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GOVERNOR PAYS FIRST VISIT TO LANTAO ISLAND

To Meet Rural Leaders And Open New Ferry Pier

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, spent today visiting Lantao Island and meeting rural leaders. It was Sir Murray's first official visit to the island.

Accompanied by the District Commissioner, New Territories, Mr. D.C. Bray, and the District Officer, Islands, Mr. Mayer NG, Sir Murray started off the visit by flying in a helicopter to Ngong Ping for a walk through the village and the Monastery.

He then went down the meandering Ngong Ping Access Road for Tai O in a landrover.

During his stay there, he was met by the Chairman and members of the Tai O Rural Committee. The party inspected the site reserved for a proposed low cost housing project. It is one of the first seven Government estates planned for the people in the New Territories. When completed, the scheme will house about 3,000 people.

Sir Murray concluded his visit to Tai O by going on a water tour of Tai O Creek by boat.

The Lady Maurine took the party from Tai O to Sha Lo Wan, a village on the northern shore of Lantao Island, where Sir Murray officiated at the opening ceremony of the ferry pier and footpath of the village recently completed by the Public Works Department.

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After lunching on board the Lady Maurine, the Governor landed at Tung Chung ferry pier and walked through Ma Wan Chung, accompanied by the Chairman and members of the Tung Chung Rural Committee. Sir Murray visited the Tung Chung Fort before he left by landrover for South Lantao.

During the trip from Tung Chung to South Lantao, the Governor stopped at several vantage points to look over the villages. Later he was met by the Chairman and members of the South Lantao Rural Committee, and together, they inspected the Community Centre.

Before he ended the island tour, Sir Murray visited Mui Wo. He inspected the Round Table Fishermen's Village under construction and inspected the squatter area at Chung Hau with the Chairman and members of the Mui Wo Rural Committee.

He returned to Hong Kong by helicopter.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

The Governor, after taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Council, has decided that the death sentences passed on July 24, 1972 on LI Wai-leung and Hassan Solueman, alias So Man, should each be commuted to a term of 25 years imprisonment.

LI Wai-leung and Hassan Solueman were found guilty of the murder of CHENG Chi-sang.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN TO PUBLIC ON SUNDAY

The people of Hong Kong can see the azaleas in full bloom at Government House this Sunday (March 11).

The grounds of the Government House will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day.

It is expected that family groups, young people and photography fans will tour the gardens, and enjoy themselves among the beautiful flowers.

Visitors are requested to enter the garden by the main gate, and leave by the east gate, so that all can enjoy the scenery without causing inconvenience to themselves and others.

Scouts and policemen will be present, and visitors are asked to co-operate with them to avoid overcrowding.

Only the grounds will be opened to the public, and visitors should not enter the House itself.

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OPENING OF KWAI CHUNG FIRE STATION

The Chairman of the Tsuen Wan Rural Committee, Mr. Chan Po-fong, will perform the official opening ceremony of the Kwai Chung Fire Station on Saturday (March 10).

A Fire Services spokesman said that Kwai Chung, with its numerous factories, container berths and oil installations, would play a vital part in Hong Kong's prosperity in the future.

"The opening of the new fire station," he said, "will ensure speedy response by the Fire Services to calls in the area."

The spokesman described the station as ideally located to meet the needs of the district.

Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a report and/or photographer to cover the opening ceremony, which begins at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday.

The new station is at the junction of Kwai On Road and Tai Lin Pai Road.

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OPEN BALLOT FOR BEACH HOUSES

A total of 223 applications has been received by the Urban Services Department for the rental of bathing sheds at beaches along Castle Peak Road in the New Territories.

Ten club bathing sheds and 42 private bathing sheds have been put up for rental, and allocations will be decided by an open ballot.

Mr. Chan Po-fong, Chairman of the Urban Services Department Sub-committee of the Heung Yee Kuk and Chairman of the Tsuen Wan Rural Committee, will conduct the ballot at 11 a.m. on Friday (March 9).

It will be held in the Lecture Room on the 4th floor of the Urban Services Department Depot at Sai Yee Street, Kowloon.

Members of the public, especially those who have submitted applications for the sheds, are invited to attend.

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EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE

To Raise Funds For Girl Guides

An exhibition featuring paintings and sculpture by local artists will be opened tomorrow (Thursday) to raise funds for the Girl Guides.

Lady MacLehose will be performing the opening ceremony at 12 noon on the seventh floor of the City Hall High Block.

The works on display are all for sale, and the commission will help the Guides in the purchase of additional camping equipment.

There is a growing interest among the girls for camp outings, and the Government has provided more camp sites in the New Territories for their use.

The four-day exhibition will end on March 11 (Sunday) at 5 p.m.

About 70 artists have contributed to the exhibition, including Douglas Bland, Dirce Cavalcanti, Hon Chi Fun, Father Zeller and Rosamund Brown.

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DIRECTOR'S WIFE TO TOUR TRAINING CENTRES

Two training centres operated in Kowloon by voluntary welfare agencies will be visited tomorrow (Thursday) by Mrs. Li Fook-kow, wife of the Director of Social Welfare.

She will be accompanied by Mr. Ku Choon-keong, Acting Principal Social Welfare Officer (Rehabilitation).

Mrs. Li will be making a visit at 10:00 a.m. to the Sau Mau Ping Training Centre of the Spastics Association of Hong Kong. The centre was opened at Block 25, Sau Mau Ping Resettlement Estate in January this year.

It operates as a day training centre for up to 80 children in two half-day sessions. The children are trained in self-care, taught to socialise and prepared for further special education or vocational training.

At 11:20 a.m., Mrs. Li will visit the Margaret Trench Medical Rehabilitation Centre, No. 254 Kwun Tong Road. Operated by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation, the centre caters for 80 physically disabled patients.

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photographer to cover Mrs. Li's visits.

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Release time: 7.00 p.m.