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PURCHASE OF RTV SHARE HOLDING APPROVED
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) APPROVED PROPOSALS BY AN AUSTRALIAN CONSORTIUM WHICH INVOLVE THE PURCHASE FROM REDIFFUSION (HK) LTD., OF 61.2 PER CENT OF THE SHAREHOLDING IN REDIFFUSION TELEVISION LTD. (RTV), AND THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONSORTIUM TO THE RTV BOARD.

THE DECISION COMES AFTER CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE PROPOSALS BY THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD AND THE GOVERNMENT.

IN ORDER TO VERIFY THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD PERMIT RTV TO CONTINUE TO BE RUN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HONG KONG, A SMALL GOVERNMENT TEAM LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, MR ALAN SCOTT, AND INCLUDING MR NIGEL WATT, COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, AND MR B.P. CLANCY, DEPUTY CROWN SOLICITOR, VISITED AUSTRALIA TO MAKE A DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF THE THREE COMPANIES WHICH FORM THE CONSORTIUM. THEY ARE DAVID SYME AND CO. LTD., HENRY JONES (IXL) LTD. AND CRA LTD.

AFTER CAREFUL SCRUTINY, THE GOVERNMENT WAS SATISFIED THAT THE COMPANIES WERE AWARE OF AND FULLY ACCEPTED THEIR SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE LICENCE GRANTED TO RTV.

+THEY ENTIRELY ACCEPT AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE LAWS OF HONG KONG THAT A MAJORITY OF THE RTV DIRECTORS MUST BE BRITISH SUBJECTS RESIDENT IN HONG KONG, AND THEY VIEW THEIR INVESTMENT IN AND COMMITMENT TO RTV AS LONG TERM,+ MR SCOTT SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE AGREEMENT, MR SCOTT SAID: +ALL THREE COMPANIES OF THE CONSORTIUM - AND THEY ARE HIGHLY REGARDED IN AUSTRALIA - HAVE INDICATED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG AND IN RTV BY THEIR WILLINGNESS TO COMMIT SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS TO THIS VENTURE. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF VIEWERS TO HAVE TWO COMPETITIVE COMMERCIAL STATIONS, TO ENSURE A CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY AND STANDARDS.+

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BUDGET DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW
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EIGHT OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES AT THE RESUMED BUDGET DEBATE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND ON THURSDAY.

THEY ARE THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

FOUR BILLS WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST READING. THEY ARE THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1981, THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1981 AND THE MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981.

THE TWO-DAY SITTING WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK'S RADIO 2 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 4 (ENGLISH).

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NEW DRIVING SIMULATORS
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TWENTY NEW DRIVING SIMULATORS CAME INTO USE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S INDOOR DRIVING INSTRUCTION CENTRE AT PUI CHING ROAD, HO MAN TIN.

THE NEW EQUIPMENT INCLUDES ONE SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PERSONS, AND IS COMPLEMENTED BY NINE NEW TRAINING FILMS, IN ENGLISH AND CANTONESE VERSIONS, FOR THE NEW SIMULATOR PROGRAMME.

THE OVERALL COST WAS NEARLY \$1 250 000.

THIRTEEN INDOOR DRIVING CLASSES ARE NOW BEING CONDUCTED DAILY AT THE CENTRE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 10.30 PM, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, EXCEPT LUNAR NEW YEAR AND CHRISTMAS.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE INDOOR DRIVING SIMULATOR CLASSES MAY BE OBTAINED AT PUI CHING ROAD DRIVING TEST OFFICE IN KOWLOON ONLY BY THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED THE WRITTEN TEST (PART A OF THE DRIVING TEST).

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TEMPORARY MARINE OFFICE IN TUEN MUN
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A TEMPORARY MARINE OFFICE WILL BE OPENED ON FRIDAY (APRIL 10) AT SAM SHING ESTATE, TUEN MUN, SO AS TO BRING THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT CLOSER TO FISHERMEN. IT WILL PROVIDE ALL THE SERVICES OF THE OLD OFFICE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD WHICH HAS BECOME MORE DISTANT FROM THE WATERFRONT BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE RECLAMATION WORK.

A NEW PERMANENT MARINE OFFICE WILL BE BUILT ON THE WATERFRONT NEAR THE SAME ESTATE BY 1986.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE MR P.E.J. DAVY, THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE TEMPORARY OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE TEMPORARY MARINE OFFICE IN TUEN MUN WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 10) AT UNITS 6 AND 7, GROUND FLOOR, CHUN YU HOUSE, SAM SHING ESTATE.

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CHILD CARE AND SERVICES FOR ELDERLY INSPECTED
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY (TUESDAY) INSPECTED THE GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED INSTITUTIONS FOR OLD PEOPLE AND CHILD CARE OPERATED IN KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT BY THE CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH, HONG KONG SYNOD.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SYNOD PASTOR, THE REV CHAN YAT-KIN, AND CHAIRMAN, THE REV CHEUNG KING-MAN, HE VISITED THE SZE-TIAN RHENISH HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE KWAI CHUNG RHENISH NURSERIES.

HE COMMENDED THE SYNOD FOR ITS WELFARE SERVICES WHICH MEET AN INCREASING NEED IN THE FAST-DEVELOPING KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT.

AT THE HOSTEL, HE SAW THE FACILITIES WHICH CATER FOR 149 OLD PEOPLE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF MANAGING THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLD CHORES.

MR ALLEYNE LATER CALLED AT THE SYNOD'S TWO DAY-NURSERIES FOR CHILDREN AGED UP TO SIX YEARS AND ONE DAY CRECHE WHICH TAKES IN CHILDREN AGED UP TO TWO YEARS.

THE THREE CHILD CARE CENTRES PROVIDE PROPER CARE FOR 190 CHILDREN.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 11 HOURS FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 9) TO 7 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION WORK.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE LOCATED ALONG LEE ON ROAD, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE AND SHUN CHI COURT.

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SALT WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG
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THE SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 11 HOURS FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 9) TO 7 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

ALL PREMISES ALONG LEE ON ROAD, AT SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE AND SHUN CHI COURT WILL BE AFFECTED.

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HOW TO TEACH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ABOUT CULTURE
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TEACHERS OF ART, CRAFT AND MUSIC IN SPECIAL CLASSES ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR NEXT MONTH ON THE TEACHING OF CULTURAL SUBJECTS TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

THE SEMINAR AIMS AT HELPING TEACHERS OF CULTURAL SUBJECTS IN SPECIAL CLASSES TO UNDERSTAND THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THE SPECIAL TEACHING METHODS FOR THESE SUBJECTS.

SPECIALISTS WILL BE DELIVERING LECTURES ON EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, ART THERAPY, MUSIC FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AND TEACHING OF ART AND CRAFT TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

AFTER EACH LECTURE, PARTICIPANTS WILL ENGAGE IN A DISCUSSION SESSION.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON MAY 2 BETWEEN 9 AM AND 1 PM AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, TEACHERS MAY CONTACT MR K.H. CHAN OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION ON 5-778311 EXT. 147.

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BONSAI SHOW IN TUEN MUN ON SATURDAY
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A 10-DAY BONSAI (MINIATURE TREE) EXHIBITION WILL OPEN IN TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND ON SATURDAY (APRIL 11).

ON DISPLAY WILL BE OVER 400 BONSAI PLANTS PROVIDED BY THE CHING CHUNG TAOIST MONASTERY AND LOCAL SCHOOLS, INCLUDING A 200-YEAR-OLD BEECH TREE BELIEVED TO BE A FAVOURITE OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER OF THE CHING DYNASTY.

THE ABBOT OF CHING CHUNG MONASTERY, THE REV HAU PO-WOON, SAID HE HOPED THE EXHIBITION WOULD BRING TO LOCAL PEOPLE THE ART OF POT LANDSCAPE WHICH WAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED SOMETHING FOR RICH AND INTELLECTUAL PEOPLE IN CHINA.

+JUST IMAGINE HAVING OLD TREES AND PRECIPITOUS ROCKS ON THE TABLE IN YOUR LIVING ROOM,+ REV HAU SAID. +BONSAI STRESSES THE EMBODIMENT OF THE BEAUTY OF NATURE IN A TINY COMPASS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO HONG KONG BECAUSE IT REMINDS US THAT QUALITY AND BEAUTY ARE ACHIEVABLE EVEN THOUGH LIFE IS BUSY AND ROOM IS LIMITED.+

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY. THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, WILL OFFICIATE.

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THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM UNTIL APRIL 20.

THERE WILL BE DAILY DEMONSTRATIONS OF BONSAI PLANTING AND A BOOKLET INTRODUCING THE ART OF BONSAI PLANT GROWING WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE CHING CHUNG TAOIST ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND SPONSORED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANTI-DRUG FOLK CONCERT

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS WILL HOLD AN ACAN FOLK CONCERT ON APRIL 19 (SUNDAY) AT 8 PM AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE. THE CONCERT IS PRODUCED BY THE RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

DETAILS OF THE CONCERT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY (APRIL 10) AT 2 PM IN STUDIO 2, BROADCASTING HOUSE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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