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SIR MURRAY PRAISES ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, COMMENDED THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE FOR PROVIDING A LONG AND MUCH NEEDED FIRST-AID MEDICAL SERVICE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

+HONG KONG IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MANY DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN PREPARED TO DEVOTE MUCH OF THEIR FREE TIME FOR THIS COMMUNITY SERVICE, + HE TOLD THE 1 600 MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE WHO TOOK PART IN THEIR ANNUAL PARADE TODAY (SUNDAY).

SIR MURRAY SAID THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT WAS CHARACTERISTIC OF HONG KONG WHERE THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY DISCIPLINED VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS WAS SO GREAT, AND WHICH GAVE TO SO MANY A SENSE OF CIVIC PURPOSE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

COMMISSIONER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE,

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO REVIEW THE BRIGADE TODAY AND TO PRESENT TROPHIES AND LONG SERVICE MEDALS.

THE ORDER OF ST JOHN HAS A LONG TRADITION. THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE BRIGADE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH 66 YEARS OF SERVICE - A RECORD OF WHICH ALL OF YOU CAN BE PROUD.

THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE PROVIDES A MUCH NEEDED FIRST-AID MEDICAL SERVICE AND HONG KONG IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MANY DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN PREPARED TO DEVOTE MUCH OF THEIR FREE TIME FOR THIS COMMUNITY SERVICE. THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS CHARACTERISTIC OF HONG KONG WHERE THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY DISCIPLINED VOLUNTEER ORGANISATIONS IS SO GREAT, AND WHICH GIVES TO SO MANY A SENSE OF CIVIC PURPOSE. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE FOR FOSTERING THIS SPIRIT.

I AM THEREFORE MOST PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE BRIGADE IS EXPANDING ITS ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MEET THE EVER GROWING DEMANDS OF THE NEW TOWNS. IN THIS, THE BRIGADE HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY MANY WELL-WISHERS WHO HAVE DONATED GENEROUSLY TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT AND NEW AMBULANCES.

AS HONG KONG CONTINUES TO GROW AND PROSPER, AND AS OUR PEOPLE CONTINUE TO ENJOY MORE LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL PURSUITS, DEMANDS ON THE SERVICE WHICH THE BRIGADE PROVIDES SO ABLY WILL INCREASE. I AM CONFIDENT THE BRIGADE, UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMISSIONER, MR CHIU, AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF MR MARDEN, WILL MEET THIS DEMAND AND WILL MEET THE CHALLENGES AHEAD.

I CONGRATULATE YOU ALL ON YOUR EXCELLENT BEARING AND TURN-OUT TODAY AND WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN FUTURE.

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CHIEF SECRETARY INSPECTS FIRE DISASTER AREA
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WENT TO LAM TIN ESTATE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE DISASTER CAUSED BY THE SERIOUS FIRE LAST NIGHT AT LAM MEI TSUEN, OI WAH TSUEN AND YUEN MO TSUEN.

HE VIEWED THE AREA FROM THE ROOFTOP OF BLOCK 4 OF THE ESTATE WHERE HE SPOKE TO MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA.

SIR PHILIP EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO ALL CONCERNED. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED +HAVE YET AGAIN RALLIED ROUND AND PERFORMED WITH SUCH EFFICIENCY.+

+I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD TURNED UP IN FORCE BECAUSE THEY HAPPENED TO BE AT A MEETING NEARBY AND SAW THE BLAZE. THEY CAME OVER TO DO WHATEVER THEY COULD TO ASSIST WHICH I MUST SAY I FOUND VERY GRATIFYING INDEED,+ HE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE LAM TIN MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE ALSO TURNED UP TO HELP WITH RELIEF WORK.

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT SOME 4 800 PEOPLE MADE HOMELESS BY THE FIRE WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOMMODATED ELSEWHERE -- ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. +INITIALLY, OF COURSE LARGELY IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION. BUT EVENTUALLY THEY WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED WITH ACCOMMODATION OF A SEMI-PERMANENT NATURE.+

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT THE SHAM SHUI PO TRANSIT SHELTER WAS FOR THE MOMENT THE ONLY AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS BY THE FIRE. THIS MEANT THAT THE CONVERSION OF THE CAMP INTO A PUBLIC PARK WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED.

ACCOMMODATION WAS ALSO BEING PROVIDED IN THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD IN CANTON ROAD FOR SINGLE MEN WITHOUT A HOME BECAUSE OF THE FIRE.

ASKED IF HE THOUGHT THAT THE SQUATTERS COULD BE RE-HOUSED ON THE FIRE SITE, SIR PHILIP SAID THAT THE FUTURE OF THAT PIECE OF LAND WOULD HAVE TO BE RE-ASSESSED. +IF FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT IT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ANY PURPOSE FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS, THEN CLEARLY THAT WOULD BE ONE SITUATION. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IF IT WAS SCHEDULED FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, THEN MAY BE THE DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD. TO PERMIT THEM TO MOVE BACK FOR SUCH A SHORT PERIOD WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE UNWISE,+ HE SAID.

ANSWERING ANOTHER QUESTION, SIR PHILIP STRESSED THAT BETTER ORDER WAS NEEDED WITHIN SQUATTER AREAS. HE SAID THAT THE LAYOUT OF THE HUTS SHOULD BE MORE ORDERLY AND THERE SHOULD BE FEWER ILLEGAL ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS. THERE SHOULD ALSO BE BETTER DISCIPLINE OVER THE USE OF LPG INSTALLATIONS IN PARTICULAR.

/+AND OF COURSE,

+AND OF COURSE, ABOVE ALL, QUICKER AND BETTER ACCESS FOR THE FIRE SERVICES. THE PROBLEM OF ACCESS TO THIS SITE HAS TO BE SEEN TO BE BELIEVED,+ THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID.

AFTER SPENDING ABOUT ONE HOUR AT LAM TIN, SIR PHILIP, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WENT TO THE SHAM SHUI PO TRANSIT SHELTER.

HE SPENT ABOUT HALF AN HOUR LOOKING AT FACILITIES THERE.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES MUST MEET
CHANGING NEEDS, SAYS SIR PHILIP
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EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES MUST HAVE REGARD TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, SAID THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE RED CROSS YOUTH MOVEMENT SILVER JUBILEE RALLY.

AND THE NEEDS WERE MORE DIVERSE IN THE COMPLEX SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE 1980S THAN IT WAS 30 YEARS AGO, HE SAID.

+ALTHOUGH WE HAVE JUST BEEN REMINDED THAT ONE HARSH REALITY OF THE 1950S IS STILL WITH US TODAY -- SQUATTER AREAS AND SQUATTER FIRES -- SUCH IS THE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF HOUSING THIS LARGE COMMUNITY DESPITE THE VAST BUILDING PROGRAMMES PUT IN HAND SINCE THE SHEK KIP MEI DISASTER ON CHRISTMAS EVE IN 1953,+ HE ADDED.

SIR PHILIP TOLD THE 5 000 MEMBERS TAKING PART IN THE RALLY THAT WITH MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF OUR POPULATION BELOW THE AGE OF 19, THEY AND MEMBERS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS HAD AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO THE WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY BY +INDIVIDUAL AS WELL AS COLLECTIVE+ EFFORT.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE MANY AREAS OF SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY WORK IN WHICH YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WERE ACTIVE TODAY. +THIS NOT ONLY MEETS A DEMAND, BUT ALSO ENABLES THE BEST USE TO BE MADE OF PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL,+ HE SAID.

PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICES, HE SAID, ALSO HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE REALITIES AND PROBLEMS OF LIFE, TAUGHT THEM THE VALUE OF CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER PEOPLE, HELPED THEM ACQUIRE USEFUL SKILLS, ENABLED THEM TO ENJOY MANY FRIENDSHIPS AND ENCOURAGED SELF-BETTERMENT TO THE ULTIMATE BENEFIT OF ALL.

SIR PHILIP ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PIONEERS AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE RED CROSS YOUTH MOVEMENT WHICH BEGAN IN 1956.

+THROUGH TOTAL DEDICATION TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES, THE MOVEMENT IS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNISED AS A VIBRANT FORCE IN OUR NETWORK OF COMMUNITY SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

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SAFETY ON SCHOOL OUTINGS

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A CIRCULAR OUTLINING CERTAIN SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DURING SCHOOL OUTINGS HAS BEEN ISSUED TO ALL SCHOOLS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+IT CONTAINS A SIMPLE PROCEDURE JOINTLY DEVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WHICH, IF CAREFULLY OBSERVED, SHOULD BE OF HELP TO SCHOOL AUTHORITIES IN ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE PUPILS CONCERNED,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

WHEN ORGANISING EXCURSIONS, PICNICS AND FIELD TRIPS FOR STUDENTS, SCHOOLS SHOULD FIRST WRITE TO THE SUB-DIVISIONAL POLICE INSPECTOR OF THE AREA WHICH THE PARTY INTENDS TO VISIT PROVIDING FULL DETAILS OF THE OUTING.

LEADERS OF THE OUTING SHOULD REPORT TO THE DUTY OFFICER OF THE LOCAL POLICE STATION UPON COMPLETION OF THE VISIT.

+SCHOOL HEADS ARE REMINDED THAT OUTINGS AND FIELD TRIPS SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY EXPERIENCED AND RESPONSIBLE PERSONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INSTRUCTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL STUDENTS GOING ON FIELD TRIPS THAT THEY SHOULD REPORT THEIR RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO THEIR LEADERS OR THE SUB-DIVISION CONCERNED IF THEY RETURN INDEPENDENTLY OF THE MAIN GROUP, HE ADDED.

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES SHOULD ALSO ADVISE PARTICIPANTS TO CARRY THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OR JUNIOR IDENTITY CARDS, AND THOSE UNDER 11 YEARS OF AGE SHOULD CARRY SOME FORM OF IDENTIFICATION.

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NEW ROAD FOR TUEN MUN

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THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SERVICE ROAD IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE WORK INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING SERVICE ROAD RUNNING AT THE NORTH-WESTERN FRINGE OF THE NEW TOWN AND A SMALL ROUNDABOUT AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR LAM TEI.

THE EXISTING ROAD BRIDGE ACROSS LAM TEI CHANNEL WILL BE MODIFIED AND A NEW COVERED FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTED IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF IT.

THIS SECTION OF ROAD WILL FORM PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE ROAD AND TRANSPORT NETWORK PROPOSED FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN. IT WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT ACCESS TO THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN INCLUDING A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND A SECONDARY SCHOOL NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE NEWLY FORMED LAND AT THE NORTH-EASTERN SIDE OF CASTLE PEAK MENTAL HOSPITAL.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN FEBRUARY 1982 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

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REPORT ON QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED THE RESULTS OF THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS SURVEY CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER 1981.

ABOUT 800 FIRMS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES, FORMING A CROSS-SECTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, WERE ASKED ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS EXPERIENCE IN THE 3RD QUARTER OF 1981, AND THEIR BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS FOR THE 4TH QUARTER OF 1981.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY SHOW THAT IN GENERAL, BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE 3RD QUARTER OF 1981 HAD IMPROVED OVER THE 2ND QUARTER. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH EXPECTATIONS RECORDED IN THE 2ND QUARTER SURVEY.

EXPECTATION FOR THE 4TH QUARTER IN GENERAL POINTS TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LEVEL OF BUSINESS COMPARED WITH THE 3RD QUARTER, BUT MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE SEASONAL NATURE OF THE TRADE INVOLVED, SUCH EXPECTATION VARIES BETWEEN RESPONDENTS IN DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

WHILE THOSE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR EXPECT THE SEASONALLY HIGH LEVEL OF BUSINESS EXPERIENCED IN THE 3RD QUARTER TO BE MAINTAINED INTO THE 4TH QUARTER, THOSE IN THE SERVICES SECTORS EXPECT FURTHER IMPROVEMENT. RESPONDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR EXPECT SOME SMALL IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR GENERAL BUSINESS SITUATION IN THE 4TH QUARTER, COMPARED WITH THE 3RD QUARTER.

WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE WAS EXPERIENCED IN THE 3RD QUARTER IN ALMOST ALL INDUSTRIES, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF THE 'FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS' AND 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS' INDUSTRIES.

THE DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS EXPERIENCED BY RESPONDENTS IN THESE TWO INDUSTRIES WAS WORSE THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY DONE IN JULY. BY CONTRAST, WHILE RESPONDENTS IN THE 'TEXTILES' INDUSTRY HAD EXPECTED A DETERIORATION, AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WAS RECORDED IN THE 3RD QUARTER.

RESPONDENTS IN SUCH MAJOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AS THE 'WEARING APPAREL', 'WATCHES AND CLOCKS', 'ELECTRONICS' AND 'MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING' INDUSTRIES EXPECT THEIR LEVEL OF BUSINESS ATTAINED IN THE 3RD QUARTER TO BE MAINTAINED INTO THE 4TH QUARTER.

RESPONDENTS FROM OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, HOWEVER, EXPECT A DECREASE IN THEIR LEVEL OF BUSINESS WHICH OBVIOUSLY CONFORMS WITH THE USUAL SEASONAL PATTERN. IN FACT, WHEN COMPARED WITH THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS EXPECTED BY RESPONDENTS AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR, IT APPEARS THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE UNDERLYING BUSINESS SITUATION.

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FIRMS IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR REPORTED IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE 3RD QUARTER BUT NOT TO THE EXTENT EXPECTED BY THEM IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY DONE IN JULY. EXPECTATION FOR THE 4TH QUARTER POINTS TO SOME FURTHER SMALL IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS WHICH CONTRASTS WITH STRONG ANTICIPATION FOR IMPROVEMENT EXPRESSED AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

IMPROVEMENTS IN BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE 3RD QUARTER WERE REPORTED BY FIRMS IN THE 'OTHER SERVICES' SECTOR AND THE 'RESTAURANTS' BUSINESS. A CONTINUED FAVOURABLE TREND OF BUSINESS WAS FORESEEN BY THESE FIRMS IN THE 4TH QUARTER.

RESPONDING FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE' AND 'HOTELS' SERVICE EXPERIENCED A DECLINE IN BUSINESS IN THE 3RD QUARTER BUT THEY EXPECT A BUSINESS RECOVERY IN THE 4TH QUARTER. THE DETERIORATION IN BUSINESS OF FIRMS IN THE 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE' SECTOR DURING THE 3RD QUARTER WAS CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS EXPRESSED BY RESPONDENTS IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY DONE IN JULY.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT STATED THAT THE SURVEY DATA, OBTAINED WITH A MINIMUM TIME LAG, WAS BASICALLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ONE SOURCE OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REQUIRING ANSWERS IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS, FIRMS WERE ASKED TO COMPARE THE QUARTER JUST PAST WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER AND SIMILARLY FOR THE FORTHCOMING ONE, AND ONLY HAD TO INDICATE WHETHER, IN THEIR OPINION, A CERTAIN VARIABLE WAS 'UP', 'SAME' OR 'DOWN'.

BALANCE OF OPINIONS OF RESPONDENTS WERE TABULATED AND ANALYSED, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE THEY WERE INTERPRETED ALONG WITH RESULTS OBTAINED IN EARLIER SURVEYS.

THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT IN A SURVEY OF THIS NATURE, CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS AS IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH PRECISELY THE EXTENT TO WHICH RESPONDENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE ACCORDS WITH THE UNDERLYING TRENDS.

COPIES OF THE REPORT, CONTAINING AN ANALYSIS AND STATISTICAL TABLES ON VARIOUS ECONOMIC VARIABLES, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO FIRMS TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY AND TO OTHER BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. MEMBERS OF PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN COPIES FROM GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$3 PER COPY.

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CAREERS '82 EXHIBITION

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN SEARCH OF CAREERS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORK AT AN EXHIBITION TO BE STAGED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

CO-SPONSORED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CAREERS '82 EXHIBITION IS SCHEDULED TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 3 PM.

FROM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO DECEMBER 7, IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 6.30 PM DAILY.

TAKING PART IN THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION WILL BE 22 EXHIBITORS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT.

THE EXHIBITORS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR COME FROM MANY FIELDS, INCLUDING MANUFACTURING, BANKING, HOTEL SERVICES, CONSTRUCTION, SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND FINANCE.

EACH EXHIBITOR WILL HAVE A DISPLAY STAND TO ILLUSTRATE, BY MEANS OF CHARTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS AND OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, THE NATURE OF THE JOBS, ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION IN ITS OWN SPHERE OF WORK.

EACH EXHIBITION STAND WILL ALSO BE MANNED BY EXPERIENCED STAFF TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES BY VISITORS ON JOB OPENINGS, APPLICATION PROCEDURES, ETC. INFORMATION LEAFLETS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS BY INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITORS.

THE EXHIBITION IS STAGED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE SINCE 1972 IN ORDER TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD OF WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY): +CHOOSING A CAREER IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS A YOUNG PERSON HAS TO MAKE IN HIS LIFE. IT IS HOPED THAT BY STAGING A CAREERS EXHIBITION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE ASSISTED IN MAKING A RIGHT START IN THE CHOICE OF THEIR CAREERS.+

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION HAS BECOME A MAJOR FUNCTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF CAREERS EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, ATTRACTING MORE THAN 100 000 VISITORS IN RECENT YEARS.

TO MARK THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL EVENT THIS YEAR, A SERIES OF CAREER-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES WILL BE STAGED AT EDINBURGH PLACE DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD, INCLUDING A +COMPUTERISED JOB FAMILY TENDENCY EXERCISE+, A SPECIAL FEATURE-OF-THE-DAY DISPLAY AND A SERIES OF LIVE SHOWS.

ABOUT 14 000 STUDENTS FROM 86 SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPUTER EXERCISE IN ORDER TO FIND OUT THE JOB FAMILIES BEST SUITED TO THEM.

THE FEATURE-OF-THE-DAY DISPLAY WILL SHOW THE RANGE OF CAREER SERVICES IN HONG KONG, BASIC CONCEPTS IN CAREERS CHOICE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN GENERAL, ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF WORKING LIFE. A SPECIAL HANDOUT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO TIE IN WITH THE TOPIC OF EACH DAY.

THE LIVE SHOWS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT, CIVIL AID SERVICES, CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, URBAN COUNCIL AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE, AND THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE.

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL STAGE A FULL-DAY PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTING THE VARIOUS FACETS OF ITS WORK BY MEANS OF DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LIVE SHOWS WILL BE BOTH INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING. FOR EXAMPLE THERE WILL BE, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, A SKIN-DIVING PERFORMANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THE SEARCH FOR NARCOTICS, DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE POLICE'S SPECIALIST UNITS, PERFORMANCES BY BANDS, DOG SHOWS, FOLK SONG AND FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCES, DISPLAY OF POLICE VEHICLES AND FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS OF BRICK-LAYING, CARPENTRY AND BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS OF COUNTRY PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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TICD BRANCH MOVES TO NEW OFFICE

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THE TRADE CONTROLS INVESTIGATION BRANCH OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, FORMERLY LOCATED IN OCEAN CENTRE, KOWLOON, HAS MOVED TO THE HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), THE BRANCH WILL BE OPERATING FROM THE 5TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE. FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT 5-7908209.

ALSO FROM TOMORROW, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE VEHICLE CARGO EXAMINATION SUB-STATION WILL TRANSFER ITS OPERATION FROM HUNG KIU, SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES TO THE MAN KAM TO BORDER CONTROL TERMINAL. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 0-901200.

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TAI PO MARRIAGE REGISTRY GAINS POPULARITY

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WITH THE OPENING OF THE TAI PO BIRTH AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY IN JULY 1979, MARRIAGE REGISTRATION SERVICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED AND EXPANDED.

+THIS REGISTRY IS VERY POPULAR AMONG RURAL RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO GET MARRIED. IT HAS ALSO HELPED REDUCE MUCH PRESSURE FROM THE BUSY MARRIAGE REGISTRIES IN THE URBAN AREAS,+ THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR IN CHARGE OF THE REGISTRY, MR KWOK SAU-FUNG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THE OPENING OF THIS REGISTRY IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF TAI PO SUCH AS TAI MEI TUK, CHUNG MEI, WU KAU TANG, SAN UK VILLAGE AND OTHER EXTENSIVE AREAS IN SHA TIN,+ HE SAID. +HOWEVER, OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT MANY COUPLES MARRIED HERE CAME FROM THE URBAN AREAS.+

+LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 3 500 MARRIAGES WAS PERFORMED AND 3 535 NOTICES OF INTENDED MARRIAGES TAKEN BY THIS REGISTRY, NEARLY 30 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL FIGURE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE SAID.

LAST YEAR THERE WERE 12 601 MARRIAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE 1979 TOTAL OF 10 323.

+THIS IS DUE TO TWO MAIN FACTORS: FIRSTLY, THE GROWING POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN RECENT YEARS, AND SECONDLY, THE FACT THAT VILLAGERS NOW REALISE THAT MARRIAGE REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL IN PROVING THEIR MARITAL STATUS WHEN APPLYING FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS IN TAXATION AND MIGRATION MATTERS,+ MR KWOK SAID.

HE SAID ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF APPLYING FOR MARRIAGE REGISTRATION IN THIS REGISTRY IS THAT IT SAVES EXTRA WAITING TIME.

+ONCE REGISTERED, COUPLES NEED TO WAIT ONLY 15 CLEAR DAYS, THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR EXHIBITING MARRIAGE NOTICES, BEFORE THE CEREMONY CAN BE PERFORMED. WHEREAS IN SOME OF THE BUSIER REGISTRIES IN URBAN AREAS, THE WAITING TIME COULD BE SLIGHTLY LONGER,+ HE SAID.

THE REGISTRY, WHICH IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN TING KOK ROAD, PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES :

- (A) A PICTURESQUE GARDEN WITH AN EXCELLENT BACKGROUND FOR PHOTOGRAPHS-
- (B) A BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED MARRIAGE CEREMONY HALL WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 20 AND ROOM FOR MANY STANDEES- AND
- (C) A COMFORTABLE BRIDAL ROOM WITH DRESSING TABLES AND LARGE MIRRORS.

THE REGISTRY OPENS FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM UNTIL NOON ON SATURDAYS. IT IS ALSO THE ONLY MARRIAGE REGISTRY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THAT PROVIDES SERVICES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY BEGAN ON JANUARY 25, 1981. SINCE THEN A TOTAL OF 218 COUPLES HAS MADE USE OF SUCH FACILITIES TO REGISTER THEIR MARRIAGES IN THE REGISTRY - AN AVERAGE OF 26 MARRIAGES A MONTH.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 12 MARRIAGE REGISTRIES IN HONG KONG - FIVE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THREE IN KOWLOON AND FOUR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE REGISTRIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE LOCATED IN TAI PO, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN AND SHEUNG SHUI. IN ADDITION, THERE IS ALSO A MOBILE TEAM TO PROVIDE REGULAR SERVICES TO RESIDENTS LIVING IN REMOTE AREAS SUCH AS SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, CHEUNG CHAU AND TAI O.

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TAI PO MARKET STALLS FOR AUCTION * * * *

THREE STALLS AT TWO TAI PO MARKETS WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM AT THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MEI TAK BUILDING, KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

TWO OF THE STALLS ARE AT THE TAI PO MARKET FOR SELLING VEGETABLES AND FISH WHILE THE REMAINING ONE IS AT THE TAI PO KUK TENG MARKET FOR SELLING FRESH MEAT.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENT FOR THE VEGETABLES, FISH AND FRESH MEAT STALLS ARE \$70, \$100 AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS CAN START BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 1 FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONLY PERSONS AGED 21 OR ABOVE CAN TAKE PART IN THE AUCTION AND POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE AUCTION VENUE.

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICER ON TELEPHONE 0-677111 (EXT. 158) FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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TWO PAVILIONS TO BE BUILT ON LANTAU

FOLLOWING REQUESTS FROM MUI WO AND TAI O RURAL COMMITTEES, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD IS TO SPEND \$67 000 ON BUILDING TWO PAVILIONS.

AT MUI WO, THE PAVILION WILL BE BUILT CLOSE TO THE ACCESS PATH TO LAI CHEE GARDEN VILLAGE, WHILE THE TAI O PAVILION WILL BE SITED AT LEUNG UK CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND WILL INCLUDE SITTING-OUT BENCHES.

THE PAVILIONS, EACH COSTING \$33 500, WILL SERVE AS RAIN SHELTERS FOR VISITORS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS FOR VILLAGERS.

WORK ON THE TWO PAVILIONS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE PROJECTS ARE BEING SUPERVISED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS SECTION.

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CALENDAR ON MARINE LIFE ON SALE

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THE 1982 CALENDAR AND SPECIAL PICTURE BOOK ON MARINE LIFE PRODUCED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION ARE NOW ON SALE AT \$26 EACH.

BOTH THE CALENDAR AND THE BOOK ARE THE 13TH IN THE SERIES WHICH BEGAN IN 1970 TO MARK THE ORGANISATION'S FIRST 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY.

THE PUBLICATIONS ARE COMPILED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FISHERIES RESEARCH DIVISION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE 12 FISH FEATURED IN THE 1982 PUBLICATIONS ARE YELLOW BELLY, WHITEFIN WOLF-HERRING, STARRY TRIGGERFISH, SOLDIERFISH, LIZARDFISH, BOARFISH, BLOTCHED GRUNT, LADYFISH, YELLOW GOATFISH, BANDED BIGMOUTH BREAM, MOON WRASSE AND CARDINAL SEABREAM.

BESIDES THE COMMON NAME IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE LANGUAGES AND THE SCIENTIFIC NAME OF THE FISH, THE FEATURES, SIZE, HABITAT, DISTRIBUTION AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION OF THE FISH ARE ALSO GIVEN IN THE PUBLICATIONS.

THE PUBLICATIONS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE SUPPLIES SECTION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 204, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT CONNAUGHT PLACE.

A LIMITED STOCK OF CALENDARS AND BOOKS OF PREVIOUS YEARS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SALES OUTLET.

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FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY FOR SAI KUNG SPORTS GROUND

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A FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

THE SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, AND SIR SHIU-KIN TANG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AT 3.30 PM ON TUESDAY.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS NOW IN FULL SWING THANKS TO THE GENEROUS DONATION OF \$3 MILLION FROM SIR SHIU-KIN, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES.

COSTING \$6 MILLION, THE SPORTS GROUND IS BEING DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. ON COMPLETION, IT WILL BE MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE FIRST PROPER SPORTS FACILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAI KUNG WILL HAVE A STANDARD FLOODLIT GRASS FOOTBALL PITCH, A 400-METRE SIX LANE ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK WITH A FULL RANGE FACILITIES OF TRACK AND FIELD AND A COVERED STAND FOR ABOUT 1 000 SPECTATORS.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDING BASKETBALL COURTS WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED FOR VOLLEYBALL AND TENNIS, AND CHANGING ROOMS AND PARKING SPACES WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

THE MUCH NEEDED SPORTS GROUND IS LOCATED ON RECLAIMED LAND ADJACENT TO THE SAI KUNG POLICE STATION IN THE NEW TOWN. CONSTRUCTION OF THE SPORTING CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT SUMMER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN SAI KUNG ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT 3.30 PM.

TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE. A 9-SEATER VAN WILL LEAVE THE JUNCTION OF HANKOW ROAD AND MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY. A GIS OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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GUZHENG AND ERHU RECITAL

THE PROGRAMME OF THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL WILL BE MUCH ENRICHED WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF TWO OUTSTANDING CHINESE MUSICIANS, SO CHUN-POR AND WONG ON-YUEN.

GUZHENG SOLOIST SO CHUN-POR AND ERHU PLAYER WONG ON-YUEN WILL GIVE A JOINT RECITAL AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM ON JANUARY 25, 1982 AT 7.30 PM.

SO IS AN INTERNATIONALLY-ACCLAIMED GUZHENG SOLOIST. HE GAVE REGULAR RECITALS FOR THOUSANDS OF CHINESE MUSIC LOVERS AS WELL AS CLASSES TO GUZHENG STUDENTS.

PROGRAMME FOR HIS FESTIVAL RECITAL WILL INCLUDE +LANTERN FESTIVAL+ AND +XIANG QING+ (GUZHENG RECITALS), +CHINESE FANTASIA+ (GUZHENG AND PIANO DUET), +SONG OF GOOD HARVEST+ AND +DANCE OF THE LION+ (ZHENG ENSEMBLES).

WONG IS THE NEWLY APPOINTED CONCERT MASTER OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA. HE IS NOTED FOR HIS WIDE AND VARIED ERHU VIRTUOSITY AND LYRICAL INTERPRETATION OF ERHU MUSIC.

HE WILL PLAY WORKS BY LIU TIEN-HWA, HUANG HAI-WEI, CHU HOK YEE AND OTHERS.

THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 22 AND FEBRUARY 13, 1982, WILL BE JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

TICKETS FOR THE RECITAL AT \$5, \$10 AND \$15 ARE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH POSTAL BOOKINGS UNTIL DECEMBER 9.

PROGRAMMES AND POSTAL BOOKING FOLDERS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, MUSIC OFFICE, BRITISH COUNCIL, ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, GOETHE INSTITUTE, NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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SALT WATER CUT

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SEVEN AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 24) TO ALLOW FOR REMOVAL WORK OF PUMP DELIVERY AND REFLUX VALVE AT THE KWUN TONG SALT WATER PUMPING STATION.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE LAM TIN, KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, NGAU CHI WAN AND SAN PO KONG.

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SNT STARTS COMMUNITY CHEST WALK

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THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG JOINT DISTRICTS WALK, WHICH IS THE FIRST OF SEVEN COMMUNITY CHEST WALKS FOR 1981/82, WAS HELD THIS MORNING (SUNDAY).

FOLLOWING A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY BY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, MORE THAN 8 000 ENTHUSIASTS SET OFF FROM SHEUNG TSUEN PLAYGROUND, SHEK KONG, FINISHING 20 KILOMETRES LATER AT TAI LAM CHUNG CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL, TUEN MUN.

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED TEAMS FROM RURAL COMMITTEES, DISTRICT OFFICES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS, FACTORIES AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS.

THE TARGET FOR THE WALK IS \$500 000.

A MACLEHOSE TRAIL WALK ON JANUARY 3, CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST CHALLENGING OF ALL WALKS, IS BEING INTRODUCED TO REPLACE THE PREVIOUS PAT SIN RANGE WALK.

OTHER WALKS TO BE HELD INCLUDE A HONG KONG WALK (DECEMBER 6), A SAI KUNG WALK (DECEMBER 13), A SHA TIN WALK (FEBRUARY 28) AND A KOWLOON WALK (MARCH 7).

COMMUNITY CHEST WALKS STARTED 11 YEARS AGO WHEN 12 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART AND \$1 MILLION WAS RAISED. LAST YEAR, 130 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE 11 ORGANISED WALKS AND RAISED \$7 MILLION. EIGHT OF THE WALKS WERE HELD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, RAISING \$2.41 MILLION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT A NEW RECORD WOULD BE SET THIS YEAR.

ALSO PRESENT TODAY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST WALKS, MR TREVOR BEDFORD- THE NEW TERRITORIES WALKS ADVISER, MR MIKE ILLINGWORTH- AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WALKS CHAIRMAN, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

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