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RUNWAY EXTENSION READY FOR USE

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THE KAI TAK RUNWAY EXTENSION, WHICH FORMS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL SCHEME FOR EXPANDING THE FACILITIES AT HONG KONG AIRPORT, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON JUNE 1.

WORK ON THE \$170 MILLION PROJECT COMMENCED AT THE END OF 1970 TO EXTEND THE AIRPORT RUNWAY FROM 8,350 FEET TO ITS PRESENT LENGTH OF 11,130 FEET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID A STUDY HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN TO ASSESS THE OPTIMUM LENGTH FOR THE RUNWAY. IT HAD CONCLUDED THAT A RUNWAY OF 11,130 FEET WOULD BE THE MOST SUITABLE AND ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE FOR HONG KONG, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AIR SAFETY, PHYSICAL AND CLIMATIC CONDITIONS, AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCES, NOISE, SECTOR DISTANCES AND ECONOMICS OF OPERATION.

THE RUNWAY EXTENSION, COUPLED WITH A BALANCED AND PHASED PROGRAMME OF IMPROVING AND MODERNIZING THE AIRPORT, WOULD ENSURE THAT CIVIL AVIATION IN HONG KONG WOULD KEEP PACE WITH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES AND THE RAPID GROWTH IN ALL SECTORS OF THE INDUSTRY, HE ADDED.

MAJOR WORKS INCLUDED THE RECLAMATION OF 2,600,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND CONTAINED BY 1.25 MILES OF SEAWALLS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF 400,000 SQUARE FEET OF CONCRETE PAVEMENTS AND 1,200,000 SQUARE FEET OF ASPHALT PAVEMENTS.

OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS WERE THE CONSTRUCTION A NEW SUBSIDIARY FIRE STATION, AN ELECTRIC POWER SUB-STATION, AN UNDERGROUND BUILDING FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR GUIDING AIRCRAFT LANDING OVER THE SEA FROM THE DIRECTION OF LEI YUE MUN, AND DOLPHINS BEYOND THE END OF THE EXTENDED PROMONTORY TO CARRY THE RUNWAY APPROACH LIGHTS.

IN ADDITION, THE WHOLE OF THE EXISTING RUNWAY SURFACE HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED AND IMPROVED BY AN ASPHALT OVERLAY.

COMMENTING ON THE PROJECT, MR. ROY DOWNING, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION SAID THE EXTENSION OF THE RUNWAY PROVIDES A NUMBER OF BENEFITS.

+THE INCREASED LENGTH WILL GIVE AN ADDITIONAL MARGIN OF AIRCRAFT SAFETY OVER THE PRESENT RUNWAY, PARTICULARLY UNDER VERY ADVERSE OPERATING CONDITIONS. THE WIDER RUNWAY ALSO PERMITS THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL FIRE STATION AT THE SOUTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY WHICH WILL ENABLE A VERY RAPID RESPONSE TO BE MADE TO ANY PART OF THE AIRFIELD.

+THE ADDITIONAL RUNWAY LENGTH ALSO ENABLES AIRCRAFT TO UPLIFT A VERY MUCH GREATER PAY-LOAD THAN IS PRESENTLY POSSIBLE. ALTERNATIVELY MORE FUEL CAN BE UPLIFTED, THEREBY PERMITTING AIRCRAFT TO OPERATE OVER MUCH LONGER STAGE LENGTHS THAN THEY CAN AT PRESENT,+ MR. DOWNING SAID..

THE EFFECT OF THESE FACTORS, EITHER SEPARATELY OR IN COMBINATION, IS TO IMPROVE PROFITABILITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF CHARTERED AIRCRAFT.

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+IN THE LONG TERM THIS COULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE COST OF CARRIAGE FROM HONG KONG. PARTICULARLY FREIGHT CHARGES BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT, AND THIS COULD MAKE OUR GOODS THAT MUCH MORE COMPETITIVE. IT IS PERHAPS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ABOUT 18 PER CENT BY VALUE OF ALL OUR EXPORTS GO BY AIR, AND THEREFORE WE MUST PRESERVE OUR COMPETITIVE POSITION WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS.+

THE EXTENSION OF THE RUNWAY PROMONTORY ALSO PROVIDES FOR A HIGH SPEED TURNOFF TO AN AIRCRAFT MARSHALLING AREA, HE WENT ON.

+AIRCRAFT LANDING TOWARDS THE SOUTH-EAST WILL BE ABLE TO TURN OFF THE RUNWAY AT MUCH HIGHER SPEEDS THAN THEY DO AT PRESENT AND THIS WILL INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE RUNWAY AS A WHOLE.

+THE MARSHALLING AREA ITSELF WILL ENABLE CONTROLLERS TO SEQUENCE AIRCRAFT DEPARTING TO THE NORTH-WEST SO THAT A FASTER AIRCRAFT CAN BYPASS A SLOWER ONE ON THE GROUND, RATHER THAN BE FACED WITH THE COMPLICATION OF OVERTAKING IT IN THE AIR.

+THIS ABILITY WILL HELP TO EXPEDITE AND SIMPLIFY THE FLOW OF AIR TRAFFIC FROM HONG KONG,+ HE EXPLAINED.

MR. DOWNING SAID THE EXTENDED RUNWAY WILL ALSO PROVIDE A MEASURE OF RELIEF FROM THE AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF TOWARDS THE NORTHWEST, THEY WILL START THEIR TAKE OFF RUN ABOUT HALF A MILE FURTHER AWAY FROM KOWLOON, AND THIS WILL MEAN THAT THEY COULD BE AS MUCH AS 300 FEET HIGHER IN PASSING OVER KOWLOON CITY.

+THIS WOULD GIVE A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN NOISE LEVEL.+

IN THE CASE OF AIRCRAFT LANDING OVER KOWLOON, THE REDUCTION OF THE NOISE LEVEL WILL BE HARDLY NOTICEABLE, AS AIRCRAFT WILL BE ONLY SOME 300 FEET OR SO HIGHER THAN THEY ARE AT PRESENT.

+THE TUNNEL ROAD FEEDING KWUN TONG CUTS ACROSS THE NORTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY, AND THIS WILL MEAN THAT ABOUT A THOUSAND FEET OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF RUNWAY WILL BE LOST ALMOST AS SOON AS THE EXTENSION IS FINISHED,+ HE ADDED.

+IT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR FOR THE TUNNEL CUTTING ACROSS THE RUNWAY TO BE COMPLETED AND THE RUNWAY RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL CONDITION. DURING THIS PERIOD ABOUT 1,000 FEET OF THE EXTENDED RUNWAY WILL BE LOST.

+NONETHELESS, OPERATING CONDITIONS WILL BE CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED OVER WHAT THEY ARE AT PRESENT,+ MR. DOWNING SAID.

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CONSORTIUM EXPECTED TO SUBMIT

DETAILED DESIGNS ON MTR IN DUE COURSE

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COMMENTING ON A REPORT IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER ABOUT SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY HAD HEARD NOTHING FROM THE CONSORTIUM ABOUT THIS MATTER. THE AUTHORITY HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE REPORT WAS BASED ON THE CORRECT FACTS.

THE REQUIRED PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE RAILWAY WITHIN THE CEILING PRICE OF \$5,000 MILLION HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE CONSORTIUM OVER THE PAST MONTHS. THE CONSORTIUM IS KNOWN TO BE WORKING ON THESE SPECIFICATIONS AND WILL PROVIDE THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY WITH DETAILED DESIGNS AND PROPOSALS IN DUE COURSE.

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FARSIGHTED PLANNING NEEDED TO MEET POPULATION GROWTH
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HONG KONG MUST LOOK TO THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR ITS FUTURE URBAN EXPANSION AS MOST OF THE AVAILABLE URBAN PLOTS HAVE BEEN USED UP IN THE PAST TWO DECADES.

THERE IS NOW NO REAL ALTERNATIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW URBAN COMMUNITIES -- AWAY FROM THE METROPOLIS CONCENTRATED BETWEEN THE KOWLOON FOOTHILLS AND THE NORTHERN SLOPES OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

THIS WAS STATED BY MR. JAMES ROBSON, SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AT THE WORLD POPULATION YEAR SEMINARS TODAY.

BUT, HE SAID, WE COULD NOT SIMPLY PUSH OUR URBAN EXPANSION ONTO THE NEW TERRITORIES AS IF IT WERE SOME SORT OF HANDY SITE WITH UNLIMITED CAPACITY IN WHICH TO DUMP OUR SURPLUS POPULATION.

+IF ANYTHING, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES MUST BE PLANNED WITH GREATER CARE AND CONCERN THAN WAS EXERCISED IN THE CASE OF KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND SINCE THEY REPRESENT OUR ONLY REAL NATURAL ASSET AND MUST SERVE ALL OUR REQUIREMENTS -- NOT JUST FOR HOUSING AND INDUSTRY BUT FOR RECREATION AS WELL.

+WHATEVER WE DO, WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE PLANNING IS COMPREHENSIVE AND FARSIGHTED AND NOT DICTATED BY MERE EXPEDIENCY AS IT WAS 20 YEARS AGO WHEN WE STARTED OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROGRAMMES. AND MOST IMPORTANT, WE MUST PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES.+ MR. ROBSON SAID.

HE NOTED THAT HONG KONG HAS ALREADY SEEN THE SOCIAL EFFECTS OF CROWDING IN ONE CROWDED ENVIRONMENT, AND SO WE COULD NOT CONTEMPLATE A FUTURE IN WHICH WE DID NOT INTEND A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THIS ENVIRONMENT.

+WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE NOT ONLY TO CONTEND WITH A CONTINUED POPULATION INCREASE BUT ALSO TO STRIVE FOR A CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN LIVING STANDARDS,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT IF WE CUT BACK ON THE QUANTITY OF HOUSING WE PRODUCE, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY, WE WOULD BE DEFEATING OUR OWN ENDS, BECAUSE EITHER THE HOUSES WOULD HAVE TO ACCOMMODATE MORE PEOPLE OR WE WOULD HAVE ANOTHER OUTBURST OF SQUATTING.

+THERE IS CLEARLY NO CHOICE. WE MUST BOTH BUILD MORE HOUSES, AND MUST ALSO DO WHAT WE CAN TO UPGRADE THE STANDARDS,+ HE STRESSED.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST SET OF POPULATION PROJECTIONS PRODUCED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, THE HIGH PROJECTION ENVISAGES THAT THE POPULATION WILL RISE TO 6.34 MILLION BY 1991. THE MEDIUM PROJECTION ASSUMES A GROWTH UP TO 5.9 MILLION AND THE LOW PROJECTION PREDICTS 5.53 MILLION.

TAKING THE RESULTS OF STUDIES UNDERTAKEN LAST YEAR BY THE GOVERNMENT'S TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, MR. ROBSON SAID THAT, IGNORING THE PROBLEM OF WATER, A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE OF THE OVERALL COST TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR GENERAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN NEW TOWN AREAS BY 1991 WOULD BE SOME \$4,800 MILLION EXTRA FOR THE HIGHER POPULATION FIGURE, ASSUMING A PER CAPITA COST OF ABOUT \$6,000.

+EVEN IF WE ASSUME THE MEDIUM POPULATION PROJECTION, THE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE INVOLVED IS STILL SOME \$2,400 MILLION,+ HE SAID.

HE ADMITTED THAT THESE FIGURES WERE FAIRLY ROUGH AND COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TOO LITERALLY, BUT THEY WERE SUFFICIENT TO INDICATE THAT +FROM AN OVERALL PLANNING POINT OF VIEW THE COMMUNITY HAS A VITAL INTEREST IN EFFORTS TO CURB POPULATION GROWTH.+

+IF THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED, THEN IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN BE GIVEN GREATER VALUE FOR MONEY. WE CAN GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS FULFILLING THE RISING EXPECTATIONS LIKELY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A BETTER EDUCATED AND MORE AFFLUENT SOCIETY+, HE COMMENTED.

MR. ROBSON WAS OF THE OPINION THAT HONG KONG HAD PASSED FROM A STAGE OF EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS THAT FOUND EXPRESSION IN THE EARLY RESETTLEMENT ESTATES, WHICH WE HAD WITNESSED IN THE LAST TWO DECADES.

+WE CAN NOW, UNDER MORE STABLE CONDITIONS, CONCENTRATE ON BROADENING THE HORIZON OF OUR OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO SUCH MATTERS AS THE WIDER AVAILABILITY OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, THE IMPROVEMENT OF SPACE ALLOCATIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUITABLE RECREATIONAL OUTLETS, THE PROVISION OF BETTER MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF CONGESTED SLUM AREAS.

+IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL GATHER IMPETUS IN THE COMING YEARS AND NOT BE FRUSTRATED BY FURTHER POPULATION EXPLOSIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO DEVELOP, BY 1983, THREE NEW TOWNS AT TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN, TOGETHER WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING TOWNS OF YUEN LONG, TAI PO AND FAN LING AND SHEK WUHUI.

MR. ROBSON EXPLAINED THAT ALTOGETHER, THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 2.1 MILLION PEOPLE, COMPARED TO A 1973 TOTAL OF 0.5 MILLION.

+UNLESS CAREFUL ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE MECHANICS OF DECENTRALISATION, THE CONTROL OF POPULATION GROWTH IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT IS LIKELY TO REMAIN AN INCOMPLETE STATEMENT OF POLICY+ HE STRESSED.

HE ENVISAGED THAT OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS "THERE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A HEAVY DEPENDENCE ON PUBLIC HOUSING.

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+PRESENT ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL 1.8 MILLION INDIVIDUAL UNITS OF ACCOMMODATION OVER THE NEXT DECADE TO PROVIDE FOR NATURAL POPULATION GROWTH, THE REHOUSING OF SQUATTERS, THE DECONTAMINATION OF FAMILIES FROM CONGESTED TENEMENTS AND THE RELIEF OF OVERCROWDING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+BY 1983, IT IS EXPECTED THAT SOME THREE MILLION PERSONS, OR 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION, WILL BE HOUSED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY.+ HE SAID.

HE ESTIMATED THAT ALL THE SITES REMAINING TO BE DEVELOPED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND NEW KOWLOON COULD ONLY ABSORB ANOTHER 374,000 PERSONS.

THE MAIN RESERVOIR OF LAND TO MEET FUTURE COMMITMENTS, HE SAID, WAS WITHIN THE NEW TOWNS OF TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN, AND TUEN MUN, WHICH HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE 1.3 MILLION PERSONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING OUT OF AN OVERALL PLANNED POPULATION OF 1.8 MILLION.

+SIMILAR ESTATES WILL PROVIDE FOR A FURTHER 80,000 PERSONS IN THE OLDER TOWNS OF YUEN LONG, TAI PO, FAN LING AND SHEK WU HUI, WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED A POPULATION OF ABOUT 300,000.

+ALTOGETHER THEN, ABOUT 63 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION IN THE MAIN CENTRES OF GROWTH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE IN PUBLIC HOUSING+, HE SAID.

MR. ROBSON FELT THAT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF HOUSING SHOULD BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN ACHIEVING A POLICY OF LARGE SCALE DECENTRALISATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE BASIS FOR FUTURE ACTION RECOGNISED THAT FOR LARGE SCALE DECENTRALISATION TO SUCCEED, THE NEW TOWNS MUST BE MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN THE PRESENT URBAN AREAS IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVING A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING.

+WHILE WE HAVE TO DESIGN TO HIGHER POPULATION DENSITIES THAN IS NORMAL ELSEWHERE, THE NEW GENERATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL PROVIDE A MUCH HIGHER STANDARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN THAN HITHERTO ACHIEVED IN HONG KONG.

HE SUGGESTED THAT CERTAIN INCENTIVES SHOULD BE OFFERED BY NEW ESTATES IN REMOTE AREAS TO +PRIME THE PUMP+ BECAUSE OF THE RELUCTANCE OF PEOPLE IN MOVING TO NEW ESTATES IN OUTLYING DISTRICTS.

ON THE QUESTION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NEW TOWNS, MR. ROBSON FELT THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE A CATALYST FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH DURING THE FORMATIVE STAGES OF NEW ESTATES.

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AFTER DWELLING AT SOME LENGTH ON THE EFFECT THAT PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME WOULD HAVE ON THE CONTROL OF POPULATION GROWTH IN HONG KONG, HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PRIVATE ENTREPRENEUR IS ALSO IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE FUTURE PATTERNS OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, EITHER IN PARALLEL TO OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES.

HE SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY THAT MECHANISMS WOULD HAVE TO BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION, SO AS TO DISCOURAGE OVER INVESTMENT BY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPERS IN THE ALREADY CONGESTED PARTS OF THE MAIN URBAN AREAS, AND ALSO TO ENCOURAGE THE REDIRECTION OF PRIVATE CAPITAL TO OUTLYING AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. ROBSON'S TALK ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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NURSING ADVISER ARRIVES
REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT STUDENT NURSES' TRAINING UNDERWAY
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MISS MARGARET LAMB, A NURSING ADVISER FROM SCOTLAND, HAS ARRIVED TO INSPECT THE GOVERNMENT'S NURSE TRAINING SCHOOLS.

SHE WILL ALSO ADVISE THE NURSING BOARD OF HONG KONG ON THE CHANGES MADE IN THE METHOD OF TRAINING STUDENT NURSES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE SYLLABUS, AND HOW THESE CHANGES MAY BE ADAPTED TO CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG.

MISS LAMB HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR SCOTLAND FOR SOME YEARS, AND HAS ALSO ACTED AS CONSULTANT TO WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, SHE HAS BEEN THE TUTOR ORGANISER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSE MANAGEMENT STUDIES FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD IN EDINBURGH.

DURING HER STAY, MISS LAMB WILL PAY VISITS TO ALL NURSE TRAINING SCHOOLS TO OBTAIN AN OVERALL IDEA OF STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG. SHE EXPECTS TO STAY FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

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UNITED WORLD COLLEGES OFFER NINE SCHOLARSHIPS

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THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES ARE OFFERING NINE SCHOLARSHIPS TO SELECTED BOYS AND GIRLS IN HONG KONG FOR A TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE BEGINNING NEXT SEPTEMBER.

FIVE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO THREE BOYS AND TWO GIRLS TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES AT THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC IN SOUTH WALES, UNITED KINGDOM= THREE OTHERS WILL GO TO TWO BOYS AND A GIRL TO STUDY AT THE LESTER B. PEARSON COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC IN VICTORIA, CANADA= AND THE NINTH SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE GIVEN TO A BOY OR A GIRL TO STUDY AT THE SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.

THESE THREE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS COMPRISE THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES WHICH WERE ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION.

THE COLLEGES HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, THE PRESIDENT OF WHICH IS LORD MOUNTBATTEN. THEY ALSO HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE PROJECTS AND THE PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION OF NEW COLLEGES.

THE STUDENT BODY AND TEACHING STAFF OF THE COLLEGES ARE FULLY INTERNATIONAL. ENTRY TO EACH COLLEGE IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND IS BASED ON ACADEMIC ABILITY AND PERSONAL QUALITIES.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: +FIFTH FORM STUDENTS OF HIGH ABILITY IN ANGLO-CHINESE OR ENGLISH SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE NINE SCHOLARSHIPS.

+THE UPPER AGE LIMIT FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGES IS 17-1/2 YEARS ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND THIS WILL BE ADHERED TO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.+

HE SAID THAT A SCHOLARSHIP WOULD COVER TUITION AND BOARDING FEES FOR THE TWO YEARS, THE INITIAL COST OF UNIFORM AND SPORTS CLOTHING AND A PERSONAL ALLOWANCE DURING TERM TIME BUT IT WOULD NOT COVER THE COST OF AIR FARES TO AND FROM THE COLLEGE AND MAINTENANCE FOR LONG VACATIONS.

+THE CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES WILL INCLUDE PAST ACADEMIC RECORDS, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEAD OF THE SCHOOL, PERSONALITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH.

+CANDIDATES MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW. SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN AN UNDERTAKING THAT THEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BRANCH OFFICE, BONAVENTURE HOUSE, 91 LEIGHTON ROAD, 2ND FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE BY JUNE 6.

GIVING FURTHER DETAILS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE BASIS OF THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM FOR THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA IS THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE - A WORLD MATRICULATION QUALIFICATION RECOGNISED BY MOST UNIVERSITIES FOR ENTRY PURPOSES.

+THE BRITISH G.C.E. ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATIONS ARE TAKEN IN THE SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL.+

IN 1972 HONG KONG STUDENTS WERE GIVEN SUCH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE FIRST TIME. IN THAT YEAR EIGHT STUDENTS LEFT HONG KONG TO STUDY AT THE FIRST UNITED WORLD COLLEGE WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1962 AT ST. DONAT'S CASTLE ON THE COAST OF SOUTH WALES.

THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA WAS OPENED IN SEPTEMBER 1972 AND CONSISTS OF THE TWO SENIOR CLASSES OF THE SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, A CO-EDUCATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL OPENED IN 1971.

THE THIRD COLLEGE, THE LESTER B. PEARSON COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC IN VICTORIA, CANADA, WILL OPEN IN SEPTEMBER 1974.

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NEW PIER AT PAK SHA WAN
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THE FIRST PUBLIC PIER AT PAK SHA WAN, SAI KUNG, WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO PROVIDE PROPER LANDING FACILITIES FOR VILLAGERS AND PICNICKERS.

WORK ON THE \$1.6 MILLION PROJECT STARTED IN MARCH LAST YEAR, AND WAS COMPLETED RECENTLY. A CONCOURSE WITH A FEW PARKING SPACES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

IN THE PAST, BERTHING FACILITIES WERE PROVIDED MAINLY IN JETTIES IN THE VICINITY, BUT THEY WERE FOUND TO BE INADEQUATE, ESPECIALLY DURING THE SUMMER.

MR. CLIVE OXLEY, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. LAU KWUN-SANG, THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AND MR. TSANG CHUN, THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE OF PAK SHA WAN, WILL JOINTLY PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND MARINE DEPARTMENTS, AND SAI KUNG VILLAGERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY. A VAN, AM2133, WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO PAK SHA WAN, LEAVING THE TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-POOL AT 2 P.M. LIGHT REFRESHMENT WILL BE SERVED.

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MR. HEATH VISITS HONG KONG

THE RT. HON. EDWARD HEATH, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, WILL VISIT HONG KONG NEXT WEEK.

MR. HEATH WILL ARRIVE BY TRAIN FROM CANTON ON SUNDAY (JUNE 2) AND WILL BE STAYING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AS THE GUEST OF THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIR TIMOTHY KITSON, PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY AND LADY KITSON, MR. DOUGLAS HURD, MP, AND A PARTY OF FOUR.

DURING HIS STAY, MR. HEATH WILL MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND URBAN COUNCILS FOR DISCUSSIONS, AND ALSO CALL ON MR. T.W. ASTON, SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER, AND MR. JACK CATER, COMMISSIONER, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

ON MONDAY (JUNE 3) HE WILL BE TAKEN ON A HELICOPTER TOUR TO SEE VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING CONTAINER TERMINALS, HOUSING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE NEXT DAY (TUESDAY) HE WILL VISIT THE URBAN SERVICES SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AT MORSE PARK, AND CALL ON THE ARMY.

MR. HEATH IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR LONDON ON JUNE 4.

NOTE TO EDITORS: MR. HEATH WILL MEET THE PRESS AT A CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON JUNE 4 (TUESDAY) AT 5 P.M. IN THE 35 MM. THEATRE, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR.

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INJURED PO SANG BANK VICTIMS MAY BE COMPENSATED

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING COMPENSATION TO THE HOSTAGES OF THE PO SANG BANK WHO WERE INJURED DURING THE ROBBERY ATTEMPT LAST FRIDAY.

MR. STEPHEN CHAU, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (ACCIDENT COMPENSATION), SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE POLICE, HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES AND THE VICTIMS TO OBTAIN ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION AND FACTS.

+ONCE THE VICTIMS DECIDE TO PROCEED WITH THEIR APPLICATION AND THEIR ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THEIR CASES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD WHICH WILL DECIDE ON THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION,+ HE SAID.

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RECREATIONAL OUTLETS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY
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HONG KONG'S PRESENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT PROVISION FOR THE LEISURE OF YOUNG PEOPLE +HAS BECOME CENTRAL, AND OF HIGH PRIORITY,+ THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S NEW MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS CENTRE AT CAROLINE HILL, WHICH WILL PROVIDE SUPERVISED RECREATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

SIR MURRAY SAID THAT FOR TOO LONG HONG KONG HAD BEEN INCLINED TO REGARD RECREATION AND SPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AS A LUXURY, AND HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SCAA FOR ITS PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE YOUNG.

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

+TODAY'S CEREMONY MARKS AN IMPORTANT STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND ITS PROVISION FOR RECREATION AND SPORT IN HONG KONG AND I AM HERE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THIS PROJECT.

+FOR TOO LONG WE HAVE BEEN INCLINED TO REGARD RECREATION AND SPORT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AS A LUXURY AND AS SOMETHING PERIPHERAL. BUT I BELIEVE THAT AT OUR PRESENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT PROVISION FOR THE LEISURE OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAS BECOME CENTRAL, AND OF HIGH PRIORITY.

+FACILITIES ARE OF PARTICULAR VALUE IF SUPERVISION IS PROVIDED. I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE NUMBER OF PARENTS WHO HAVE TOLD ME THEY WILL NOT ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN TO GO TO PLAYGROUNDS WHICH ARE UNSUPERVISED.

+THEY ARE ALSO OF PARTICULAR VALUE IF THEY ARE MULTI-STOREY AND MULTI-PURPOSE AND MAXIMISE USE OF LAND IN THIS CROWDED CITY.

+THIS NEW SPORTS CENTRE MEETS ALL THESE CRITERIA= IT WILL PROVIDE RECREATION OF MANY SORTS FOR MANY YOUNG PEOPLE: IT MAKES GOOD USE OF THE SITE= IT WILL BE WELL SUPERVISED. I WISH IT AND ITS SPONSORS ALL POSSIBLE SUCCESS.

+I AM SURE THAT CENTRES OF THIS SORT CAN MEET A GREAT NEED IN HONG KONG, AND I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER FIELD FOR A CHARITABLE BEQUEST BY A DONOR OR GROUP OF DONORS THAN TO BUILD THIS SORT OF CENTRE, AND THUS HELP TO MAKE GOOD THE DEFICIENCIES IN PROVISION FOR THE LEISURE OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

+I CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ON POINTING THE WAY.+

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NEW DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION NAMED
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MR. JOHN M. ROWLANDS WILL SUCCEED MR. WILLIAM COLLARD AS DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MR. COLLARD, WHO HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION SINCE 1965, WILL BE GOING ON LEAVE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

MR. ROWLANDS, 48, FIRST CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1952 AND HAS HELD A VARIETY OF POSTS IN THE FORMER RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT, AND THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

HE IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF MR. ROWLANDS' PHOTOGRAPH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION NOW AT THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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FERRY FARES TO RENNIE'S MILL REVISED
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FARES FOR THE PRIVATE-OPERATED FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN, RENNIE'S MILL AND HANG HAU WILL BE REVISED TO A FLAT RATE OF 50 CENTS AS FROM SATURDAY (JUNE 1).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST FARE REVISION FOR THE SERVICES SINCE 1961. IT HAS TO BE MADE IN THE LIGHT OF INCREASING OPERATING COSTS, PARTICULARLY IN FUEL AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES.

AT THE SAME TIME, STARTING ON JUNE 1, THE OPERATOR - THE HOP SHING KUNG FERRY CO. LTD - WILL EXTEND THE SERVICES TO 11.30 P.M. TO FACILITATE PEOPLE WHO MAY NEED THE SERVICES IN LATE EVENING. AT PRESENT, THE LAST RUN IS AT 10 P.M.

THE EXISTING FARES ARE 30 CENTS BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ON EASTERN HONG KONG ISLAND AND RENNIE'S MILL NEAR SAI KUNG, KOWLOON, AND 40 CENTS BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND HANG HAU IN SAI KUNG.

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MP'S TO VISIT ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRE
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THE TWO VISITING BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR. PETER HORDERN AND MR. KENNETH CLARKE, WILL GO TO THE FUK WING STREET ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRE TOMORROW EVENING.

DURING THEIR 30-MINUTE TOUR OF THE CENTRE, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1958, THEY WILL SEE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS, SUCH AS FOLK DANCE, ART, DRAMA, RIBBON FLOWER DESIGN AND MAKE-UP. MEMBERS ALSO PLAY BASKETBALL AND PING PONG AT THE CENTRE WHICH HAS AN INSTRUMENTAL BAND.

THE CENTRE HAS 1,684 REGISTERED MEMBERS. IT IS OPEN FOUR EVENINGS A WEEK AND IS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 140 PEOPLE EACH NIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT AT 8.00 P.M. TOMORROW AT THE CENTRE, WHICH IS THE FUK WING STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 231 FUK WING STREET , KOWLOON.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE
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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

RICE CONTROL SCHEME

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
CHINA RICE:				
SEE MEW - OLD CROP	--			--
- NEW CROP	GOOD			2.21
S.C.JIEN - OLD CROP	--			--
- NEW CROP	GOOD			2.16
PO NGAI	GOOD			1.72
CHU CHO	--			--
THAI RICE:				
100% WHOLE	GOOD			2.03
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD			1.95
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD			1.87
A1 SUPER	GOOD			1.67
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD			1.98
U.S. RICE:	GOOD			1.94
AUSTRALIAN RICE:	GOOD			1.91
PAKISTAN RICE:	--			--
TAIWAN RICE:	--			--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	305 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	2.90	1.80	2.00
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.80	0.60	1.80
SQUID	LIMITED	6.00	2.50	4.50
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	1.60	0.60	1.10
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.30	1.50	2.20
CROAKERS	NORMAL	1.20	0.50	0.80
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	GOOD	1.50	0.80	1.20
MELON COAT	--	--	--	--
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.20	2.50	3.80
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	1.40	0.50	1.00
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.50	3.50	4.00
RED GOAT FISH	GOOD	0.60	0.30	0.45
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.00	0.60	0.80
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	4.00	2.70	3.70
MELON SEED	NORMAL	2.50	1.50	1.80
POMFRETS	LIMITED	6.80	6.00	6.50
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	6.50	4.50	5.30
YELLOW CROAKER	--	--	--	--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.70	0.20	0.50
WHITE CABBAGE	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	0.40	0.10	0.25
WATER SPINACH	GOOD	0.40	0.10	0.25
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	0.80	0.20	0.50
STRING BEANS	NORMAL	1.00	0.20	0.60
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.20	0.30	0.80
SPINACH	--	--	--	--
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	0.90	0.20	0.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.40
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.50	0.15	0.30
TOMATO	NORMAL	1.00	0.30	0.60

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