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HONG KONG HAS BECOME THE FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE OF A REGION OF DYNAMIC ECONOMIC GROWTH, BASED ON SEA-BORNE TRADE, SAID THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE THIS EVENING IN OPENING THE PAO SIU-LOONG MARINE ENGINEERING LABORATORY AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

IN ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT THE CEREMONY, SIR MURRAY SAID:

+SIR S.Y. CHUNG, MR PAO SIU-LOONG, SIR Y.K. PAO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

+I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE INVITED HERE TODAY FOR THE OPENING OF THE PAO SIU-LOONG MARINE ENGINEERING TRAINING LABORATORY.

+WE HAVE BECOME THE FINANCIAL, COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE OF A REGION OF DYNAMIC ECONOMIC GROWTH, BASED ON SEA-BORNE TRADE. AND SO THE INTEREST OF HONG KONG SHIP-OWNERS HAS GROWN, UNTIL THEY NOW CONTROL 55 MILLION TONS OF SHIPPING.

+THE REPUTATION OF OUR SHIPPERS AND OF HONG KONG AS A CENTRE OF SHIPPING DEPENDS ON THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE - AND THIS VERY MUCH INCLUDES THE TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY OF OUR MARINE ENGINEERS.

+THE POLYTECHNIC HAS PIONEERED DEVELOPMENT OF OUR INDUSTRY'S SURVIVAL IN A WORLD OF INCREASING TECHNICAL COMPLEXITY. NOW, WITH THE ADDITION OF THIS MAGNIFICENT LABORATORY, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE THEIR PRACTICAL AND ACADEMIC TRAINING IN THE SAME INSTITUTION. BY ENABLING STUDENTS TO DISPENSE WITH OUTSIDE LABORATORY EXPERIENCE IT WILL REDUCE THE TOTAL COURSE LENGTH FROM FIVE TO FOUR YEARS. THIS IS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD, AND WE HOPE THIS WILL BOTH INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAINED ENGINEERS PRODUCED AND ENCOURAGE MORE YOUNG RECRUITS TO COME FORWARD.

+I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE PAO FAMILY, AND TO THE CLARITY OF THEIR VIEW OF WHAT OUR SHIPPING INDUSTRY NEEDS. THEIR GENEROUS DONATION OF THIS BUILDING COUPLED WITH THE POLYTECHNIC'S CAPACITY TO PUT IT TO GOOD USE, SHOULD RESULT IN MORE HONG KONG-OWNED SHIPS TO BE MANNED BY HONG KONG ENGINEERS.

+NOW IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO DECLARE OPEN THE PAO SIU-LOONG MARINE ENGINEER LABORATORY. I WISH INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS ALIKE SUCCESSFUL AND REWARDING CAREERS.+

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DR JOHN WRIGHT NAMED SCIENCE ADVISER

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF DR JOHN C. WRIGHT AS GOVERNMENT SCIENCE ADVISER IN SUCCESSION TO THE LATE MR G.J. BELL.

A METALLURGIST BY TRAINING AND WITH EXPERIENCE IN BRITAIN IN INDUSTRY, INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, DR WRIGHT HAS FOR THE PAST FIVE-AND-A-HALF YEARS BEEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE.

HE WILL JOIN THE GOVERNMENT ON DECEMBER 1 AND BEFORE THEN WILL UNDERTAKE DUTY VISITS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION CONFERENCE IN MEXICO.

THE CONCEPT OF A GOVERNMENT SCIENCE ADVISER IS A RECENT INNOVATION AND HAS ARISEN FROM THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSIFICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD AIM TO IMPROVE ITS UNDERSTANDING OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRY AND THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ITSELF, INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND MANUFACTURERS ON ISSUES INVOLVING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE ADVISER WILL ALSO GENERALLY ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT ON ANY ISSUES CONNECTED WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REFERRED TO HIM AND ALSO REINFORCE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SECTOR.

DR WRIGHT HAS COMBINED CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT WITH A SUCCESSFUL CAREER AS AN ADMINISTRATOR.

BEFORE JOINING THE HKPC AS ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN 1976, HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE STEEL CASTINGS RESEARCH AND TRADE ASSOCIATION (SCRATA) IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, ONE OF THE 40 PROGRESSIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS WITH CONSIDERABLE INTERESTS IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS OF U.K. INDUSTRY.

PREVIOUS TO THAT, HE WAS PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL METALLURGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ASTON IN BIRMINGHAM FOR TWELVE YEARS. DR WRIGHT ALSO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK OF MANY TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HE HAS MAINTAINED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. HIS WIDE COMMITTEE AND CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE HAVE GIVEN HIM A GOOD INSIGHT INTO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

DR WRIGHT HOLDS A FIRST CLASS HONOURS B.SC. DEGREE IN METALLURGY AND A PH.D. OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON. DR WRIGHT, AGED 51, IS MARRIED WITH ONE SON.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT DR WRIGHT IS JOINING US. MR BELL HAD MADE AN EXCELLENT START AND HIS SUDDEN DEATH WAS A GREAT LOSS. WE HOPE THAT MOMENTUM CAN NOW BE REGAINED SINCE THE SCIENCE ADVISER'S TASK IS AN IMPORTANT ONE WITH POTENTIAL FOR ENORMOUS BENEFITS FOR HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.+

COMMENTING ON HIS APPOINTMENT, DR WRIGHT SAID: +I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE OF MAKING A FURTHER CONTRIBUTION FROM A NEW ANGLE TO HONG KONG'S PROGRESS IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS.+

DR WRIGHT WILL BE SUCCEEDED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE BY MR S.K. CHAN, AT PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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SCHOOL PREFECTS TO HELP IN CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE

ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS, ARE URGED TO JOIN THE SCHOOL LITTER PREFECT SCHEME WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

+THE SCHEME AIMS TO INCREASE STUDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANLINESS AND TO ENHANCE THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

DUTIES OF SCHOOL LITTER PREFECTS WILL INCLUDE DEVISING WAYS TO PERSUADE OTHER STUDENTS TO TAKE PRIDE IN KEEPING THEIR CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOLS CLEAN, AND TO PERSUADE THEM TO AVOID LITTERING.

SOME FIVE TO 10 SCHOOL LITTER PREFECTS WEARING SPECIAL BADGES SHOULD BE ON DUTY DAILY, AND SCHOOLS SHOULD ARRANGE FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE TURNS TO ASSUME DUTIES AS PREFECTS.

+THE DUTIES OF THE PREFECTS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO AREAS INSIDE THE SCHOOL, AND NO FINES SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON STUDENTS CAUGHT LITTERING IN SCHOOL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME WHICH ACHIEVE GOOD RESULTS WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION, HE SAID.

LITTER PREFECT BADGES MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS OR OFFICERS IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHEN SCHOOLS RETURN COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS.

ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE FORWARDED BY HAND BETWEEN OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 6 TO THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS. FORMS FROM SPECIAL SCHOOLS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION.

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AUGUST SURVEY OF FACTORIES

INFORMATION FROM MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED IN AUGUST SHOWED THAT THERE WAS A DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT BUT AN INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS COMPARED WITH JULY 1981, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REPORTED TODAY (MONDAY).

IN ITS AUGUST SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS ON HAND, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO SAID THE DECREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS MOST MARKED IN THE PLASTICS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS SECTORS, AND THIS WAS LARGELY DUE TO STUDENTS HAVING LEFT THEIR SUMMER JOBS TOWARDS THE END OF AUGUST WHEN THE SURVEY WAS TAKEN.

HOWEVER, THE DEPARTURE OF THE STUDENTS FROM THEIR SUMMER JOBS WAS ALSO PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED RELATIVELY LOWER WAGES, THE REPORT STATES.

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T-SHIRTS TO HELP SPREAD ANTI-LITTER MESSAGE

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A NEWLY-DESIGNED T-SHIRT FOR HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS IS NOW ON SALE AT \$9 EACH.

DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE T-SHIRTS FEATURE A SIMPLE BUT STRIKING DESIGN, AND ARE THE FOURTH IN THE CURRENT SERIES SINCE 1978.

AT THE FRONT OF THE SHIRT ARE THE WORDS '+WHAT'S NICE AND GREEN?+', AND AT THE BACK, THE ANSWER: '+A CLEAN COUNTRY PARK+' -- ALL OF WHICH ARE INTENDED TO CARRY THE MESSAGE AGAINST LITTERING AND MESSING-UP THE OPEN AREAS OF HONG KONG.

THE T-SHIRTS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN KOWLOON- THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL- AND REFRESHMENT KIOSKS IN THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK AND THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY, STRESSING THE NEED TO KEEP THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN, URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BUY THE T-SHIRTS AND HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

MORE THAN 4 400 LITTER BINS ARE PROVIDED IN THE COUNTRY PARKS AND OVER 2 300 TONNES OF LITTER WERE COLLECTED FROM THE COUNTRY PARKS BETWEEN APRIL LAST YEAR AND MARCH THIS YEAR.

COUNTRY PARKS STAFF WARNED 10 000 VISITORS AND PROSECUTED 65 FOR LITTERING DURING THE YEAR.

MEANWHILE, SOME 400 COUNTRY PARK BADGES BEARING ATTRACTIVE DESIGNS OF VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS -- OUT OF 20 000 THAT WERE MADE -- ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT \$1.50 EACH FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

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FAN KAM ROAD CLOSED FOR ARMY EXERCISE

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A SECTION OF FAN KAM ROAD, BETWEEN PAT HEUNG POLICE STATION AND DODWELL'S RIDGE CAMP, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 21) TO 1 AM ON THURSDAY BECAUSE OF AN ARMY SECURITY EXERCISE.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, ONLY EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THE ROAD SECTION.

NO. 77 BUSES SCHEDULED TO LEAVE YUEN LONG AND SHEUNG SHUI AT 10.40 PM ON WEDNESDAY WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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VILLAGE FOOTPATH BEING RESTORED

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A DILAPIDATED FOOTPATH CONNECTING TWO LAMMA ISLAND VILLAGES IS TO BE RESTORED AT A COST OF MORE THAN \$74 000.

THE VILLAGES ARE TUNG O AND SOK KWU WAN AND THE 1 200-METRE LONG FOOTPATH PROVIDES THE ONLY ACCESS BETWEEN THE TWO.

MANY OF THE 150 VILLAGERS OF TUNG O WORK ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND USE THE FOOTPATH TO GET TO AND FROM SOK KWU WAN WHERE THERE IS A FERRY SERVICE.

IT IS ALSO USED BY PICNICKERS AND VISITORS.

THE WORK WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO STAGES, WITH THE MIDDLE PART OF THE PATH, WHICH IS IN THE WORST CONDITION, BEING REPAIRED FIRST.

THE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES BUILDING STEPS AND PROVIDING DRAINAGE, WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

THE MONEY FOR THE PROJECT IS BEING PROVIDED FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE OF ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

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LITTER BUGS WARNED

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OFFICERS OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ARE NOW EMPOWERED TO ISSUE SUMMONSES TO ANYONE CAUGHT LITTERING ON TRAINS AND WITHIN THE RAILWAY AREA.

OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$1 000 ON THE FIRST CONVICTION BY THE COURTS, AND A FINE OF \$2 000 ON THE SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT CONVICTIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR KCR SAID TODAY.

HE ADDED THAT THE LATEST MOVE WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO WARNED AGAINST ILLEGAL HAWKING ON TRAINS AND AT STATIONS AND STRESSED THAT THESE PEOPLE RISK IMMEDIATE ARREST AND FINES OF UP TO \$2 000.

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