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MAJOR HK CURRENCY EXHIBITION TO MARK
OPENING OF HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY THIS FRIDAY
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THE NEW \$2 AND 20-CENT COINS WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN THE HONG KONG CURRENCY EXHIBITION IN THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY WHICH WILL BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, ON FRIDAY. THE EXHIBITION MARKS THE OPENING OF THE MUSEUM IN STAR HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE A COMPLETE SET OF HONG KONG'S COINAGE THROUGHOUT ITS 134 YEARS HISTORY, INCLUDING THE TWO NEW SCALLOP-EDGE COINS WHICH WILL COME INTO CIRCULATION NEXT MONTH.

THE COIN DISPLAY TRACES CHRONOLOGICALLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S COINAGE FROM 1841 WHEN THE TERRITORY WAS CEDED TO BRITAIN, AND FEATURES SUCH VINTAGE COINS AS THE SPANISH SILVER DOLLAR, THE BRITISH EMPIRE STERLING, THE MEXICAN SILVER DOLLAR, THE INDIAN RUPEE, THE CHINESE SILVER BAR AND COPPER CENT WHICH CIRCULATED IN HONG KONG FOR MANY YEARS DURING ITS EMBRYONIC STAGE.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1863 THAT THE GOVERNMENT STARTED ISSUING ITS OWN COINS BEARING THE MARK +HONG KONG+.

THE FIRST SET OF LOCAL COINAGE WITH THE PORTRAIT OF QUEEN VICTORIA ON THE OBLVERSE SIDE COMPRISES A SILVER TEN-CENT, A BRONZE ONE CENT AND A BRONZE MIL (ONE TENTH OF A CENT).

FIVE OTHER COINS -- FIVE-CENT, 20-CENT, 50-CENT, HALF DOLLAR AND \$1 -- WERE ADDED TO THE SERIES IN LATER STAGES. THESE WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

THE YEAR 1866 SAW A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE HISTORY OF LOCAL COINAGE WITH THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG MINT TO CONVERT SILVER BULLIONS INTO COINS FOR LOCAL BANKERS AND MERCHANTS.

THE HONG KONG MINT WAS SHORT LIVED HOWEVER. IT CLOSED DOWN TWO YEARS LATER BECAUSE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN COULD HARDLY AFFORD TO HAVE THEIR CAPITAL LYING IDLE IN THE MINT AT A TIME WHEN THE WORLD PRICE OF SILVER WAS SHOOTING UP.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MINT WHICH WAS HOUSED IN AN IMPRESSIVE BRICK AND IRON STRUCTURE NEAR THE PRESENT SITE OF DAIMARU DEPARTMENT STORE IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE SHOW.

IN THE ENSUING YEARS, THE VALUE OF SILVER GRADUALLY RETURNED TO ITS PREVIOUS LEVEL AND THIS LED TO THE MUSHROOMING OF SILVER DOLLARS ISSUED BY BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, HOLLAND, JAPAN AND AUSTRIA FOR USE IN HONG KONG AND IN TRADE WITH CHINA.

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VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL SEE THESE SILVER COINS WHICH ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE +TRADE DOLLARS+ AND OTHER LOCAL COINS ISSUED DURING THE REIGNS OF EDWARD VII, GEORGE V AND GEORGE VI.

THEY WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE THE \$1 NOTE AND CENT-DENOMINATION NOTES ISSUED BEFORE THE WAR.

THE RAREST COIN IN THE SHOW IS THE KING GEORGE VI ONE-CENT BRONZE PIECE OF 1941, WHICH NEVER CAME INTO CIRCULATION.

TWO SHIPMENTS OF THE COINS LEFT THE U.K. TOWARDS THE END OF 1941, BUT NONE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG DUE THE THE IMMINENCE OF WAR. ONE OF THE SHIPMENTS RETURNED TO THE U.K. BUT THE OTHER FELL INTO THE HANDS OF THE JAPANESE WHO MELTED THE COINS DOWN FOR WAR PURPOSES. A NUMBER OF THESE COINS ESCAPED THAT FATE AND ONLY TEN ARE NOW KNOWN TO EXIST. OF THESE COINS, THREE ARE IN HONG KONG.

DURING THE OCCUPATION PERIOD, ALL AVAILABLE STOCKS OF COINS WERE SEIZED AND SENT TO JAPAN WHERE THEY WERE MELTED DOWN FOR METAL.

TO REPLACE THE COINS, THE JAPANESE ISSUED MILITARY YEN-DENOMINATION NOTES WHICH WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITION.

AT THE END OF THE WAR, THERE WAS SUCH A SHORTAGE OF COINS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO ISSUE LARGE QUANTITIES OF PAPER NOTES RANGING FROM ONE CENT TO \$1 TO CATER FOR THE IMMEDIATE NEED.

THE CENT-DENOMINATION NOTES WERE GRADUALLY PHASED OUT FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TEN-CENT AND FIVE-CENT NICKEL-BRASS COINS ISSUED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1948.

THE COINS, BEARING A HEAD PORTRAIT OF KING GEORGE VI, ARE OF THE SAME BASIC DESIGN AS THOSE WITH THE QUEEN'S EFFIGY IN USE TODAY.

IN 1951, A CUPRO-NICKEL 50-CENT COIN WAS INTRODUCED. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE \$1 COIN OF SAME METAL CONTENT TO REPLACE THE DOLLAR NOTE.

ANOTHER ARRAY OF COINS ON DISPLAY IS COMMEMORATIVE COINS STRUCK TO MARK SPECIAL OCCASIONS. THEY INCLUDE A SILVER COIN MINTED IN HONG KONG IN 1867 TO MARK THE FOUNDATION LAYING OF THE FORMER CITY HALL, THE QUEEN VICTORIA JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY GOLD MEDALLION, THE KING EDWARD VII CORONATION BRONZE COIN IN 1902 AND THE RECENT \$1,000 ROYAL VISIT GOLD COINS.

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ALSO INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITION ARE THE TOKEN COINS ISSUED BY PRIVATE FIRMS IN THE 1930'S AS TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTES FOR GOVERNMENT COINS WHICH AT THE TIME WERE IN ACUTE SHORTAGE.

VISITORS TO THE CURRENCY SHOW WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG BANKNOTES= SPECIMENS OF COUNTERFEIT NOTES AND COINS= MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT USED FOR COUNTERFEITING COINS AND PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE COIN-MINTING PROCESS IN THE ROYAL MINT.

THE EXHIBITION, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND STAGED BY THE CULTURAL SERVICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPEN FREE TO THE PUBLIC FROM JULY 19 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM DAILY (EXCEPT FRIDAY), AND FROM 1 TO 6 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR WILL OPEN THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF STAR HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 5.30 PM ON FRIDAY. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE THREE RAREST COINS TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION:

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INTER-INSTITUTION BASKETBALL COMPETITION

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A BASKETBALL COMPETITION WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK BETWEEN THE FIVE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND BOYS' CENTRES OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES.

THE COMPETITION IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF BALL GAMES BETWEEN THE ORGANISATIONS AND WILL TAKE PLACE ON JULY 16, 18, 20 AND 21.

THE SWD INSTITUTIONS ARE THE O PUI SHAN BOYS HOME, THE CASTLE PEAK BOYS HOME, THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS HOME, MA TAU WEI GIRLS HOME AND KWUN TONG HOSTEL. THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TAKING PART ARE THE H.K. JUVENILE CARE CENTRE, THE SHING TAK CENTRE AND CHAK YAN CENTRE OF THE SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES.

MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE CHAK YAN CENTRE AT 47 CORNWALL STREET, KOWLOON, WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY ON THE FIRST DAY OFFICIATED BY MR. MICHAEL S.H. CHAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, AT 9.30 A.M.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT SOCIAL AVENUE IN WONG TAI SIN, KOWLOON, WILL BE CLOSED AS FROM 6 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) UNTIL 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY TO ENABLE PUBLIC UTILITY WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED TO INDICATE THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE.

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REGISTRATION FACILITIES AT TUEN MUN
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A SPECIAL MOBILE REGISTRATION TEAM WILL VISIT TUEN MUN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THIS MONTH TO PROVIDE CONVENIENT REGISTRATION FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE TEAM WILL OPERATE AT THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON JULY 16 AND 17, AND AGAIN FROM JULY 21-24.

RESIDENTS THERE ARE URGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACILITIES TO REGISTER THEIR 11-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS. HOLDERS OF JUVENILE CARDS SHOULD REGISTER FOR ADULT CARDS AT THE AGE OF 18.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD ALSO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 16) TO ENABLE A TEST FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TO BE CARRIED OUT.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY HILL ROAD, DES VOUEX ROAD WEST, FRENCH STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

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ALL TEACHERS SHOULD HAVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
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THE NEED FOR THE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING OF ALL TEACHERS WAS STRESSED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (ADMINISTRATION), MR. CHARLES LOWE, TODAY WHEN HE SPOKE AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT THE CITY HALL.

HE SAID THERE WAS A FEELING IN SOME QUARTERS THAT WHILE TRAINING WAS ESSENTIAL FOR NON-GRADUATES, IT WAS NOT SO NECESSARY AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL.

+I AM CONVINCED THAT THIS IS QUITE WRONG AND THE NEED FOR GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IS JUST AS GREAT AS FOR NON-GRADUATES.

+THIS BEING THE CASE, OUR LONG-TERM AIM MUST BE TO GIVE ALL TEACHERS, GRADUATES AND NON-GRADUATES, IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS SOME FORM OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING,+ MR. LOWE SAID.

WHILE THE MAJOR THRUST SHOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IT WAS NECESSARY AT THE SAME TIME TO ENSURE THAT PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE +BOUGHT+ PLACES WERE STAFFED TO AS GREAT AN EXTENT AS POSSIBLE BY PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED TEACHERS.

HE SAID, +IT WOULD BE QUITE WRONG TO COUNT THESE PLACES AS BEING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR WITHOUT RECOGNISING OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAINING THE TEACHERS.+

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITIES' DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AS REGARDS THE TRAINING OF GRADUATE TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL PLANNING.

+THIS LIAISON, I AM GLAD TO SAY, IS IMPROVING AND IS ALREADY STARTING TO BRING FRUITFUL RESULTS. BUT MUCH STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE, PARTICULARLY IN THE WIDER SPHERE OF EDUCATION POLICY. EDUCATION FROM KINDERGARTEN TO UNIVERSITY IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE,+ MR. LOWE POINTED OUT.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PRINCIPAL OF GRANTHAM, MRS. MAGDALEN CHOW, AND DESCRIBED HER AS +EXPERIENCED, UNDERSTANDING AND CAPABLE+.

MR. LOWE ALSO COMMENDED THE STAFF OF THE COLLEGE, WHO, HE SAID, WERE ALL WORKING TO MAINTAIN THE LONG-STANDING REPUTATION FOR PRODUCING CAPABLE, DEDICATED TEACHERS.

CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, MR. LOWE SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR OF THEIR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND PARTICULARLY THEIR SUCCESS IN THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF STUDENTS SPORTS AND GAMES.

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HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE GRADUATES OF THE IN-SERVICE COURSE OF TRAINING FOR TEACHERS (I.C.T.T.) FOR COMPLETING WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS AN +ARDUOUS COURSE+.

MR. LOWE TOLD THE STAFF THAT +I.C.T.T. TRAINING IS A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR TEACHER TRAINING EFFORTS. IT IS VERY HARD WORK AND I THINK THERE MIGHT BE A CASE, PARTICULARLY AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL, FOR EXTENDING YOUR EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS TOWARDS A BLOCK RELEASE SYSTEM AND FOR MUCH MORE EMPHASIS ON THE FULL-TIME COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL.+

THE I.C.T.T. PROGRAMME PLAYED A TREMENDOUS PART IN EXPANDING THE PUBLIC SECTOR OF PRIMARY EDUCATION AND WILL HAVE AN EVEN MORE VITAL ROLE WHEN THE WHITE PAPER SECONDARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME GOT UNDER WAY.

MR. LOWE URGED TEACHERS TO CULTIVATE A PLEASANT, HAPPY, SYMPATHETIC BUT FIRM DISPOSITION.

+REMEMBER TEACHING DOES NOT BEGIN AND END IN THE CLASSROOM. THERE IS NO PERFECT TEACHING METHOD AND NO PERFECT ANSWER TO THE TEACHER'S PROBLEMS.+

MR. LOWE, WHO WILL BE RETIRING IN NOVEMBER, TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE EMPLOYMENT DIFFICULTIES THIS YEAR AND POSSIBLY NEXT.

+I ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE ALL VERY CONCERNED BY THE SITUATION. WE WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE ASSISTANCE THAT IS WITHIN OUR POWER.

+BASICALLY THE SOLUTION IS IN THE EXPANSION OF EDUCATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NECESSARY OPPORTUNITIES.

+THIS REQUIRES MONEY AND TIMES ARE DIFFICULT BUT I KNOW THAT THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE VERY CONCERNED AND WILL PROVIDE MONEY FOR EXPANSION JUST AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE,+ MR. LOWE SAID.

HE MENTIONED THAT HIS GREATEST WORRY ABOUT EDUCATION IN HONG KONG WAS CONCERNED WITH THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AND ITS ABOLITION. +I AM AT PRESENT CHAIRING A WORKING PARTY TO THIS END,+ HE ADDED.

BUT HE SOUNDED A WARNING : +THE NEARER WE GET TO FORMULATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ENTIRELY WHOLESOME PURPOSE OF ABOLISHING S.S.E.E. THE NEARER WE GET TO INTRODUCING THE J.C.E. (JUNIOR CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION) TO SELECT 40 PER CENT OF THE 15-16 AGE GROUP FOR FORMS 4 AND 5.

+WHILE NO ONE WOULD DENY THE EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL NECESSITY OF ABOLISHING S.S.E.E. THE PRICE WE PAY MAY BE DISASTROUS EDUCATIONALLY IF IT IS THE INTRODUCTION OF J.C.E.+

MR. LOWE

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MR. LOWE SAID THE J.C.E. EXAMINATION COULD ONLY RUIN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY COURSE.

HE EMPHASIZED THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO CONTROL OR SHAPE EDUCATION THROUGH EXAMINATIONS WAS PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

+EXAMINATIONS SHOULD BE SLAVES OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM, NOT THE MASTERS,+ MR. LOWE SAID.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAID THERE WAS A NEED TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW AND IMPROVE THE RELATIVITIES OF THE PROPOSED 100 PER CENT IN JUNIOR SECONDARY AND 40 PER CENT IN SENIOR SECONDARY BY SWITCHING RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A HIGHER PROPORTION OF FORMS 4 AND 5 PLACES. THIS REPRESENTED THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH THE HARMFUL J.C.E. COULD BE AVOIDED.

DURING THE CEREMONY, MRS. LOWE DISTRIBUTED CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES TO GRADUATES AND PRIZE-WINNERS.

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RESERVOIRS 98.5 PER CENT FULL
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HONG KONG'S WATER STORAGE STOOD AT 66,270 MILLION GALLONS AS AT 9 A.M. THIS (MONDAY) MORNING, REPRESENTING 98.5 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION.

TODAY'S STORAGE COMPARES WITH 39,891 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR.

PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR HELD 50,500 MILLION GALLONS -- 100 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY -- COMPARED WITH 30,615 MILLION GALLONS ON JULY 14 LAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 82.3 MM (3.24 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR AMOUNTS TO 1,795.0 MM (70.67 IN). THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL THIS YEAR IS 1,103.2 MM (43.43 IN).

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