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NEW GOVERNOR ASSUMES OFFICE
SIR EDWARD PLEDGES TO WORK FOR PEOPLE'S WELFARE
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HONG KONG'S NEW GOVERNOR, HIS EXCELLENCY SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY PLEDGED TO DO ALL HE CAN FOR THE WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND TO MAKE THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY A BRIGHT ONE.

+I RECOGNISE THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOOD GOVERNMENT AND WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WHICH THIS OFFICE BEARS AND I PLEDGE THAT I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO FULFIL IT,+ SIR EDWARD SAID IN HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH SHORTLY AFTER BEING SWORN IN AS HONG KONG'S 26TH GOVERNOR BEFORE SOME 1 400 PEOPLE IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

MANY OTHERS HEARD OR WATCHED THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY WHICH WAS BROADCAST LIVE OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION.

OF THE FUTURE, SIR EDWARD SAID: +I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOUND GROUNDS FOR CONFIDENCE AND THAT THE OMENS ARE GOOD.+

HONG KONG WOULD NEED CONFIDENCE IN ITS FUTURE TO ACHIEVE ITS GOALS, HE SAID, NOTING THAT IT WAS NOT SURPRISING, GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE LEASE THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD NOW BE RAISED.

THE COMMITMENT OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO HONG KONG AND THE INTERESTS OF ITS PEOPLE REMAINS FIRM, HE SAID. AND THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON WHICH SO MUCH DEPENDS HAS NEVER BEEN MORE CORDIAL.

+IF THERE IS AN ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED, THERE IS ALSO, IN ADDRESSING IT, A COMMON RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTINUED PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF THIS TERRITORY AND A COMMON WISH TO PRESERVE THEM.

+IN CONSEQUENCE I SEE GOOD REASON WHY CONFIDENCE SHOULD REMAIN HIGH,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

IN THEIR WELCOMING SPEECHES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, PLEDGED HONG KONG'S FULL SUPPORT AND COOPERATION TO THE NEW GOVERNOR.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE ARRIVED BY AIR FROM BANGKOK AT 3 PM.

THEY WERE GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY SIR PHILIP AND LADY HADDON-CAVE, THE CHIEF JUSTICE SIR DENYS ROBERTS, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN CHAPPLE AND MRS CHAPPLE, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR ROGER LOBO, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND MRS LOBO.

SIR EDWARD THEN MET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE AIRPORT FOR HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, BEFORE PROCEEDING BY CAR TO KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER TO BOARD +THE LADY MAURINE+.

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SIR EDWARD, IN FULL REGALIA, WITH LADY YOUDE AT HIS SIDE STOOD ON THE FOREDECK OF +THE LADY MAURINE+ AS SHE SLOWLY MADE HER WAY ACROSS THE HARBOUR ESCORTED BY THE ROYAL NAVY PATROL BOATS HMS BEACHAMPTON AND HMS WASPERTON AND POLICE LAUNCHES.

ABOUT MIDWAY ACROSS THE HARBOUR THEY WERE JOINED BY FIREBOAT +ALEXANDER GRANTHAM+, ITS WATER JETS SPRAYING HIGH IN THE AIR IN SYMBOLIC WELCOME TO THE NEW GOVERNOR AND HIS WIFE.

A 17-GUN SALUTE FROM HMS TAMAR AND A FLYPAST OF HELICOPTERS OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, THE ARMY AIR CORPS AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE GREETED THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE AS +THE LADY MAURINE+ APPROACHED QUEEN'S PIER TO A ROUSING WELCOME FROM HUNDREDS OF DIGNITARIES AND SPECTATORS.

AFTER RECEIVING A ROYAL SALUTE, SIR EDWARD INSPECTED A GUARD OF HONOUR FORMED BY THE 1ST BATTALION, 2ND KING EDWARD VII'S OWN GURKHAS (THE SIRMOR RIFLES). SIR EDWARD THEN RETURNED TO THE DAIS AND RECEIVED A SECOND ROYAL SALUTE. SOME 300 LEADING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WERE THEN INTRODUCED TO THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE THEN PROCEEDED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND RETURNED TO THE CITY HALL ABOUT HALF AN HOUR LATER FOR THE OFFICIAL SWEARING-IN CEREMONY.

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DB MEMBERS TO HOLD SEMINAR ON MEETING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARDS WILL ATTEND A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON MEETING SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES ON SATURDAY (MAY 22) AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, IS DESIGNED TO ENABLE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE IN ESSENTIAL SKILLS IN RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND TO PROMOTE INTERACTION.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR ALBERT LAM, WILL MAKE THE OPENING ADDRESS AT 9.30 AM.

AT THE SEMINAR, BOARD MEMBERS WILL TAKE PART IN INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS, GUIDED PRACTICE, EVALUATION, LECTURE, DEMONSTRATION AND A FILM PRESENTATION.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR GRAHAM BARNES, WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE TO THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE END OF THE SEMINAR AT 4.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR. THEY SHOULD ARRIVE AT 3.15 PM AT THE FUNCTION ROOM OF SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, MODY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR MORE URBAN AND NT TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING TENDERS FOR A FURTHER 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES AND 150 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TENDER FORMS FOR THE 450 TAXI LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STORY CAR PARK, CENTRAL, OR THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE IN DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

PINK TENDER FORMS WILL BE USED FOR URBAN TAXI LICENCES AND YELLOW TENDER FORMS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+PROSPECTIVE TENDERERS CANNOT USE ANY OTHER FORM ISSUED PREVIOUSLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT \$25 000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH URBAN TAXI LICENCE AND \$15 000 FOR EACH NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCE.

THE TENDERER MAY SUBMIT ONE TENDER FORM FOR ANY NUMBER OF TAXI LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 300 FOR THE URBAN AREA AND 150 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERERS WHO OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX, IN THE ENTRANCE HALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1982.

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LEARNING WITH THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY

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THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY HAS MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, MR KEN TOPLEY, SAID WHEN HE OPENED THE 5TH HONG KONG COMPUTER CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY).

+COMPUTERS ARE SMALLER, CHEAPER, FASTER IN OPERATION, AND EASIER TO USE. WHAT OTHER INDUSTRIES COULD MATCH THIS?+ HE COMMENTED.

THE INDUSTRY, MR TOPLEY SAID, WAS SALES-LED WHICH ENCOURAGED NEW DEVELOPMENTS BUT ALSO ENCOURAGED A TENDENCY TO PROMISE THAT WHICH COULD NOT BE IMMEDIATELY DELIVERED. THE INDUSTRY HAD ALSO GENERATED A LARGE VOCABULARY IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME REFLECTING MANY USEFUL CONCEPTS NOT ALL RIGOROUSLY DEFINED.

+IN THE SHORT TERM AMBIGUITY CAN BE CREATIVE BUT IN THE LONG RUN SUCCINCTNESS AND CLARITY WERE SURELY GREAT VIRTUES,+ HE OBSERVED.

THE WIDESPREAD USE OF MICROPROCESSORS WOULD, HE SAID, LEAD TO REAL DIALOGUE WITH USERS AND THIS WAS OF GREAT VALUE.

+OF COURSE THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY HERE IS TO BREAK DOWN THE US/THEY RELATION SO THAT WE ARE ALL VARIOUS FORMS OF 'US',+ HE STATED.

IN ORDER TO WIN OVER THE PUBLIC, IT IS THE JOB OF ALL COMPUTER PEOPLE, NOT JUST THE INDUSTRY NARROWLY CONCEIVED, TO MEET AND OVERCOME THE FEARS PEOPLE HAVE OF COMPUTERS - THE FEAR OF JOB LOSS, JOB CHANGE OR LOSS OF JOB AMENITY- THE FEAR OF SOMEONE KNOWING ALL ABOUT YOU AND KEEPING YOU UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE- AND THE FEAR OF THE MACHINE TAKING OVER.

+MY OWN OPINION,+ HE ADDED, +IS THAT WE CANNOT PLUMB ALL THE POTENTIAL USES OF THE COMPUTER. NEVERTHELESS WE DO NOT NEED TO FEAR IT.+

MR TOPLEY THEN DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR AN INDUSTRY THAT CALLS FOR MORE EFFICIENCY AND FRESH IDEAS, AND ALSO NEW APPROACHES TO TOP MANAGEMENT.

+THESE REQUIREMENTS SUGGEST GREATER DISCIPLINE - MORE RIGOROUS TRAINING ON THE ONE HAND, AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT - MORE EDUCATION ON THE OTHER,+ HE SAID.

THE ESTABLISHMENT BY STATUTE OF THE AUTONOMOUS VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WITH A STRONG EXECUTIVE ARM WAS A MAJOR STEP. THIS COUNCIL WILL BOTH ASSESS AND MEET HONG KONG'S TRAINING NEEDS.

THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL WHOSE CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ARE BOTH INDUSTRIALISTS WOULD BE ENTIRELY AND DIRECTLY FINANCED FROM GOVERNMENT FUNDS. THE COUNCIL WOULD SHORTLY ESTABLISH A HIGH-POWERED TRAINING COMMITTEE SPECIFICALLY DEDICATED TO ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING ON WHICH THE INDUSTRY WOULD BE WELL REPRESENTED. IT WOULD BE THIS COMMITTEE'S JOB TO HAMMER OUT PRACTICAL PROPOSALS TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

+WE ARE EXPECTING SPEEDY AND EFFECTIVE ACTION,+ MR TOPLEY SAID.

AS FOR EDUCATION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY ASKED THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE TO REQUEST THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE EXPANSION OF COURSES IN COMPUTER STUDIES. THERE WAS EVERY SIGN THAT THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNIC WERE DOING JUST THIS.

AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL, A NEWLY-APPROVED SUBJECT - COMPUTER STUDIES - WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER 1982 AT F.4 LEVEL THROUGH A PILOT SCHEME INVOLVING 30 SECONDARY SCHOOLS. MOREOVER, THE HONG KONG EXAMINATION AUTHORITY WILL PROVIDE AN EXAMINATION FOR THIS SUBJECT AT CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION LEVEL IN MAY 1984.

A FULL REVIEW OF THE PILOT SCHEME WILL BE MADE IN 1984. IF FOUND SUCCESSFUL THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED TO INTRODUCE COMPUTER STUDIES INTO MORE SCHOOLS.

MR TOPLEY URGED THE HONG KONG COMPUTER COMMUNITY TO PLAY ITS ROLE IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING BY BUILDING ON THE UNIQUE STYLE WHICH IT HAD DEVELOPED AND TAKING FURTHER THE IDEA OF A CLUB WHICH IS ALSO A LEARNING CENTRE.

THIS MIGHT BECOME A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE WHERE EXPERTISE AND KNOWHOW ARE SHARED, AND NEW CONCEPTS COULD BE GENERATED, HE SAID.

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FIRST SPORTS MEDICINE SEMINAR HELD HERE
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HONG KONG'S FIRST SEMINAR ON SPORTS MEDICINE WAS HELD IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS THIS AFTERNOON WITH THREE GUEST SPEAKERS FROM AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY TAKING PART.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE SEMINAR WAS OPENED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMISSIONER, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM.

IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE SEMINAR WAS IN A SENSE THE OFFICIAL +LAUNCHING+ OF A JOINT EFFORT TO DEVELOP SPORTS MEDICINE IN HONG KONG.

+IT HAS TWO MAIN OBJECTIVES : FIRSTLY, SIMPLY TO BRING THE BROAD RANGE OF INTERESTED PARTIES TOGETHER- AND SECONDLY, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, TO PRESENT A SERIES OF LECTURES UNDER THE BROAD HEADING OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS MEDICINE,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE RECREATION AND SPORT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD MADE A START AND IT HAD BEEN CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CURRENT SITUATION HERE.

ALTHOUGH SOME GOOD WORK WAS BEING CARRIED OUT, CO-ORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION HAD BEEN LACKING, HE POINTED OUT.

+WE HAVE RECENTLY HELD USEFUL MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION WITH INTEREST IN THIS PARTICULAR FIELD,+ HE SAID.

+AS A RESULT, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT, IN THE INITIAL STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON EDUCATION OF THE SPORTING PUBLIC AS TO THE NEED FOR AND BENEFITS OF SPORTS MEDICINE, AND ON PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.+

+HOWEVER, AN ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS IS THAT THE ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHOM I HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED, AS WELL AS OTHERS NOT YET INVOLVED, SHOULD WORK TOGETHER AND POOL CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO FORM A BASE FROM WHICH TO PROCEED,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING REMARKS, PROFESSOR CHO-YEE TO OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY THEN ADDRESSED THE PARTICIPANTS.

HE SAID WHILE HONG KONG WAS MAKING IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC AND PHYSICAL PROGRESS, IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT THIS PROGRESS HAD CERTAIN UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS ON ITS PEOPLE.

THERE WAS SOME REASON TO SUSPECT THAT PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, OLD AND YOUNG, WERE SUBJECT TO RATHER SEVERE FORMS OF STRESS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER, WITH SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH, FITNESS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE OF THE PEOPLE, PROFESSOR TO SAID.

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HE SAID THE SEMINAR SUBJECT OF +PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS+ WAS CONCERNED PRECISELY WITH THE TOPIC OF HEALTH, FITNESS, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE OF THE LOCAL CITIZENS.

SEVERAL OTHER PAPERS WERE ALSO PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SEMINAR, INCLUDING VIEWS GIVEN BY THE THREE AMERICAN PROFESSORS FROM MICHIGAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

WATER SPORTS SAFETY SHOW
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A WATER SPORTS SAFETY DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (MAY 23) AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL IN TAI MONG TSAI, SAI KUNG TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS SPECIALLY FOR THE MASS MEDIA SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SAFETY RULES AND HELP TO SPREAD THE SAFETY MESSAGE.

A NUMBER OF AQUATIC SPORTS SUCH AS SWIMMING, DIVING, CANOEING, DINGHY SAILING, WINDSURFING AND BOATING WILL BE FEATURED IN THE EVENT AND THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS BY EXPERTS ON THE +DO'S+ AND +DON'TS+ OF EACH ACTIVITY.

THE EVENT WILL BE OPENED BY MR A. DE O. SALES, PRESIDENT OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, AT 10.30 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE THE PRESS TO AND FROM THE DESTINATION. TWO 11-SEATER VANS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 8.45 AM SHARP AND RETURN ABOUT NOON.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GIVE ASSISTANCE.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSION IN FANLING
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THE LEVEL CROSSING ON PAK FUK TSUEN ROAD NEAR FANLING RAILWAY STATION WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (MAY 21) FOR RAILWAY WORKS.

VEHICLES SHOULD USE THE BRIDGE CROSSING NEARBY.

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SUPPLEMENT

Thursday, May 20, 1982

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, KCMG, MBE,
AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY IN THE CITY HALL ON MAY 20, 1982

Sir Philip, Sir Sze-yuen, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am very grateful for your kind words and for the warm welcome which has been extended to us. I have just taken the Oaths of office as Governor and Commander-in-Chief. I am proud and honoured to have been appointed to this position. I recognise the heavy responsibility for the good government and well-being of the people of Hong Kong which this office bears and I pledge that I will do my utmost to fulfil it.

Hong Kong has much of which it can be proud. In a highly competitive world the enterprise of its manufacturers and businessmen and the skills and application of its workforce have brought it prosperity and success. This in turn has provided the means for remarkable achievements in housing a rapidly increasing population, in the spread of education, the improvement of medical and social services, better recreational and cultural facilities, and impressive transport works. With the expansion of the Legislative Council and creation of the elected element in the District Boards the channels for the expression of the wishes of the people who live here have been widened. From a modest port Hong Kong has grown into a large and modern city ranking with the other great cities of the world. I pay tribute to all those who have worked to achieve this transformation, and particular tribute to my predecessor whose outstanding contribution has been so widely recognised.

Hong Kong has indeed come a long way since I first saw it more than thirty years ago. But there will remain much to be done. In this changing world no society can or should stand still. I come at a time when many important programmes are in progress on which people count for improvement in all that can make Hong Kong desirable as a place in which to work and bring up a family, and a city to be proud of. It will be my constant endeavour to advance these programmes. To support them there will need to be sustained economic growth and an environment in which the drive and enterprise of all those who contribute to that growth can be given full scope.

For this to be achieved Hong Kong will need confidence in its future. It is not surprising, given the circumstances of the lease that this issue should now be raised. I believe that there are sound grounds for confidence and that the omens are good. The commitment of Her Majesty's Government to Hong Kong and the interests of its people remains firm. The relationship with the People's Republic of China on which so much depends has never been more cordial. If there is an

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issue to be addressed, there is also in addressing it, a common recognition of the vital importance of the continued prosperity and stability of this Territory and a common wish to preserve them. In consequence I see good reason why confidence should remain high.

The world is going through a difficult economic period and the going may be tough but Hong Kong has shown that it can survive and prosper in hard as well as easy times. In this enterprise the Government must also play its part in partnership with the private sector.

In all this I know how much I will need the advice of the Executive Council and the support of the Legislative Council and I thank Sir Sze-yuen for his promised support of Unofficial Members. The Government will depend too on the vital roles of the Urban Council, the District Boards and the many advisory boards who contribute so much to make Government effective and responsive to the interests of the people of Hong Kong. I look forward to working with all the elements of the public service, of whose high quality I am aware and I thank Sir Philip for his expression of their support.

As Governor, it will fall to me, with your support and guidance, to lead the many-sided efforts of your Government. I pledge again that I will do all I can to contribute to their success, to the welfare and prosperity of the people of Hong Kong and to making the future of this Territory a bright one.

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SPEECH BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, AT THE
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL ON MAY 20, 1982

Your Excellency, Lady Youde, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Twelve days ago we, the people of Hong Kong, said farewell to Sir Murray MacLehose who had governed us for the last 10½ years. They were years of momentous developments, charted by Sir Murray's strategic sense and made possible by the post-war foundations laid by his predecessors. The farewell was a sad occasion for it brought home to us all that an era was over.

Today, however, signals another beginning. It is an auspicious occasion and an occasion on which it is my privilege to be the first to welcome you, Sir, to Hong Kong as our 26th Governor.

You are no stranger to Hong Kong and you have spent one third of your working life in China. We are particularly conscious that you will bring to your high office here the unique qualifications of your service as Her Majesty's Ambassador in Peking and more recently as the second most senior official in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

We look forward to the rest of this decade, and beyond, with confidence, for we believe that Hong Kong will continue to surmount the difficult and the unexpected as it has done in the past; and we believe that a prosperous and settled future for this very special place will be secured under your leadership as the Queen's Representative and as the Chief Executive of this Government.

In carrying out the challenging tasks before you, Your Excellency can count on the loyal support of all members of the Civil Service whom I believe to be exceptionally well motivated, accountable, and linked in with the views of those they serve through the consultative system. At the same time, Your Excellency and Lady Youde can depend upon the prayers and good wishes of the community as a whole to support you during the years ahead.

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE NEW GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG,
H.E. SIR EDWARD YOUDE, BY THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER
OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE HON SIR S.Y. CHUNG, AT
THE CEREMONY OF ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE ON 20 MAY 1982

Your Excellency, Lady Youde, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Hong Kong community and representing the Unofficial Members of both the Executive and Legislative Councils, it is my pleasure and privilege today to extend a most sincere and warm welcome to Your Excellency as the new Governor of Hong Kong and to Lady Youde.

With only 1,000 square kilometres of land Hong Kong is a very small place indeed. By economic standards, however, Hong Kong is in the forefront of the world. Our total foreign trade places us in the top twenty and our per capita income is among the highest in Asia and comparable to those in southern Europe. Even more significant is the very fast rise in our standard of living as reflected by the growth of per capita gross domestic product in real terms amounting to 7% per annum over the past decade. This remarkable achievement has been made possible by a stable government, a community which is known for its enterprise, resilience and hard work, and a business environment which is conducive to investment.

Hong Kong whilst lacking natural material resources does not lack human warmth and sympathy. As one of the smallest territories of the world, we have provided food, shelter and work for almost 400,000 legal and illegal immigrants from China during the three year period of 1978-80. Our humane reception of the boat people from Vietnam is well-known. At one time we had 70,000 Vietnam refugees under our care and even today we still have over 10,000 on our hands.

Relations between Hong Kong and China have improved greatly in recent years. The new economic policies of China adopted in the late 1970's provide us with new opportunities

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and challenges. There are already over one thousand joint ventures of various kinds between Hong Kong and China interests, and both the number and size of such economic projects are growing.

Your Excellency will have many preoccupations in the administration of Hong Kong but I hope you, Sir, will agree with me that the first priority must be the question of the future of Hong Kong which is of such concern to us all. Our continual economic prosperity and social stability are very much dependent on the confidence we the people of Hong Kong and our overseas trading partners have in the long-term future of Hong Kong. To maintain that confidence, it is necessary that the future of Hong Kong be satisfactorily resolved as soon as possible. It is inevitable that you, Sir, as the Governor of Hong Kong will play an important role in such a resolution. In your endeavours in this regard Your Excellency can be assured of our wholehearted support.

The people of Hong Kong were extremely delighted and pleased upon hearing of Your Excellency's appointment. Your Excellency's long and distinguished career together with your particular knowledge of China and the Far East and your wide experience as a diplomat and administrator are clearly the most fitting credentials for the Governor of Hong Kong in the 1980's. I am certain that I am voicing the sentiments of the local community when I say "we could not have a better man for this high office at this time". We have every confidence in Your Excellency leading us successfully through the 1980's.

On our part, the Unofficial Members of the two Councils, your other unofficial advisers and all the members of the community will no doubt give Your Excellency their fullest support. We look forward to continual and rapid progress and development, both economic and social, and to

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Hong Kong becoming a still better place for all of us to live and work.

May I in conclusion wish Your Excellency and Lady Youde a long, happy and successful tour of duty in Hong Kong.

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OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, THE HON SIR DENYS ROBERTS,
AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY IN THE CITY HALL ON MAY 20, 1982

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Clerk will first read the Commission. I shall then administer the three Oaths which the law requires shall be made by the Governor of Hong Kong before he assumes the duties of his office.

These are the Oath of Allegiance, the Official Oath and the Judicial Oath.

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The following are the three Oaths:

Oath of Allegiance

I, Edward Youde, swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law. So help me God.

Official Oath

I, Edward Youde, swear that I will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second in the office of Governor of Hong Kong. So help me God.

Judicial Oath

I, Edward Youde, swear that I will well and truly serve Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second in the office of Governor of Hong Kong, and I will do right to all manner of people after the laws and usages of this Colony, without fear or favour, affection or ill will. So help me God.

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COMMISSION appointing Sir Edward Youde, KCMG, MBE,
to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Hong Kong

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith: To Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir Edward Youde, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Greeting: We do, by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet, appoint you, the said Edward Youde, to be Our Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Hong Kong, during Our pleasure, with all the powers, rights, privileges and advantages to the said Office belonging or appertaining. And We do direct that your appointment shall take effect upon the day of your arrival in Hong Kong.

II. And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers and loving subjects in Hong Kong and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice hereof, and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

III. And We do hereby direct that this Our Commission shall determine upon signification to that effect being given by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Given at Our Court of Saint James's this 4th day of March 1982 in the 31st year of Our Reign.

BY HER MAJESTY'S COMMAND

Carrington