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ENCOURAGING INTEREST IN HONG KONG
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SENIOR BUSINESSMEN BOTH IN NEW YORK AND IN LONDON HAVE A VERY ENCOURAGING INTEREST IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THIS WHEN HE RETURNED FROM LONDON THIS MORNING. HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE= SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S.Y. CHUNG= AND SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SIR ROGER LOBO.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR EDWARD'S REMARKS TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT:

+GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WELL, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP WAS TO EXPLAIN TO INFLUENTIAL AUDIENCES IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN LONDON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESSMEN THERE TO THINK OF HONG KONG AS A GOOD PLACE IN WHICH TO INVEST AND WITH WHICH TO TRADE. THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG BANK'S HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAS AND MY VISIT TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE GAVE ME SOME EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THAT, AND I FOUND A VERY ENCOURAGING INTEREST ON THE PART OF SENIOR BUSINESSMEN BOTH IN NEW YORK AND IN LONDON IN HONG KONG.

+WHEN I WAS THERE IN NEW YORK, I WENT UP TO WASHINGTON, AND THERE I SAW THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ AND WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AGREEMENT TO THEM ALSO, ALTHOUGH THEY ALREADY HAD A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF IT. AND I TALKED ABOUT TRADE MATTERS WITH THE SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE, SECRETARY BALDRIDGE AND THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR BROCK. WITH THEM, OF COURSE, I RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE RULES OF ORIGIN AND WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN HONG KONG'S CONCERN ON THAT ISSUE. WHILE I WAS THERE, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 4 WHEN OUR NEGOTIATORS WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO PUT OUR CASE.

+FINALLY I WENT ON TO LONDON WHERE THE BIG EVENT WAS, AS YOU KNOW, THE SECOND READING OF THE HONG KONG BILL, AND THERE SIR S.Y. WAS WITH ME. AND WITH SIR S.Y., MISS MARIA TAM AND PETER WONG, WE WERE ABLE TO SEE MINISTERS AND DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE BILL WITH THEM. AND THEN, I HAD FURTHER MEETINGS WITH THEM TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE PROGRAMME OF WORK AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO HONG KONG.

+SO ALL IN ALL, IT WAS QUITE A BUSY TRIP. I AM VERY GLAD TO BE BACK IN HONG KONG.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE ABOUT THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, HE SAID: +WE HAD FURTHER TALK ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP AND ON THE WAY IN WHICH IT MIGHT OPERATE AND THE KIND OF THINGS WITH WHICH IT MIGHT DEAL. THERE IS STILL SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION TO BE DONE ON THAT. AND THE COMPOSITION AND OTHER DETAILS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.+

+THE POINT IS THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP COMES INTO BEING AFTER THE AGREEMENT IS RATIFIED AND COMES INTO FORCE, AND THAT A FEW MORE STAGES FOR THE HONG KONG BILL TO GO THROUGH IN PARLIAMENT. THAT WILL TAKE A LITTLE TIME BEFORE THAT HAPPENS,+ HE ADDED.

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PEOPLE URGED TO STAND FOR ELECTIONS

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT - PARTICULARLY WORKERS AND PROFESSIONAL - TO STAND FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON MARCH 7.

+AS MORE THAN HALF THE POPULATION IN KWUN TONG ARE WORKERS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE BOARD SHOULD HAVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO CAN PROVIDE SOUND ADVICE ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE WORKERS,+ MR MAK SAID.

+THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE WORKERS ARE, THEREFORE, THE IDEAL CHOICE TO REPRESENT THEIR INTERESTS,+ HE ADDED.

MR MAK SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE, INCLUDING COMPANY DIRECTORS, DRIVERS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND A CONSTRUCTION WORKER, AMONG THE 30 WHO SIGNED UP TO CONTEST THE 20 ELECTED SEATS IN THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

+HOWEVER, PEOPLE LIKE HOUSEWIVES, DOCTORS, LAWYERS HAVE YET TO PUT THEIR NAMES ON THE LIST,+ MR MAK CONTINUED.

+I HOPE THEY WOULD GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO STANDING AS DB CANDIDATES AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY.+

+AS THE PERIOD FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES IS DRAWING TO AN END, THOSE WHO WANT TO HELP BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY, SHOULD NOT MISS THE CHANCE,+ HE URGED.

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CANDIDATE TURNOUT +ENCOURAGING+

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+ABOUT 40 PEOPLE INTERESTED IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY HAD SIGNED UP TO RUN FOR THE 18 ELECTED SEATS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT,+ EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THIS WAS +VERY ENCOURAGING+, HE SAID.

+THESE CANDIDATES COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, RANGING FROM PEOPLE IN THE LEGAL, EDUCATION, COMMERCIAL, MEDICAL, ENGINEERING AND JOURNALISTIC PROFESSIONS, TO HOUSEWIVES AND THE MAN IN THE STREET,+ HE SAID.

+SOME OF THE CANDIDATES ARE LONG TIME RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, WHILE A FEW ARE WELL KNOWN KAIFONG AND LOCAL LEADERS, OR MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS.+

MR LUI ALSO URGED OTHERS INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SAFETY AND PEACE DEPENDS ON POLICE, CLARKE SAYS

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THE POLICE FORCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLAY ITS PART IN MAINTAINING STABILITY AND CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG, THE REGIONAL COMMANDER, MARINE, MR PETER CLARKE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, MR CLARKE STRESSED THAT EVERY ASPECT OF SAFETY AND TRANQUILLITY THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY DEPENDS TO A LARGER EXTENT ON POLICE THAN ANY OTHER BODY.

"OVER THE YEARS THE FORCE HAS BEEN REQUIRED TO ANTICIPATE AND REACT TO MANY CHANGES AND PROBLEMS- THAT IT HAS DONE SO, SO SUCCESSFULLY GIVES IT GREAT CREDIT."

WITH THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE LAST MONTH, THE FORCE, NOW ESTEEMED AS BEING COMPETENT AND EFFICIENT, WILL HAVE TO FACE MORE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES.

TURNING TO POLICE WORK, MR CLARKE SAID THEIR PRIMARY CONCERNS WERE PREVENTION AND DETECTION OF CRIME AND PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROSPERITY, AND THE SECOND WAS EXCELLENT POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS.

"WHEN ALL IS SERENE AND CALM, THE SECONDARY CONCERN CAN TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE PRIMARY ONE," HE SAID.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, HE ADVISED POLICE OFFICERS TO APPLY THREE RULES TO EVERYTHING THEY DO -- TO BE FAIR, BE FIRM AND BE KIND.

TO BE FAIR IS TO MAKE SURE AN OFFENCE HAS BEEN COMMITTED, HE SAID. THEN TO GO FIRMLY AHEAD WITH WHAT HAS TO BE DONE AND TO HANDLE PEOPLE WITH POLITENESS, TACT AND CONSIDERATION.

MR CLARKE SAID THE WAY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS TREAT CRIMINALS WILL HAVE A BEARING ON THEIR FUTURE ATTITUDE TO LIFE.

HE ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE FORCE TO BE MORE UNDERSTANDING, HOPING THAT THE CRIMINALS WILL CHANGE THEIR WAYS.

"IT IS NOT OUR PREROGATIVE TO JUDGE THE GUILT OR OTHERWISE OF THOSE APPREHENDED. LEAVE THAT STRICTLY TO THE LEARNED JUDICIARY. EVIDENCE AND FACTS MUST BE HONESTLY PRESENTED. SOMETIMES YOUR FEELING WILL RUN HIGH, BUT YOU MUST AT ALL COSTS REMAIN UNBIASED AND SHOW NO PREJUDICE."

"IT IS BETTER THAT A GUILTY PERSON GOES FREE, THAN AN INNOCENT PERSON IS PUNISHED FOR SOMETHING HE DID NOT DO," MR CLARKE SAID.

DESPITE THEIR TRAINING RECEIVED, A POLICEMAN WILL ALWAYS NEED TO KEEP HIMSELF UP TO DATE WITH LAW AND PROCEDURES, AND IN CASE OF COMPLEX SITUATION, MR CLARKE REMINDED THEM TO STEP BACK AND THINK, USE THEIR COMMON SENSE AND DO THEIR BEST.

A TOTAL OF 19 INSPECTORS AND 174 CONSTABLES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING PASSED OUT FROM THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL TODAY.

STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICE POPULAR
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MORE THAN 330 000 STATUTORY DECLARATIONS WERE MADE AT THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRES IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1984, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

MOST POPULAR WERE DECLARATIONS OF TRUE COPIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, AND EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS.

HE SAID THAT MAKING A STATUTORY DECLARATION WAS SIMPLE AND COST NOTHING TO ANYONE WISHING TO USE THE SERVICE.

THE SERVICE WAS AVAILABLE IN ALL 63 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A DECLARATION COULD BE MADE, TAKEN OR RECEIVED IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE, AND THE DECLARANT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT IN A STATUTORY DECLARATION FORM AVAILABLE AT ALL PESCS.

AFTER FILLING IN THE FORM, THE DECLARANT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SWEAR IN FRONT OF A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

THE ONLY DOCUMENT REQUIRED TO BE PRODUCED WAS THE DECLARANT'S IDENTITY CARD, OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT WHICH COULD PROVE IDENTITY.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OF THE 63 PESCS OR FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON THE 13TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, OR CALL 3-692255.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS FINED
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TOOK OUT 346 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS LAST (DECEMBER) MONTH.

OF THESE, 329 CASES RESULTED IN CONVICTION, WITH FINES TOTALLING \$623 350.

MOST OF THE CASES RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

THERE WERE 123 CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS, WITH \$388 000 IN FINES.

INCLUDED WERE 58 CASES (WITH \$145 800 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 35 CASES (WITH \$90 900 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (FIRE PRECAUTIONS IN REGISTRABLE WORKPLACES) REGULATIONS.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 146 CASES WERE RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, LEADING TO \$136 900 IN FINES.

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YOUTHS URGED TO HELP FIGHT DRUG CRIME
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YOUNG PEOPLE WERE THIS EVENING (SATURDAY) URGED TO JOIN HANDS WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN CONTINUING THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFICKING.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY MR GORDON MORTIMER, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, AT THE OPENING OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT 1985, AT KO SHAN THEATRE.

“THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY HOLD THEIR FUTURE IN THEIR HANDS, BUT THEY ARE ALSO THE ONES MOST VULNERABLE TO THE RISK OF DRUG ABUSE,” MR MORTIMER SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS FITTING FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS FUNCTIONS TO BE ORGANISED BY YOUNG PEOPLE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, TO SHOW THEIR DETERMINATION TO COUNTER DRUG ABUSE.

TONIGHT'S CONCERT WAS ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ACAN +TO HEIGHTEN THE AWARENESS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND DRUG TRAFFICKING+.

MR MORTIMER PRAISED THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN SPREADING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE TO OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP'S MAIN FUNCTION IS TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROJECTS ORGANISED BY ACAN.

FORMED IN 1981, IT HAS 50 MEMBERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE - INCLUDING TEACHERS, CLERKS, ENGINEERS, SURVEYORS AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICERS.

AMONG THOSE PERFORMING BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF 3 000 AT THE CONCERT WERE ELIZA CHAN, TERENCE CHOI AND WONG NGA-MAN.

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FIGHT-CRIME CARNIVAL
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THE CRIME PREVENTION MESSAGE WILL BE PUT ACROSS TO TUEN MUN RESIDENTS THROUGH AN ENTERTAINING CARNIVAL AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE SINGING AND DANCING BY POPULAR ARTISTS, A CRIME PREVENTION EXHIBITION AND A VARIETY SHOW.

HUNDREDS OF TUEN MUN RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE SPECTACULAR CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AND WILL ALSO PRESENT THE MODEL CITIZEN AWARD TO A TUEN MUN RESIDENT.

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19 REWARDED FOR FIGHT-CRIME EFFORT
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NINETEEN KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE REWARDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN HELPING TO FIGHT CRIME.

THEY WILL RECEIVE THE FRIENDS OF THE POLICE AND CITIZENS AWARD FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AT A CEREMONY TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THEY HAD BEEN NOMINATED BY THE POLICE AND THE EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT. THEY WILL, IN ADDITION, RECEIVE PRIZES DONATED BY THE LIONS AND LIONESSE CLUB OF LION ROCK.

AT TOMORROW'S CEREMONY, PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE FIGHT CRIME POSTCARD DESIGN COMPETITION.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES; THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.C. LIDSTER; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR WONG SIK-KONG AND CHAIRMEN OF THE EIGHT AREA COMMITTEES.

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TUEN MUN PLANS MAGISTRACY BUILDING
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WORK WILL START IN APRIL ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NINE-STOREY MAGISTRACY BUILDING IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE BUILDING WILL OCCUPY 15 820 SQUARE METRES AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF TUEN MUN CULTURAL COMPLEX, AND HAS EIGHT COURT ROOMS.

ON COMPLETION, IN ABOUT TWO YEARS' TIME, THE BUILDING WILL FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CULTURAL COMPLEX.

CLOSING DAY FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 15.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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POLICE UNIT TO GET INTERIM DEPOT

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AN INTERIM DEPOT WILL BE BUILT FOR THE POLICE TACTICAL UNIT AT FANLING.

THIS IS BECAUSE THE EXISTING DEPOT AT PAK FUK TSUEN ROAD WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PTU DEPOT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY 1988.

THE INTERIM DEPOT WILL BE BUILT ON A 20 000 SQUARE-METRE SITE OFF JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, NEAR THE FAN GARDENS CAMP OF THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE:

- * CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING MAIN BLOCK INTO BARRACK ACCOMMODATION AND MESS FACILITIES;
- * PROVISION OF A NEW BLOCK CONSISTING OF OFFICES AND STORES;
- * PROVISION OF EIGHT CLASSROOMS, OFFICES, STORES AND BARRACK-LOCKER ROOMS IN TWO BLOCKS;
- * PROVISION OF A GYMNASIUM;
- * PROVISION OF PARKING SPACES FOR POLICE VEHICLES, AND A DOMITORY BLOCK FOR USE BY INSPECTORS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER 1985.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK IS BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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NEW INDOOR CENTRE FOR NORTH KWAI CHUNG

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE \$16-MILLION NORTH KWAI CHUNG TANG SHIU KIN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 28).

LOCATED ON A 3 200-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT WO YI HOP ROAD, THE INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IS THE SECOND INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX TO BE BUILT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN NEW TOWNS, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FACILITY WAS JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED \$10 MILLION TOWARDS THE PROJECT.

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THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE COMPLEX IS A 36 X 36 METRE MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES ARENA PAVED WITH GRANWOOD FLOORING, WHICH CAN BE TURNED INTO TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, TWO VOLLEYBALL COURTS OR EIGHT BADMINTON COURTS.

THE ARENA CAN ALSO BE USED FOR FENCING, GYMNASTICS, JUDO, TABLE-TENNIS, TRAMPOLINE AND WEIGHT-LIFTING FOR TRAINING AS WELL AS COMPETITIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT HAS A CONCRETE STAND FOR 400 PEOPLE, AND 350 RETRACTABLE SEATS.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE THREE AIR-CONDITIONED SQUASH COURTS, ONE GAMES ROOM FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS COURSES, DANCING OR OTHER LECTURES, A TRAINING-LECTURE ROOM, CHANGING ROOMS AND AN OFFICE.

PURPOSE-BUILT RAMPS LEADING TO THE COMPLEX AND SPECIAL CHANGING FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR THE DISABLED.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR AKERS-JONES AND SIR SHIU-KIN TANG WILL JOINTLY PLANT A YOUNG TREE AT THE SLOPE, JUST BEHIND THE SPORTS COMPLEX.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN.

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NEED FOR CULTURAL PURSUITS STRESSED
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CULTURAL PURSUITS WERE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF A BALANCED AND STABLE COMMUNITY, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH CHINESE PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION AT NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL.

THE EXHIBITION INCLUDES WORKS OF ABOUT 120 WELL-KNOWN LOCAL ARTISTS, MAINLY FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT, AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

+AT A TIME OF RAPID ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH DISTRICT, IT IS MOST ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT THE CULTURAL TREND OF THE COMMUNITY IS EXPANDING AND FLOURISHING,+ MR HSU SAID.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

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ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR YUEN LONG RUN
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ENTRIES ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE 10TH YUEN LONG LUNAR NEW YEAR DISTANCE RUN, TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24 (SUNDAY) STARTING AT 9 AM.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORT ASSOCIATION, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS - THREE FOR MEN AND TWO FOR WOMEN - AND WILL BE OVER DISTANCES VARYING FROM THREE KILOMETRES TO 8.5 KM. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD OR OVER.

THE EVENT WILL START AND FINISH AT TAM MEI CAMP IN SHA TIN.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YUEN LONG OFFICE OF RSS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, OFFICES OF YUEN LONG STADIUM, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORT ASSOCIATION.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO YUEN LONG OFFICE OF THE RSS BEFORE WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 30), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CAR NO. XX18 FETCHES TOP PRICE
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THIRTY-FOUR SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$356 500, WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY.

AT THE AUCTION HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, THE REGISTRATION NUMBER XX18 FETCHED THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$50 000.

NUMBER CL888 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$40 000, THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR AS 559, DD930, DD1963, DD1954, DD2689, DD5224, AL7774, AND AP501.

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OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER SALES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

	\$		\$		\$
DD990	14 000	DD3898	4 000	AB 80	8 000
DC 5	15 000	BL 108	8 000	DD6333	18 000
DD6608	3 500	DD4001	1 500	DD 500	20 000
BT 862	4 000	DD 770	1 800	DD3338	6 500
DD6628	8 000	DD 7	30 000	DD3339	4 000
DC8888	25 000	DD4448	1 800	DD 866	5 500
DD8878	5 000	DD3866	1 800	DD 11	30 000
AK1888	9 300	AR3112	1 800	DD 3	32 000

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS, WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 95TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL SUM OF MONEY FOR CHARITY SO FAR TO \$32 949 832.

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KING'S PARK TENNIS COURTS TO BE FLOODLIT
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FLOODLIGHTS WILL SOON BE PROVIDED AT THE SIX TENNIS COURTS IN KING'S PARK SPORTS GROUND.

THE COURTS, BUILT IN 1971, HAVE PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AMONG TENNIS PLAYERS IN THE DISTRICT. IN ORDER TO EXTEND THEIR USAGE IN THE EVENINGS, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE INSTALLATION OF A FLOODLIGHTING SYSTEM THERE AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$450 000.

INSTALLATION WORK IS NOW UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

MEANWHILE, THE FIVE SQUASH COURTS AT KOWLOON TSAI PARK HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO FACILITATE RENOVATION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT THERE.

THE SQUASH COURTS WERE BUILT BETWEEN 1979 AND 1982 AND BECAUSE OF NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR, ALL OF THEM ARE NOW DUE FOR RENOVATION.

WORK HAS ALREADY STARTED AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE END OF APRIL.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES FOR ROAD WORK

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DUE TO ROAD WORKS CONNECTED WITH THE FANLING BY-PASS, SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 28).

THEY ARE:

- * TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN CHOI YUEN ESTATE AND SHEUNG SHUI MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE CLOSED. AT THE SAME TIME, A NEW ROAD SLIP ROAD E WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO THIS SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE SLIP ROAD E.
- * ON THE SAME DAY, A NEW MINI-ROUNDAABOUT WHICH IS WEST OF THE EXISTING SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE OPEN. TRAFFIC FROM TAI PO ROAD HEADING FOR SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE THE NEW MINI-ROUNDAABOUT. TRAFFIC HEADING FOR YUEN LONG FROM TAI PO ROAD WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE EXISTING ROUNDAABOUT.

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BUS LANE OPEN TO ALL

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THE EXISTING BUS-ONLY LANE AT POK FU LAM ROAD NORTHBOUND FROM 310 METRES SOUTH TO 180 METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH MOUNT DAVIS ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO ALL VEHICLES FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 28).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE CABLE WORK AT AN OUTER LANE.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 28) TO FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 1) BETWEEN 8 AM AND 5 PM.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

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