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HONG KONG'S SUCCESSFUL CLIMB FROM BARGAIN BASEMENT
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THE DRAMATIC GROWTH OF HONG KONG'S EXPORTS IN THE PAST 20 YEARS MARKS A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CLIMB FROM THE BARGAIN BASEMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1980 NEW PRODUCTS COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, DURING WHICH HE PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS AWARD TO YAM'S ELECTRONIC FACTORY LTD FOR THEIR MINI FRIDGE AND FOOD WARMER.

REVIEWING HONG KONG'S RAPID DEVELOPMENT, MR DORWARD SAID: +WE HAVE SEEN DRAMATIC CHANGES IN THOSE LAST TWO DECADES AND MORE. KWUN TONG THEN WAS STILL A RUBBISH DUMP WITH A FEW SQUATTER HUTS ALONGSIDE IT. TSUEN WAN WAS A VILLAGE- AND THE WATERS OF THE DELIGHTFULLY NAMED GIN DRINKERS BAY COVERED WHAT IS NOW A GOOD DEAL OF KWAI CHUNG. AND THERE WERE MANGROVE SWAMPS WHERE THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE STANDS.

+BUT AS DRAMATIC AS THE CHANGE IN OUR PHYSICAL CIRCUMSTANCES HAS BEEN THE CHANGE IN OUR PRODUCTS AND THIS HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN OUR EXPORT FIGURES.

+IN 1959 EXPORTS WERE WORTH \$2 300 MILLION- BY 1969 THEY HAD REACHED \$10 000 MILLION- AND LAST YEAR THEY REACHED \$56 000 MILLION.

+SUCCESS OF THESE DIMENSIONS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY A CONSTANT PROCESS OF UPGRADING AND EXPANSION OF QUALITY AND RANGE. WE ALL RECOGNISE THE NEED FOR FURTHER DIVERSIFICATION, BUT WE SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED,+ HE SAID.

IN HIS FOREWORD TO THE CATALOGUE FOR THE NEW PRODUCTS SHOW ALSO ORGANISED BY THE CMA, MR DORWARD SAID: +WE USED TO BE FOND OF SAYING THAT ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY WAS SUCCESSFUL WAS THAT IT LARGELY SOLD PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY RATHER THAN PRODUCTS. ITS ABILITY TO MAKE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO BUYERS' SPECIFICATIONS WAS ITS GREAT STRENGTH.

+WHILE THIS IS STILL TRUE TO AN EXTENT, TIMES CHANGE. THE ABILITY TO INNOVATE, IN TERMS OF PRODUCT AND DESIGN, IS INCREASINGLY NECESSARY IN THE FACE OF THE CHALLENGES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THIS SHOW INDICATES OUR ABILITY AND DETERMINATION TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE.+

MR DORWARD CONGRATULATED THE CMA ON ITS ENTERPRISE AND PUBLIC SPIRIT IN ORGANISING BOTH THE HONG KONG NEW PRODUCTS COMPETITION - FOR THE ELEVENTH TIME - AND THE HONG KONG NEW PRODUCTS SHOW FOR THE SECOND TIME.

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TUEN MUN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE BETTER MEDICAL CARE

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RESIDENTS OF GROWING TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL SOON HAVE A \$11 MILLION POLYCLINIC WHICH OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF SPECIALIST SERVICES.

THE FIVE-STOREY POLYCLINIC, SITUATED NORTH OF CASTLE PEAK POLICE STATION IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WILL BE NAMED AFTER YAN OI TONG, A CHARITY ORGANISATION WHICH HAS DONATED \$4 MILLION TOWARDS ITS COST.

WHEN THE FIRST STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED NEXT YEAR, THE POLYCLINIC WILL PROVIDE A LARGE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES, A CHEST CLINIC, A RADIODIAGNOSTIC UNIT, A PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY AND A DENTAL CLINIC.

THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE NEW POLYCLINIC WILL BE LAID ON MONDAY (APRIL 28) BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THE POPULATION OF TUEN MUN IS EXPECTED TO BE WELL OVER HALF A MILLION BY THE TURN OF THE DECADE AS A RESULT OF THE MASSIVE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT.

IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED POPULATION INCREASE AND IN KEEPING WITH THE MEDICAL REGIONALISATION SCHEME, A 1 300-BED DISTRICT HOSPITAL WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING MEDICAL NEEDS, HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE TOWN IS SERVED BY A GENERAL CLINIC WHICH INCORPORATES AN OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, A FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE, A MATERNITY HOME, A CHEST CLINIC AND A METHADONE CLINIC.

YAN OI POLYCLINIC, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL REINFORCE THE SERVICES OF THIS EXISTING CLINIC.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1984. IT WILL FURTHER PROVIDE OUT-PATIENT TREATMENT IN SPECIAL BRANCHES OF MEDICINE, AND RENAL DIALYSIS FACILITIES TO COMPLEMENT THOSE IN TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN 1985.

BY THE MID 80S, RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF MEDICAL FACILITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF YAN OI POLYCLINIC WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10.30 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 28). IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH, DR K.L. THONG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF YAN OI TONG AND TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

A GOVERNMENT VAN (AM 2461) WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER FOR TUEN MUN AT 9.15 AM SHARP.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THIS TRANSPORT FACILITY ARE ASKED TO CONTACT MR K.Y. MAK ON 5-7951860 TO RESERVE SEATS.

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GOVERNMENT AIMS TO HAVE ADEQUATE SOCIAL SERVICES IN NT
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THE GOVERNMENT AIMS TO HAVE ADEQUATE AND GOOD SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE NEW TOWNS, BUT ACHIEVING THIS IS NOT EASY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR CHUI WAS SPEAKING AT THE PO LEUNG KUK CENTENARY COLLEGE'S SPORTS DAY AT YUEN LONG STADIUM.

ON THE ONE HAND, HE SAID, THERE WAS A NEED TO PRESS FOR RAPID PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT PLANS WHILE ON THE OTHER PROPER CO-ORDINATION AMONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WAS REQUIRED.

MR CHUI SAID THAT THE NUMEROUS SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS NEEDED EXPERIENCED AND REPUTABLE VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS TO SHOULDER THE DIFFICULT TASK.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT EASY TO OPERATE A SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND IT WAS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO OPERATE A SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE AND TRADITION.

+IT NEEDS CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT FROM ALL CIRCLES AND REQUIRES MANY YEARS OF EFFORT AND SUBSEQUENT GOOD RESULTS TO BUILD UP A GOOD NAME. TRUST FROM PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC IS ALSO NEEDED,+ HE SAID.

MR CHUI SAID THERE HAD BEEN CONTINUOUS INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE IN THE NEW TOWNS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+WHAT THESE CHILDREN NEED IS NOT ONLY PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THEIR TOWNS BUT SCHOOLS WHICH ARE WELL-OPERATED AND UP TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF PARENTS. OTHERWISE, SOME PARENTS WOULD RATHER SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO STUDY AT WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE MORE IDEAL SCHOOLS DESPITE HAVING TO TRAVEL LONG DISTANCES.+

HE NOTED THAT THE PO LEUNG KUK, A LONG ESTABLISHED CHARITABLE BODY, HAD ACHIEVED REMARKABLE RESULTS IN ITS WORK.

HE SAID HE HAD VISITED SCHOOLS RUN BY THE KUK AND FELT THEY WERE A GOOD EXAMPLE IN MANY ASPECTS.

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TSING YI ISLAND TO GET MORE WATER SUPPLY
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO EMBARK ON A \$6.2 MILLION PROJECT TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY TO THE FAST-GROWING RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS ON TSING YI ISLAND.

MR LEE GUN-CHEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER (CONSTRUCTION) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, SAID THE PROJECT INCLUDED THE LAYING OF STEEL PIPELINE OF 600 MM IN DIAMETER AND OTHER DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE FOR FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY.

+WORK WILL START NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE,+ HE SAID.

MR LEE WAS SPEAKING AFTER SIGNING THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WITH MR YUE YUNG-HING OF WO HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

MR LEE SAID SOME 1 100 METRES OF STEEL PIPELINE WOULD BE LAID BETWEEN CHEUNG CHING ESTATE AND THE RECLAMATION AT THE NORTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE TSING YI BRIDGE.

THIS PIPELINE WILL PROVIDE SALT WATER FOR FLUSHING PURPOSES TO THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE AND THE NEW CHEUNG HONG ESTATE FROM A SALT WATER PUMPING STATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED NEXT TO THE BRIDGE.

+IN ADDITION, ANOTHER 4 900 METRES OF STEEL PIPELINE OF DIFFERENT SIZES WILL BE LAID BETWEEN CHEUNG CHING ESTATE AND NAM WAN, ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF TSING YI ISLAND, FOR THE SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER TO NEW LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS,+ HE SAID.

ADDITIONAL SMALLER DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE WILL ALSO BE LAID TO AUGMENT EXISTING FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS.

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HOSPITAL DIRECTORS TAKE OFFICE
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIATED AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1980/81.

AT THE CEREMONY HELD IN THE HOSPITAL IN TSUEN WAN, MR AKERS-JONES PRESENTED TESTIMONIAL CERTIFICATES TO THE OUTGOING DIRECTORS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG ADMINISTERED THE OATH BY THE NEW BOARD ON ASSUMING OFFICE. IT COMPRISES A CHAIRMAN, SIX VICE-CHAIRMEN AND 13 DIRECTORS.

SPEECHES WERE GIVEN BY THE INCOMING AND OUTGOING CHAIRWOMEN, MRS WU KWOK SAU-PING AND MRS RITA LIU RESPECTIVELY.

/YAN CHAI

YAN CHAI IS A GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED GENERAL HOSPITAL ADMINISTERED JOINTLY BY THE HOSPITAL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

THE 150-BED HOSPITAL, OPENED IN AUGUST 1973, SERVES RESIDENTS OF THE WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SNT TO OFFICIATE AT SWEARING-IN OF YAN OI TONG DIRECTORS
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SWEARING-IN OF DIRECTORS OF THE YAN OI TONG, A TUEN MUN BASED CHARITABLE BODY FORMED ABOUT 50 YEARS AGO. THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ABOUT NOON TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY. THEY SHOULD MEET MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT ON THE 15TH FLOOR OF HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD BY 11.45 AM TOMORROW.

INTERVIEWS WILL BE ARRANGED WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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SURVEY ON CAR REPAIR AND SERVICING INDUSTRY
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A MAJOR SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN JUNE TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

THE SURVEY, THE FIFTH OF ITS KIND, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR D.C.J. BANFIELD, SAID THAT THE SURVEY WAS NEEDED IN VIEW OF THE MANY CHANGES SINCE THE ONE CONDUCTED TWO YEARS AGO.

INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT, HE SAID.

INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED FROM THIS SURVEY IS IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY AND CO-OPERATION OF THOSE COVERED IN THE SURVEY IS NEEDED.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH WILL BE SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY RANDOM STRATIFIED SAMPLING.

EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION INCLUDING THE NUMBERS OF WORKERS EMPLOYED AND UNDER TRAINING- AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICERS WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED AND HELP EMPLOYERS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE 1978 SURVEY WAS COMPILED AND ANALYSED AND THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY PUBLISHED. SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

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EXHIBITION TO MARK SCHOOL'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY
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AN EXHIBITION ON +SCIENCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE+ WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND SATURDAY AT BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL AS PART OF THE OPEN DAY ACTIVITIES TO MARK THE SCHOOL'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY.

ON DISPLAY AT THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MANY ITEMS OF INTEREST INCLUDING ALARM SYSTEMS, DIGITAL DISPLAY SYSTEMS, EVERLASTING PLANTS, GARDENING IN MINIATURE AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IN PHOTOGRAPHIC AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS.

THE SCIENCE SHOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM DAILY DURING THESE TWO DAYS AT THE SCHOOL PREMISES AT 51 TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, NORTH POINT.

BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL WAS THE FIRST SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN HONG KONG AND WAS SET UP IN 1890 BY MR E.R. BELILIOS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SCIENCE EXHIBITION AT BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL, 51 TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 5 PM DAILY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND SATURDAY.

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WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SIX HOURS, FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 26), TO FACILITATE A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD, INCLUDING BLOCKS 10 TO 16 OF JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE, AND AMOY CANNING CORPORATION (HK) LTD.

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