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BUSY PROGRAMME FOR QUEEN'S VISIT
MANY RESIDENTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE ROYAL COUPLE
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A CARNIVAL PARADE ALONG NATHAN ROAD, A COLOURFUL DISPLAY OF BOATS IN ABERDEEN AND A SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN THE HARBOUR - THESE WILL BE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ROYAL VISIT PROGRAMME WHEN THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH COME TO HONG KONG IN MAY.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME ARE NOW BEING FINALISED BUT THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON SHOWING THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE AS MANY ASPECTS OF LIFE IN HONG KONG AS POSSIBLE, AND GIVING AS MANY RESIDENTS AS POSSIBLE A CHANCE TO SEE OR MEET THEM IN THE SHORT TWO DAYS AVAILABLE.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG BY A REIGNING BRITISH MONARCH, AND A NUMBER OF SPECIAL EVENTS HAVE BEEN PLANNED SO THAT RESIDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE CAN SHARE IN THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL ARRIVE AT 6 P.M. ON MAY 4 AND WILL SPEND THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS CARRYING OUT A FULL PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS- THEY WILL LEAVE EARLY IN THE MORNING ON MAY 7.

DURING HER STAY, THE QUEEN WILL VISIT OI MAN ESTATE - THE FIRST HOUSING COMPLEX TO BE COMPLETED UNDER THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S TEN-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME.

THE QUEEN WILL WALK ROUND THE ESTATE, STOPPING TO TALK TO RESIDENTS. WHILE THERE, SHE WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SEEING THE INSIDE OF ONE OF THE FLATS AND MEETING THE TENANTS.

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL ALSO BE MEETING MANY YOUNG PEOPLE. A SPECIAL TIME HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR CHILDREN AT MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL TO SEE THE QUEEN AND TALK TO HER. BOYS AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG WILL BE VISITED BY THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

VISITS TO THE TWO UNIVERSITIES ARE ALSO BEING ARRANGED TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO SEE AND MEET THE ROYAL VISITORS.

ANOTHER SPECIAL FEATURE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION OF A WIDE RANGE OF ITEMS DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED IN HONG KONG. THE EXHIBITION, WHICH WILL BE KNOWN AS '+PROGRESS - HONG KONG+', WILL DEMONSTRATE THE DIVERSITY AND QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S PRODUCTS IN 1975.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE THE UNVEILING OF A PLAQUE BY THE QUEEN AT THE NEW HUNG HOM RAILWAY STATION, A FIREWORKS DISPLAY - FINANCED BY ANONYMOUS DONORS - UNDER THE NIGHT SKY OF THE HARBOUR AND A SHORT EVENING VISIT TO THE RACES IN HAPPY VALLEY, WHERE A QUEEN'S CUP RACE WILL BE HELD TO COMMEMORATE HER VISIT.

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IN ABERDEEN, THE FISHING COMMUNITY WILL BE ARRANGING A SPECIAL SHOW FOR THE ROYAL COUPLE WITH DRAGON BOAT RACES AND GAILY DECORATED JUNKS AND SAMPANS.

THE ROYAL TOUR WILL REACH ITS CLIMAX WITH A GLITTERING PROCESSION ALONG NATHAN ROAD ON THE EVE OF THE QUEEN'S DEPARTURE.

TOGETHER WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF OTHERS, THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL BE TREATED TO A TRADITIONAL CARNIVAL OF CHINESE FOLK DANCES, GONGS AND CYMBALS, DANCING LIONS AND DRAGONS, ACROBATICS, MARTIAL ARTS AND LEGENDARY CHINESE HEROES AND DEITIES.

A SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME TO DATE IS AS FOLLOWS :

SUNDAY, MAY 4

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH WILL ARRIVE AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 6 P.M. THEY WILL DRIVE TO KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER WHERE THEY WILL BOARD THE GOVERNOR'S LAUNCH TO CROSS THE HARBOUR, AND ATTEND A SHORT WELCOMING CEREMONY IN THE CITY HALL.

MONDAY, MAY 5

THERE WILL BE SEPARATE PROGRAMMES FOR THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE IN THE MORNING. THE QUEEN WILL DRIVE THROUGH PART OF KOWLOON SEEING VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WAY TO MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL WHERE SHE WILL BE MEETING YOUNG SWIMMERS. AFTERWARDS SHE WILL PROCEED TO OI MAN ESTATE, WHERE SHE WILL WALK ROUND AND VISIT ONE OF THE FAMILIES IN THEIR HOME.

MEANWHILE, THE DUKE WILL FLY BY HELICOPTER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES TO VISIT THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE CADET SCHOOL AT FANLING, THE 7TH DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S OWN GURKHA RIFLES AT QUEEN'S HILL CAMP AND THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL AT SAI KUNG.

AFTER THE MORNING ENGAGEMENTS, THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL ATTEND A COMMUNITY LUNCH WITH 600 GUESTS AT THE CITY HALL. IN THE AFTERNOON THEY WILL VISIT THE NEW HUNG HOM RAILWAY STATION WHERE THE QUEEN WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO OPEN THE RAILWAY TERMINUS. WITH THE DUKE SHE WILL VIEW THE +PROGRESS - HONG KONG+ EXHIBITION IN THE NEW STATION WHEN SUFFICIENT PROGRESS WILL HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENABLE THE MAIN PASSENGER CONCOURSE AREA TO SERVE AS AN EXCELLENT EXHIBITION HALL ON THIS UNIQUE OCCASION.

IN THE EVENING, A FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE HARBOUR, WATCHED BY THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE FROM ON BOARD H.M.S. CHICHESTER. AFTERWARDS THEY WILL DRIVE TO HAPPY VALLEY TO ATTEND A RACE MEETING WHERE A QUEEN'S CUP RACE WILL BE HELD TO COMMEMORATE HER VISIT.

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TUESDAY, MAY 6

THE ROYAL COUPLE WILL AGAIN HAVE SEPARATE PROGRAMMES FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE MORNING. THE QUEEN WILL GO BY HOVER-FERRY TO TSUEN WAN. AT THE SPORTS GROUND IN YEUNG UK ROAD SHE WILL BE GREETED BY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO WILL PERFORM A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENTS FOR HER. THIS WILL INCLUDE A DRAGON DANCE AND THE QUEEN WILL BE ASKED TO +DOT THE EYE+. BEFORE LEAVING THE SPORTS GROUND THE QUEEN WILL MEET PROMINENT NEW TERRITORIES' PERSONALITIES. AFTERWARDS SHE WILL DRIVE THROUGH THE STREETS OF TSUEN WAN SEEING THE NEW TOWN AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE WAY TO KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL WHERE SHE WILL BE JOINED BY THE DUKE. FROM THERE THEY WILL TRAVEL IN THE 'GOVERNOR'S LAUNCH TO THE OCEAN TERMINAL, WHERE THEY WILL ATTEND A RECEPTION FOR 2,000 GUESTS, REPRESENTING A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

THE DUKE WILL SPEND THE FIRST PART OF THE MORNING VISITING THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT SHA TIN, MEETING STAFF AND STUDENTS. HE WILL THEN FLY TO KWAI CHUNG BY HELICOPTER TO JOIN THE QUEEN.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL VISIT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT POKFULAM AND MEET STAFF AND STUDENTS. AFTERWARDS THEY WILL DRIVE TO ABERDEEN TO SEE A WATER PROCESSION IN THE HARBOUR. THE DUKE WILL THEN FLY BY HELICOPTER TO STANLEY FORT TO VISIT THE 2ND BN. GRENADIER GUARDS.

IN THE EVENING, THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL CROSS THE HARBOUR BY VEHICULAR FERRY TO WATCH A CARNIVAL PROCESSION ALONG NATHAN ROAD.

WEDNESDAY MAY 7

THE QUEEN AND THE DUKE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG AT 9.20 A.M. FROM HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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HONG KONG JOINS FISH RESEARCH PROJECT

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HONG KONG IS CO-OPERATING WITH EIGHT OTHER COUNTRIES IN A JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT TO EXPLORE +UNTAPPED+ LARGE RESERVES OF PELAGIC FISH RESOURCES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED GROWING NEED FOR MARINE PRODUCTS IN FUTURE.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. EDWARD NICHOLS, SAID THE NATURE OF THESE RESERVES IN TERMS OF SPECIES AND SITUATION WAS INDISTINCTLY KNOWN AND THE EXPLORATORY PROGRAMME AIMS AT ASCERTAINING MORE DETAILS, CONFIRMING AND THEN EXPLOITING THESE RESOURCES.

ADDRESSING A LUNAR NEW YEAR CEREMONY HELD AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION TODAY (WEDNESDAY), MR. NICHOLS SAID RESEARCH VESSELS OF THE PROJECT WOULD, HOPEFULLY, JOIN A SIMILAR VESSEL OF HIS DEPARTMENT -- THE CAPE ST. MARY -- AND BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN HONG KONG'S OWN AREA IN THE EARLY SUMMER MONTHS.

ONCE THE PELAGIC RESOURCES ARE IDENTIFIED, MR. NICHOLS NOTED THAT NEW HORIZONS COULD OPEN UP FOR THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME +NEW PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES WILL FACE US WHICH WE CAN ONLY SURMOUNT BY FACING THEM TOGETHER.+

FISHING TECHNIQUES NEW TO HONG KONG MIGHT HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED AND DEVELOPED TO EXPLOIT THIS RESOURCE. +THIS SUGGESTS THAT NOT ONLY WILL FISHING CREWS NEED TO BE RE-TRAINED BUT ALSO THAT AT LEAST PART OF THE FLEET WILL NEED TO BE RE-EQUIPPED.

+ON THE MARKETING SIDE, THE CONSUMER WILL HAVE TO BE RE-EDUCATED TO ACCEPT NEW AND POSSIBLY UNFAMILIAR FISH ON THE MARKET SLAB. HERE WE WILL NEED TO BE PATIENT IN THE SHORT TERM IN ORDER TO REAP LONGER TERM BENEFITS,+ HE SAID.

LOOKING AHEAD OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS, MR. NICHOLS FORESAW EVEN GREATER CHALLENGES FOR THE HONG KONG FISHING FLEET. HIS DEPARTMENT HAD PREPARED A LONG RANGE FORECAST OF WHAT HONG KONG WOULD REQUIRE IN THE WAY OF FISH AND MARINE PRODUCTS BY 1986.

+ASSUMING A NORMAL GROWTH RATE COMPARABLE TO THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO A NEED TO PRODUCE AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL 50 - 60,000 METRIC TONS OF MARINE PRODUCTS BY THAT RATE.+

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ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL MARICULTURE INDUSTRY, MR. NICHOLS NOTED THAT EXPANSION HAD BEEN PHENOMENAL AND IN SOME LOCATIONS PRODUCTION HAD TRIPLED OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

+IN WELCOMING SUCH DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, ONE MUST ALSO SOUND A NOTE OF CAUTION. THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS TO BE IDENTIFIED, FACED AND OVERCOME,+ HE SAID.

+IN PRODUCTION TERMS ONE CAN SUGGEST OVER-STOCKING AND OVERFEEDING, TO NAME BUT TWO - AND OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE FACE OF COMPETING USES FOR INSHORE WATERS, IS THE NEED TO EXECUTE LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE MARINE FISH FARMER FROM INTERFERENCE AND ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SECTOR OF OUR INDUSTRY.

+FOR SOME YEARS NOW THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR SUCH LEGISLATION AND ONE IS HOPEFUL THAT THE NEXT 12 MONTHS WILL SEE OUR OBJECTIVE REALISED,+ SAID MR. NICHOLS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. NICHOLS' SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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BETTER NAVIGATIONAL AIDS BEING INSTALLED

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MORE POWERFUL LIGHT BEACONS FOR GUIDING SHIPS THROUGH THE EAST LAMMA CHANNEL ARE BEING INSTALLED BY THE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS SECTION OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THESE BEACONS WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO CONTAINERSHIPS TRAVELLING TO AND FROM KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER BERTHS AND TO TANKERS DELIVERING OIL TO AP LEI CHAU AND NGAU YING CHAU IN TSUEN WAN, ACCORDING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR. JIMMY DEAKIN.

FOUR EXISTING BEACONS AT YUEN KOK, WONG CHU KOK, SHEK KOK TSUI AND KAU YI CHAU WILL BE FITTED WITH MORE POWERFUL LIGHTS, WHILE A NEW AUTOMATIC BEACON WILL BE INSTALLED AT AP LEI PEI.

SOME OF THESE BEACONS HAVE A RANGE OF 10 MILES, OTHER 20 MILES.

THE AUTOMATIC BEACON IS EXPECTED TO BE FUNCTIONAL IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR, THE OTHERS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

+THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS WE ARE CARRYING OUT TO KEEP UP THE HIGH STANDARD OF NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG WATERS,+ MR. DEAKIN SAID.

+AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO INSTALL A TOTAL OF 64 WINKER LIGHTS ON JETTIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TO PLACE LIGHTED BUOYS IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN APPROACHES TO VICTORIA HARBOUR IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME.+

THE WINKER LIGHTS, WHICH CAN BE SEEN ONE AND A HALF MILES OFF AND WHICH ARE OPERATED BY A LONG LIFE BATTERY, WILL BE USEFUL TO SMALL VESSELS OPERATING IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THEIR INSTALLATION, WHICH IS CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HAS ALREADY BEGUN IN COASTAL VILLAGES OF TAI PO DISTRICT.

PLANNING FOR LIGHTED BUOYS IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE HARBOUR IS ALSO IN HAND.

+THEY WILL BE HELPFUL TO VESSELS IN KEEPING WITHIN TRAFFIC SEPARATION LANES, ARRIVING OR LEAVING AT TIMES OF LOW VISIBILITY,+ MR. DEAKIN SAID.

ABOUT FIVE OR SIX OF THE BUOYS WILL BE PLACED AT TURNING POINTS AND SEPARATION LINES ALONG THE LANES.

THE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS SECTION IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST SECTIONS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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+AT PRESENT IT HAS TO SERVICE AND MAINTAIN A TOTAL OF 175 MARINE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, INCLUDING TWO MANNED LIGHT HOUSES AT TATHONG AND WAGLAN, 34 LIGHTED BUOYS, A STANDBY WRECK BUOY, 130 LIGHTED UNWATCHED BEACONS, A NUMBER OF FOG SIGNAL STATIONS, RADIO BEACONS AND A RACON BEACON WHICH RESPONDS TO RADAR TRANSMISSIONS,+ HE SAID.

THESE VARIOUS BEACONS AND SIGNALS TEND TO BE LOCATED IN REMOTE AREAS WITH POOR ACCESS AND OFTEN EXPOSED TO ROUGH SEAS.

+A SPECIALLY DESIGNED LAUNCH TAKES OUR MEN ON THEIR DAILY INSPECTION TO THESE PLACES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF HONG KONG, FROM DEEP BAY TO MIRS BAY AND SOUTH TO WAGLAN ISLAND.

+THEIR WORK IS ARDUOUS AND OFTEN THEY ARE EXPOSED TO DANGER, ESPECIALLY IN BAD WEATHER, WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR ESSENTIAL DUTIES,+ MR. DEAKIN CONTINUED.

+MY STAFF WILL BE EVEN MORE BUSY IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE NEW PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SAFETY AND EASIER MOVEMENT OF VESSELS IN THE WATERS OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF TWO PHOTOGRAPHS -- ONE SHOWING A NEW BEACON UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND THE OTHER A LIGHTED BEACON BEING CHECKED -- ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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