTS TO THEIR CREDIT AND ARE WELL REGARDED BY RESIDENTS+, MR COOPER CITED SOME EXAMPLES ACHIEVED IN HIS DISTRICTS SINCE NOVEMBER LAST YEAR:

* $400 000 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO DEVELOP 12 SITTING-OUT AREAS;

/* 1 000 SQUARE .....

* 1 000 SQUARE METRES OF SPACE UNDER THE TAI HANG FLYOVER WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR COMMUNITY USES, AND SPACE UNDER THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION;

* O'BRIEN ROAD, TONNOCHY ROAD AND THOMSON ROAD IN WAN CHAI, AND WING WAH LANE IN CENTRAL ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR CONVERSION INTO PEDESTRIAN PRECINCTS;

* FIFTY SIGNS ADVERTISING ONE-GIRL APARTMENTS WERE REMOVED AND THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE DECREASE IN VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN WAN CHAI;

* TEN CLEARANCE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED TO REMOVE 64 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON PAVEMENTS AND REAR LANES;

* GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO RELOCATE THE FORBES STREET POULTRY LAANS IN KENNEDY TOWN, AND FINANCIAL APPROVAL OF ABOUT $12 MILLION FOR A TEMPORARY MARKET ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION IS BEING SOUGHT;

* THE FORMATION OF A STEERING GROUP TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF STREET SLEEPERS HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED;

* ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF SUCH CAMPAIGNS AS CLEAN HONG KONG, THE FIGHT CRIME, ANTI-NARCOTICS, FIRE PREVENTION, ROAD SAFETY AND THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME;

* SPONSORING THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS;

* INTRODUCTION OF +MEET THE PUBLIC SESSIONS+; AND

* ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLAN AND WORKS COMMITTEE.

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SEVEN APPOINTED TO DISTRICT BOARDS

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SEVEN PROMINENT COMMUNITY FIGURES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SEVEN DISTRICT BOARDS.

THEY ARE MR SO CHOI-HING (39), A DECORATION FIRM ARTISAN; MR CHUNG PUI-LAM (43), SOLICITOR; SISTER ANNIE MARGARET KAM-LIN WONG (40), SCHOOL PRINCIPAL; MR JACOB LAI-SANG CHAN (32), SOCIAL WORKER; DR FANNY M.C. CHEUNG (30), UNIVERSITY LECTURER; MR CARSON WEN (30), SOLICITOR AND INDUSTRIALIST; AND MR ANTHONY YIU-WAH HO (37), SOLICITOR.

/THE PRINCIPAL .....

THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR C.M. LEUNG, SAID THEY WERE APPOINTED TO FILL SEVEN SEATS WHICH HAD BECOME VACANT FOR VARIOUS REASONS, SUCH AS THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF DB MEMBERS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND RESIGNATIONS OF OTHERS BECAUSE OF PERSONAL REASONS.

THEIR APPOINTMENTS, EFFECTIVE FROM JUNE 1, WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR LEUNG STRESSED THAT THEIR APPOINTMENTS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY EXAMINED WITH A VIEW TO MAINTAINING A BALANCED REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARDS IN TERMS OF OCCUPATION, AGE, SEX, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUNDS.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW MEMBERS, AS THEIR PREDECESSORS, WILL MAKE USEFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE MANAGEMENT OF DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND ACT AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE IN REFLECTING PUBLIC OPINIONS,+ HE ADDED.

BRIEF NOTES OF THE SEVEN APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* MR SO CHOI-HING IS REPLACING MR PAO PING-WING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD WHO WAS ELECTED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL IN MARCH. HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OF BLOCK 2, VALLEY ROAD ESTATE.

* MR CHUNG PUI-LAM IS SUCCEEDING MR TONG KAM-BIU OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL. HE IS A SERVING MEMBER OF THE LAI WAN AREA COMMITTEE.

* SISTER ANNIE MARGARET KAM-LIN WONG IS TAKING OVER THE SEAT OF MISS SONIA NG WHO RESIGNED FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD FOR OVERSEAS STUDIES. SHE IS THE PRINCIPAL OF ST PAUL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL AND A MEMBER OF THE WAN CHAI SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE STEERING GROUP.

* MR JACOB LAI-SANG CHAN REPLACES MR CHAN HO-TUNG WHO RESIGNED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD DUE TO HEAVY PERSONAL COMMITMENTS. HE IS A SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND A SERVING MEMBER ON THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE.

* DR FANNY M.C. CHEUNG TAKES THE PLACE OF DR MARGARET NG WHO RESIGNED FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD DUE TO HER OWN HEAVY WORKLOAD. A LECTURER ON CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, DR CHEUNG IS INVOLVED IN THE WORK OF A NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

* MR CARSON WEN IS FILLING AN EXISTING VACANCY ON THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD. HE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.

* MR ANTHONY YIU-WAH HO REPLACES MRS CHA LIU BIE-JU OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD. HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL FOR 1983/84.

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$75-MILLION TSING YI RECLAMATION CONTRACT SIGNED

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THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A MAJOR CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LTD. FOR THE RECLAMATION AND SITE FORMATION WORK IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TSING YI ISLAND.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN $74.7 MILLION, FORMS PART OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

IT WAS SIGNED BY MR T.S. NG, PROJECT MANAGER OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND MR C.P. YU, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND MR T. NAKAYAMA, ADMINISTRATION MANAGER OF THE COMPANY.

MR NG SAID THAT UNDER THE CONTRACT, ABOUT 19 HECTARES OF LAND WOULD BE FORMED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TSING YI ISLAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 24 000 PEOPLE.

HE SAID, +IT WILL INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF TWO WORKS AREAS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE WHICH WILL BE LOCATED ABOUT 1 500 METRES NORTH OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE.+

+THE TWO AREAS WILL BE SITUATED TO THE SOUTH OF NGA YING CHAU AND AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE RAMBLER CHANNEL TYPHOON SHELTER.+

WORK WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SERVICES PARTICIPATE IN QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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THE BRITISH FORCES IN HONG KONG WILL TAKE PART IN THE CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES TO MARK THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ON SATURDAY (JUNE 11) IN CONJUNCTION WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMING OUT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THIS SPECIAL OCCASION ARE THE RED DEVILS WHO WILL GIVE THRILLING PARACHUTE DISPLAYS, INCLUDING FREE FALL, AT KOWLOON PARK AND MORSE PARK AT 9.30 AM ON SATURDAY. AT 11.30 AM, THEY WILL BE PERFORMING AT VICTORIA PARK AND YUEN LONG SWIMMING POOL.

THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE 1ST BATTALION SCOTS GUARDS WILL GIVE A MUSICAL DISPLAY AT 8.30 AM AT VICTORIA PARK WHILE THE BAND OF THE 2ND BATTALION 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES WILL PERFORM AT MORSE PARK. AT 9.30 AM THE BAND OF QUEEN'S GURKHA SIGNALS AND GURKHA TRANSPORT REGIMENT WILL GIVE A CONCERT AT YUEN LONG SWIMMING POOL, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE BAND OF THE 1ST BATTALION OF 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES WILL GIVE A DISPLAY AT FANLING RECREATION GROUND.

/THE MOTORCYCLE .....

THE MOTORCYCLE DISPLAY TEAM OF 29 SQUADRON ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT WILL GIVE A ONE HOUR PERFORMANCE AT MORSE PARK, STARTING FROM 9.30 AM.

IN ADDITION, INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS FROM THE BRITISH FORCES IN HONG KONG WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS SPORTS.

A 21 GUN SALUTE WILL BE FIRED AT NOON ON SATURDAY AT HMS TAMAR, AND ALL ROYAL NAVY SHIPS AND ESTABLISHMENT WILL DRESS OVERALL.

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HONG KONG-NORWAY TEXTILE TALKS RESUME

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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NORWAY FOR A BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO COVER HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILE AND GARMENT PRODUCTS TO NORWAY WILL BE RESUMED IN OSLO ON MONDAY (JUNE 13).

IN THE EARLIER TALKS HELD IN APRIL, THE TWO SIDES MADE SOME PROGRESS BUT DID NOT REACH AN AGREEMENT.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, LED BY MR HAMISH MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG TOMORROW.

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RECEPTION HELD

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, HELD A RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE TODAY (THURSDAY) IN CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

ABOUT 450 GUESTS ATTENDED THE RECEPTION. THEY COMPRISED MEMBERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, URBAN COUNCIL, DISTRICT BOARDS AND HEUNG YEE KUK, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

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PARENTAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF MUSICAL INTEREST URGED

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PARENTS SHOULD GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT TO THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAVE JOINED THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR WIGGHAM, WHO WAS ADDRESSING THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON, SAID THAT WITHOUT THIS WORTHWHILE SCHEME MANY OF HONG KONG'S TALENTED YOUNG ARTISTS WOULD NOT BE DISCOVERED.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID HE HAD SEEN A NUMBER OF STUDENTS RELUCTANTLY WITHDRAW FROM TRAINING CLASSES.

+ALTHOUGH EXCUSES ARE PROVIDED, I BELIEVE IN MANY INSTANCES PARENTAL ATTITUDES ARE INVOLVED,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT A NEGATIVE PARENTAL ATTITUDE - AN INSISTENCE ON THE GREATER IMPORTANCE OF OTHER ACTIVITIES RATHER THAN +IT'S ONLY MUSIC+ - COULD DETER ANY YOUNG MUSICIAN.

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE - THE PARENT WHO RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR INTEREST, AND WHO IS FULLY BEHIND THE BUDDING YOUNG MUSICIAN - COULD MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE, HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM ALSO DESCRIBED THE MUSIC OFFICE'S SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN INTRODUCING YOUNGSTERS TO MUSIC AND MUSIC-MAKING, AND IN BRINGING MUSIC TO THE MASSES.

HE RECALLED THAT IN 1977, THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED A RECOMMENDATION MADE BY A MUSIC CONSULTANT THAT INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING WAS BOTH A MEANINGFUL AND NECESSARY PROPOSITION, IF HONG KONG'S YOUNG MUSICAL TALENT WAS TO BE GIVEN PROPER DEVELOPMENT.

THE PURPOSE OF THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME, AS THE MAIN OPERATION OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IS CALLED, IS TO GIVE INDIVIDUAL TRAINEES SOME BASIC MUSICAL SKILL - AND FOR THOSE WITH GOOD MUSICAL TALENT, ORCHESTRAL TRAINING AS WELL, MR WIGGHAM SAID.

THE TARGET WAS SET AT 5 000 TRAINEES ON ALL TYPES OF WESTERN AND CHINESE ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS. AND PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE TRAINING SCHEME WAS ENCOURAGING AND POSITIVE.

+DURING THE FIVE YEARS MORE THAN 4 000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING AT VARIOUS LEVELS, AND THE ELITE OF THIS GROUP HAVE BUILT ON THIS FOUNDATION AND HAVE FURTHERED THEIR MUSICAL EDUCATION AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL.

MR WIGGHAM SAID, MORE THAN 620 TRAINING CLASSES WERE BEING RUN ON VARIOUS TYPES OF ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTS, INVOLVING ALMOST 3 000 TRAINEES. THESE CLASSES, OF ONE HOUR EACH, ARE SET AT THE PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE LEVELS, WITH CLASS SIZES, DEPENDING ON THE MUSICAL CALIBRE OF THE STUDENTS, RANGING FROM THREE TO NINE TRAINEES.

/TALENTED TRAINEES .....

TALENTED TRAINEES ARE GIVEN MORE INDIVIDUAL TRAINING, VERY OFTEN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF LEADING MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA.

MR WIGGHAM SAID ALSO THAT NUMEROUS MUSICAL ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED EACH YEAR IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO STIMULATE PUBLIC INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION.

AS AN EXAMPLE, REGULAR SCHOOL CONCERTS KNOWN AS +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ CONCERTS, HAVE BEEN ORGANISED ON ALMOST 2 000 OCCASIONS AND HAVE ATTRACTED OVER 1.3 MILLION LISTENERS.

+SUCH MUSIC ACTIVITIES HAVE A TWO-FOLD PURPOSE: THEY PROMOTE MUSIC: AS SUCH, BY A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO MUSIC EDUCATION AMONG THOSE WHO ARE PERHAPS LISTENING TO SERIOUS MUSIC FOR THE FIRST TIME.

+THEY ALSO SERVE AS A VERY EFFECTIVE PLATFORM ON WHICH OUR OWN YOUNG BUDDING MUSICIANS FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE YOUTH ORCHESTRAS AND BANDS CAN PERFORM.

+THEIR EXPOSURE IS A FORM OF PRACTICAL TRAINING, TO TEST THE TECHNIQUES THEY HAVE LEARNED IN THE CLASS ROOM AND THROUGH WHICH THEY CAN HELP IN A SMALL WAY TO ENRICH THE CULTURAL LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

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JAPAN SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDED

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SPEEDPOST SERVICES TO JAPAN WILL BE EXTENDED TO POST OFFICE BOX ADDRESSES OF YOKOHAMA PORT, NAGOYA CENTRAL, KOBE PORT AND HAKATA WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT TUESDAY (JUNE 14).

AT THE SAME TIME, ITEMS MAY ALSO BE POSTED TO CERTAIN STREET ADDRESSES IN TOKYO, YOKOHAMA, NAGOYA, OSAKA, KOBE AND HAKATA.

SUCH SERVICES ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE FOR POST OFFICE BOX ADDRESSES AT TOKYO AT INTERNATIONAL POST OFFICE, TOKYO CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND OSAKA CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE DELIVERY STANDARD IN JAPAN WAS THE NEXT DAY AFTER POSTING FOR SPEEDPOST ITEMS ADDRESSED TO TOKYO, YOKOHAMA, OSAKA, KOBE AND HAKATA AND THE SECOND DAY AFTER POSTING FOR ITEMS TO NAGOYA.

+THE MAXIMUM SIZE FOR SPEEDPOST ITEMS TO JAPAN WILL ALSO BE INCREASED TO THE SAME AS THAT FOR PARCELS,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE WILL STILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO JAPAN.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF SPEEDPOST ITEMS IN JAPAN AND THE SPEEDPOST SERVICES TO OTHER COUNTRIES MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED AT ANY SPEEDPOST ACCEPTANCE COUNTER OR FROM THE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON TELEPHONE 5-2671222.

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WELFARE DIRECTOR VISITS ELDERLY FOLK AT CENTRE

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAW ELDERLY PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING HIS VISIT TO THE CARITAS CHEUNG SHA WAN MULTI-SERVICE AND DAY CARE CENTRES.

AN AVERAGE OF 200 ELDERLY PEOPLE TURN UP AT THE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE DAILY TO ATTEND VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES AND ANOTHER 120 USE THE CANTEEN, LAUNDRY AND BATHING FACILITIES PROVIDED. THE CENTRE ALSO OFFERS THEM COUNSELLING, HOME HELP AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES.

THE DAY CARE SECTION, OPERATING ON A NON-RESIDENTIAL BASIS, RENDERS PERSONAL AND LIMITED NURSING CARE, SOCIAL, REHABILITATIVE AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES TO SOME 40 ATTENDANTS WITH A VIEW TO HELPING THEM IMPROVE THEIR PHYSICAL MOBILITY AND HEALTH.

MR CHAMBERS LATER WENT TO OI MAN ESTATE TO SEE A CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND LIBRARY, AS WELL AS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES OPERATED BY THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION.

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TRAM TRACK WORK AT CENTRAL

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TRAM SERVICES WILL BE CURTAILED ON SATURDAY (JUNE 11) FOR REALIGNMENT OF TRACKS AT DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO KENNEDY TOWN, WHITTY STREET AND WESTERN MARKET WILL BE AT 10.35 PM.

THE LAST TRAM WILL LEAVE FROM NORTH POINT FOR WHITTY STREET AND WESTERN MARKET AT 10.28 PM, AND FROM SHAU KEI WAN FOR WESTERN MARKET AT 10.15 PM.

TRAVELLING EASTBOUND, TRAM SERVICES FROM WESTERN MARKET TO SHAU KEI WAN WILL RUN UNTIL 11 PM, TO NORTH POINT UNTIL 11.16 PM AND TO HAPPY VALLEY UNTIL 11.27 PM.

THE LAST DEPARTURE FROM WHITTY STREET TO NORTH POINT WILL BE AT 11.08 PM AND TO HAPPY VALLEY AT 11.19 PM.

THE SERVICE FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO HAPPY VALLEY WILL RUN UNTIL 11.13 PM.

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SWIMMING COURSES ORGANISED FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF FREE +LEARN-TO-SWIM+ COURSES FOR 12 000 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 18 TO 30, AUGUST 1 TO 13 AND AUGUST 15 TO 27 IN THE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AT CHAI WAN, VICTORIA PARK, ABERDEEN, KWUN TONG, MORRISON HILL, MORSE PARK, TAI WAN SHAN, LI CHENG UK, KWAI SHING, FANLING, SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG.

SCHOOLS INTERESTED IN THE SCHEME SHOULD APPLY TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7/F, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON ON OR BEFORE JUNE 14.

PUPILS NOMINATED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COURSES MUST BE OVER 10 YEARS OF AGE AND MUST AGREE TO ATTEND 12 ONE-HOUR LESSONS.

IF THERE IS AN EXCESS OF APPLICATIONS, SELECTION WILL BE BY BALLOT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WAN CHAI

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD NEAR O'BRIEN ROAD FROM 4 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 11).

THIS WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES EAST OF O'BRIEN ROAD.

WITHIN THE SECTIONS, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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