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GOVERNOR ATTENDS NT SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
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THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES IS BEING CHANGED BY DEVELOPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE HONG KONG'S GROWING POPULATION, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHEUNG SHUI.

HE SAID THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN NORTH DISTRICT WOULD BE OPENING SHORTLY IN SHEK WU HUI.

+NEWCOMERS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE NO PREVIOUS CONNECTION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BEGIN TO MOVE INTO THIS DISTRICT IN THEIR THOUSANDS,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

+THE CHALLENGE IS TO MAKE THESE PEOPLE FEEL THAT THEY TOO BELONG TO FANLING OR SHEUNG SHUI, THAT THESE TOWNS ARE THEIR HOME AS WELL AS YOURS.

+WE MUST STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW TOWN HAS A DISTRICT CHARACTER, AND PRESERVE THE BEST OF THE PAST WHILE BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID A FINE, WELL ESTABLISHED SCHOOL SUCH AS FUNG KAI COULD HELP A GREAT DEAL IN THIS EFFORT BY CONSCIOUSLY MAINTAINING ITS TRADITIONS AND HIGH STANDARDS, AND COPING WITH THE CHANGES AS THEY CAME.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, MR LIU YUN-SUM, SPOKE OF HOW THE SCHOOL HAD GROWN FROM A VILLAGE SCHOOL OF SOME 80 PUPILS INTO A WELL-EQUIPPED SCHOOL WITH 180 TEACHERS AND 4 400 KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS.

THE SCHOOL, CONSISTING OF FOUR BLOCKS, HAS A TOTAL AREA OF 111 500 SQUARE METRES. THERE ARE 83 CLASSROOMS, A 400-METRE RUNNING TRACK, FOUR SOCCER PITCHES, SEVEN BASKETBALL COURTS AND ONE HANDBALL COURT.

MR LIU TOLD THE GUESTS THAT TO CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE, A MEMORIAL HALL HAD BEEN BUILT TO PRESERVE A RECORD OF ALL WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL.

TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENT, THE GOVERNOR UNVEILED A PLAQUE IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AND PLANTED A TREE NEARBY.

EARLIER THE GOVERNOR VISITED SHA TAU KOK. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER (NT), MR MIKE ILLINGWORTH, THE GURKHA FIELD FORCE COMMANDER, BRIGADIER R.M. LLEWELLYN, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER, TAI PO AND FANLING NEW TOWNS, MR JEFF THOMAS, ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TAU KOK, AND BY THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FRONTIER, MR JOHN GREENE.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO WENT TO NORTH DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE IN FANLING FOR A BRIEFING ON FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI DEVELOPMENT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER JOHNSON, AND MR THOMAS.

APART FROM CHOI YUEN ESTATE, BEING BUILT AS PART OF FANLING/SHEK WU HUI AND WHICH IS TO OPEN SOON, THREE OTHER ESTATES, INCLUDING A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, ARE SOON TO BE BUILT IN NORTH DISTRICT. ALTOGETHER THEY WILL ACCOMMODATE 83 000 PEOPLE AND WILL BE LINKED TO KOWLOON BY A FAST ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICE IN THE SUMMER OF 1983.

THERE ARE 15 PRIMARY AND SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. TWO PRIMARY AND TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A TOTAL OF 33 HECTARES OF LAND HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR DISTRICT OPEN SPACE AND MAJOR RECREATIONAL PROJECTS INCLUDE THE NEWLY COMPLETED SQUASH COURTS IN FANLING, A CULTURAL COMPLEX, A SPORTS COMPLEX, A SWIMMING POOL, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL AND A TOWN PARK.

THE NEW TOWN, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL PROVIDE HOUSING FOR 172 000 PEOPLE.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH :

+ I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU TO-DAY TO CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL.

+ IF CHAIRMAN LUI HAD NOT DRAWN OUR ATTENTION TO THE HUMBLE ORIGINS OF THE SCHOOL AND THE HARDSHIPS IT FACED IN THE PAST, NO ONE WOULD HAVE GUESSED THEM, FOR I SEE A FLOURISHING, CONFIDENT SCHOOL TO-DAY. SUSPICION AT THE SCHOOL'S FOUNDING, SHORTAGE OF MONEY, THE DISRUPTION AND DIFFICULTIES OF WAR, ALL THESE OBSTACLES WERE OVERCOME THROUGH THE LOYALTY OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND THE DEDICATION OF ITS LEADERS.

+ NOW A DIFFERENT CHALLENGE FACES THE SCHOOL. ALL AROUND US THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES IS BEING CHANGED BY DEVELOPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE HONG KONG'S GROWING POPULATION.

+ THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THIS DISTRICT WILL BE OPENING SHORTLY IN SHEK WU HUI. NEWCOMERS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE NO PREVIOUS CONNECTION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BEGIN TO MOVE INTO THIS DISTRICT IN THEIR THOUSANDS.

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+ WE MUST STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW TOWN HAS A DISTRICT CHARACTER, AND PRESERVE THE BEST OF THE PAST WHILE BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

+ A FINE, WELL-ESTABLISHED SCHOOL SUCH AS FUNG KAI CAN HELP A GREAT DEAL IN THIS EFFORT BY CONSCIOUSLY MAINTAINING ITS TRADITIONS AND HIGH STANDARDS, AND COPING WITH THE CHANGES AS THEY COME.

+ THE LIU CLAN IS RIGHTLY PROUD OF FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL'S FIRST FIFTY YEARS. I AM SURE THAT THE SCHOOL WILL CONTINUE TO JUSTIFY THIS PRIDE IN THE YEARS TO COME.

+ FINALLY, I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR+.

KEEN ELECTION FORECAST FOR YUEN LONG
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ALL SEATS IN THE SIX YUEN LONG CONSTITUENCIES WILL BE KEENLY CONTESTED WHEN THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 4, THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL.

HE SAID HE WAS SURE THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT WOULD COME FORWARD TO CHOOSE THOSE WHO THEY BELIEVED COULD BEST HELP THEM TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OF COMMUNITY LIFE AND TO FACE AND SOLVE FUTURE PROBLEMS.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD DEPENDS ON THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN THE ELECTIONS HAVE THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY, AS DOES EVERY RESIDENT IN YUEN LONG, TO PRESS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LIFE IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE FIRST VERY SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL TOOK PLACE LAST YEAR, THE RESULT OF IMAGINATION, DRIVE AND COOPERATION FOR WHICH YUEN LONG WAS WELL-KNOWN.

THIS YEAR THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL LEADERS HAD ONCE AGAIN GIVEN FULL SUPPORT TO THE ARTS FESTIVAL TO PRODUCE A SPLENDID 16-DAY PROGRAMME OF GREAT VARIETY.

+APART FROM PROMOTING THE ARTS, THE LOCAL COMMUNITY HAS WORKED TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO PRODUCE AND MANAGE A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES: THE TOWN HALL, THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE YUEN LONG STADIUM, THE LUT SAU HALL, AND THE SWIMMING POOL IN THE SUMMER OF THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

THIS ZEAL AND INTEREST WAS DEMONSTRATED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

HE CONGRATULATED THE SECOND YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND WISHED THE YUEN LONG COMMUNITY 16 DAYS OF DELIGHT AND ENJOYMENT.

THE 26-EVENT PROGRAMME INCLUDE CONCERTS, CANTONESE OPERA, FOLK DANCING, DRAMA, PUPPET SHOWS, A VARIETY SHOW, JAPANESE FILM APPRECIATION, A BALLET PERFORMANCE, A CHESS COMPETITION, EXHIBITIONS AND TALKS.

THEY WILL BE HELD AT THE LUT SAU HALL, YUEN LONG TOWN HALL OR LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

ENTRY TO MOST EVENTS IS FREE.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD AT A COST OF \$350 000, IS EXPECTED TO BE ATTENDED BY 25 000 PEOPLE THIS YEAR.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S OPENING WERE FESTIVAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR MA NING-HEI- THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG- AND LOCAL LEADERS.

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CENTRAL PRIME SITE SOLD
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY AWARDED A TENDER FOR A 13 400-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, INLAND LOT NO. 8668, TO MULBERRY LAND CO. LTD., A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE HONG KONG LAND COMPANY LTD.

ANNOUNCING THIS, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR P.A. WARD, SAID THAT THREE TENDERS WERE RECEIVED FOR THIS PRIME SITE.

HE SAID : +UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS, THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER IS REQUIRED TO BUILD A BUS AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS TERMINUS AT GROUND LEVEL, COVERED BY A TWO-STOREY PODIUM CONTAINING PREMISES FOR THE UNIFIED STOCK EXCHANGE, AN OPEN PEDESTRIAN PLAZA AND COMMERCIAL ACCOMMODATION.

+ABOVE THE PODIUM, OFFICE ACCOMMODATION CAN BE BUILT UP TO A TOTAL HEIGHT OF 182.5 METRES ABOVE PRINCIPAL DATUM.+

IN VIEW OF THE PRESENCE OF THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS AND A PLB TERMINUS ON THE SITE, MR WARD SAID, SPECIAL MEASURES WERE IMPOSED IN THE TENDER CONDITIONS TO ENSURE THAT EXISTING TRANSPORT FACILITIES WOULD BE MAINTAINED AND INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WOULD BE MINIMISED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

HE ADDED : +THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THE PLB TERMINUS UNTIL THE NEW PLB TERMINUS IS COMPLETED, ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, TO MOVE THE TERMINUS AROUND WITHIN THE SITE AS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES.+

MR WARD SAID THAT THE BUS TERMINUS WOULD BE BUILT IN TWO STAGES, AND THE DEVELOPER WOULD NOT BE GIVEN POSSESSION OF THE PORTION OF THE SITE CONTAINING THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS UNTIL HE HAD COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE NEW BUS TERMINUS ON THE ADJACENT SITE.

+UNDER THE TENDER CONDITIONS, THE NEW PLB TERMINUS AND PART OF THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1984, AND THE BALANCE OF THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS BY MARCH 31, 1986,+ HE SAID.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER BID \$4 755 000 000 FOR THE SITE. SIXTY PER CENT OF THIS SUM IS PAYABLE WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE AWARD OF TENDER AND THE REMAINING FORTY PER CENT IS PAYABLE WHEN POSSESSION OF THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS SITE IS GIVEN TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER IN 2-1/2 YEARS' TIME.

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WARNING AGAINST PARKING IN FRONT OF FIRE HYDRANTS
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) WARNED THAT VEHICLES ILLEGALLY PARKED IN FRONT OF FIRE HYDRANTS COULD ENDANGER MANY LIVES IF A FIRE OCCURRED.

THE WARNING WAS ISSUED AS THE RESULT OF A NO. 4 ALARM FIRE IN LAM TIN EARLY THIS YEAR WHEN FIRE FIGHTING OPERATIONS WERE DELAYED BECAUSE THE NEAREST FIRE HYDRANT WAS OBSTRUCTED BY PARKED VEHICLES.

WHEN THE FIREMEN ARRIVED, THEY FOUND TWO CARS AND A LORRY PARKED IN FRONT OF THE FIRE HYDRANT, BLOCKING IT COMPLETELY.

FURTHERMORE, THE LORRY, WHICH WAS PARKED CLOSE TO THE TWO CARS, WAS FITTED WITH A BRAKE LOCK AND CONSEQUENTLY, NONE OF THE VEHICLES COULD BE REMOVED, HE SAID.

THE FIREMEN WERE FORCED TO USE WATER FROM A HYDRANT OVER 200 METRES AWAY.

THE LOSS OF TIME CONTRIBUTED TO THE SPREAD OF THE FIRE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROBLEM WHICH HAS BECOME QUITE COMMON IN THE TERRITORY, HE SAID.

DRIVERS SHOULD NOT PARK THEIR CARS ANYWHERE NEAR A FIRE HYDRANT, HE WARNED.

+WE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO A FIRE HYDRANT WITHOUT HINDRANCE AT ANY TIME, SO THAT WE CAN PUT OUT FIRES AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE. TWO SECONDS WORTH OF CONSIDERATION COULD SAVE LIVES,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING THE INTRODUCTION OF A ROAD MARKING IN THE VICINITY OF FIRE HYDRANTS TO CAUTION DRIVERS NOT TO PARK THERE.

ANY VEHICLE ILLEGALLY PARKED IN FRONT OF A FIRE HYDRANT IS LIKELY TO BE TOWED AWAY BY THE POLICE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE TO ITS OWNER.

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APPOINTMENTS TO PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL
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APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD.

THE COUNCIL, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HON ALEX WU, WILL ADVISE THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS ON HOW THE GOVERNMENT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS IN HONG KONG.

MEMBERSHIP IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES WILL MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP WHILE THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL BE THE HON W.C.L. BROWN, THE HON SELINA CHOW, THE CHAIRMAN, URBAN COUNCIL OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE, SIR RUN RUN SHAW, MR LEO T.H. LEE, MR MICHAEL STEVENSON, DR P.P. CHIU, MR CHUNG KING-FAI, PROFESSOR DAVID GWILT, DR RICHARD HO AND MRS CHRISTINE LIAO.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM SAID THE COUNCIL WAS SET UP IN VIEW OF THE RAPID GROWTH OF PERFORMING ARTS ACTIVITIES WHICH UNDERLINES THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS BODIES INVOLVED, IN ORDER TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND WASTAGE OF RESOURCES.

+IF WE ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE IN OUR SUPPORT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS, WE SHALL NEED TO BE ADVISED ON NEEDS AND HOW GOVERNMENT CAN HELP MEET THESE NEEDS,+ HE EXPLAINED. +AT THE SAME TIME,+ HE SAID, +THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION.+

MR WIGGHAM ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROMOTION OF THE PERFORMING ARTS, SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT AN OVERALL VIEW IS TAKEN OF ALL GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD, WHEN FORMULATING PROPOSALS FOR SUPPORT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL ARE:

- A) TO ADVISE HOW GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS CAN BE IMPROVED AND EXPANDED, IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE.
- B) TO ENSURE THAT THE USE OF GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS IS MAXIMISED AND MEETS THE NEEDS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.

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- C) TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENT ON ANY SPECIAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS.
- D) TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW NEEDS IN THIS FIELD AND PROGRESS MADE.
- E) TO ESTABLISH SUB-COMMITTEES TO ASSIST IN THE FULFILMENT OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND TO APPOINT TO SUCH SUB-COMMITTEES PERSONS NOT NECESSARILY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

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MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PLANNED
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EXISTING FACILITIES IN SCHOOL HALLS AND RECREATIONAL GROUNDS SHOULD BE IMPROVED, AS A STOP-GAP MEASURE TO HELP EASE THE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD SUGGESTED IN ITS THIRD MEETING TODAY.

THIS WORK WILL INCLUDE UPGRADING THE EXISTING FACILITIES IN COMMUNITY HALLS AND SCHOOL HALLS FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES AND STAGING PERFORMANCES, AS WELL AS ADDING FIELD FACILITIES TO SOME OF THE EXISTING RECREATIONAL GROUNDS.

SEVERAL LONG-TERM PROJECTS ARE PLANNED TO PROVIDE AMENITY AREAS, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS GROUNDS TO THIS DEVELOPED AND DENSELY-POPULATED DISTRICT.

MEMBERS ALSO ADVISED ON THE MOST SUITABLE SITE AND THE VARIOUS FACILITIES NEEDED FOR A PROPOSED CULTURAL COMPLEX FOR WEST KOWLOON WHICH WOULD BE SIMILAR IN SCALE TO THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, THE BOARD ENDORSED BUILDING A PERMANENT STAIRCASE ON THE SLOPE ADJOINING PAK WAN STREET AND PUI TAK STREET TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ROUGH AND UNSAFE WOODEN STEPS, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A SHORT-CUT BETWEEN PAK TIN AND SHEK KIP MEI.

THE BOARD ALSO APPROVED THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE EXISTING SQUATTER AREA FIRE-WATCH TEAMS IN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO REINFORCE THE FIRE-WATCH TEAMS AND ASSIST THEM IN COMBATING FIRES, THUS MINIMISING THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES OF THE SQUATTERS.

MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED WAYS OF IMPROVING PRESENT POSTAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT, AND VETTED THE FINAL SHORTLISTED ENTRIES FOR THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION.

A DISCUSSION WAS ALSO HELD ON THE LAWS ON HOMOSEXUALITY IN HONG KONG.

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CAREERS DISPLAY BY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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MORE AND MORE STUDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN TODAY'S MODERN CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, AND THEIR ENTHUSIASM WAS REFLECTED BY THEIR KEEN PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) STATIC DISPLAY OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT CARMEL ENGLISH SCHOOL IN HO MAN TIN.

THE EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF CAREERS MASTERS, IS MOUNTED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, OTHER DISCIPLINARY SERVICES AND 11 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NORTH KOWLOON DISTRICT.

THE DISPLAY LASTS FOR TWO DAYS, AND THE OPENING HOURS FOR TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 3.30 PM.

THE NEWLY RETITLED CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THROUGH COLOURFUL PHOTOGRAPHS, INTRODUCED TO THE STUDENTS THE MEANINGFUL AND VARIED WORK OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND ITS EXCELLENT STAFF WELFARE FACILITIES.

MANY STUDENTS WHO WERE ATTRACTED BY SUCH A DISPLAY MADE ENQUIRIES AT THE STAND ON THE CHALLENGING AND WORTHWHILE CAREER, WITH CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ON HAND ANSWERING QUESTIONS AND DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION LEAFLETS.

THROUGH THE EXHIBITION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY STUDENTS IN THE UPPER FORMS, WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON THE CURRENT ROLES AND FUNCTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR AN ASSISTANT OFFICER II IS FROM \$2 215 TO \$2 450 DEPENDING ON THEIR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION.

INTERESTED PERSONS CAN OBTAIN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRES OF DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND THE FOUR RECRUITMENT CENTRES OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THEY ARE : THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE IN BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AT 16-1/2 MILESTONE CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HEADQUARTERS RECRUITMENT OFFICE AT OI KWAN COURT, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THEY CAN ALSO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT OFFICE AT 5-8916559 FOR DETAILS.

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TSUEN WAN TO HAVE MORE TOWN OFFICERS
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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HAVE MORE TOWN OFFICERS TO CARRY OUT THE WORK OF ITS VARIOUS SUB-DISTRICTS.

FROM TODAY (FRIDAY), THE THREE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICERS/ADMINISTRATION WILL BE RETITLED TOWN OFFICERS, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF SUCH OFFICERS TO FIVE.

THESE OFFICERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL SUB-DISTRICTS, KWAI CHUNG EAST, KWAI CHUNG WEST, TSUEN WAN EAST, TSUEN WAN WEST AND TSING YI.

THEIR WORK INCLUDES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LIAISON AND TOWN MANAGEMENT.

+WITH THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT THE LINE OF COMMAND AND RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE CLEARER. THIS WILL ALSO RESULT IN BETTER USE OF STAFF RESOURCES WITHIN EACH SUB-DISTRICT,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TOWN OFFICERS ARE: MISS ANJU MAKHIJA FOR KWAI CHUNG WEST, MR Y.T. LAM FOR KWAI CHUNG EAST, MR PARRISH NG FOR TSUEN WAN EAST, MR FRANKIE LUI FOR TSUEN WAN WEST, AND MR W.P. TAM FOR TSING YI.

PREVIOUSLY, THERE WERE TWO TOWN OFFICERS SERVING KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN. THEY WERE RECRUITED IN 1976 TO ASSIST THE TOWN MANAGER IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS WORK.

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RSS SPORTS VARIETY NIGHT
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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING 40 SPORTING EVENTS TO MARK THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE FESTIVAL OF SPORTS.

THE SPORTS BONANZA WILL KICK-OFF ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 16) EVENING AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI, WHERE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WILL ENJOY HOCKEY, SOCCER AND SHUTTLECOCK DEMONSTRATIONS — ALL ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

DURING THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE AT VARIOUS VENUES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID FREE TICKETS FOR ADMISSION TO THE +SPORTS VARIETY NIGHT+ WHICH STARTS AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE RSS HEADQUARTERS AND ITS DISTRICT OFFICE.

/THE FESTIVAL

THE FESTIVAL OF SPORTS IS AN ANNUAL EVENT SUPPORTED AND CO-ORDINATED BY THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG.

EVERY YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION OF SPORTS, PROVIDES FUNDS FOR THE FESTIVAL.

THIS YEAR THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS HAS ALLOCATED \$250 000 FOR THE FESTIVAL — MORE THAN TWICE THE AMOUNT GIVEN LAST YEAR.

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**BIG KWUN TONG CLEAN UP STARTS SOON
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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE LAUNCHING PHASE ONE OF 'OPERATION TORCH' — A MAJOR EXERCISE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC, HYGIENE AND FIRE SAFETY IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA — ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 15) AT 9.30 AM IN THE REAR LANE BETWEEN HOW MING STREET AND TSUN YIP STREET.

ABOUT 150 PEOPLE WILL BE INVOLVED IN CLEARING SOME 15 LARGE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES FROM THE LANE.

THE WORK WILL BE THE FIRST OF A THIRTEEN-STAGE CLEARANCE EFFORT IN KWUN TONG TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT. THE ENTIRE 'OPERATION TORCH' WILL TAKE 13 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

'OPERATION TORCH' IS SUPPORTED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AND IS BEING JOINTLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND CO-ORDINATED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING OF PHASE ONE OF 'OPERATION TORCH' ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 15), AT 9.30 AM IN THE REAR LANE BETWEEN HOW MING STREET AND TSUN YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG.

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INDIAN SAROD PLAYER FOR RECITAL

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INDIAN SAROD PLAYER, USTAD AMJAD ALI KHAN, WILL BE THE SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST IN A PROGRAMME OF INDIAN AND CHINESE MUSIC TO BE GIVEN ON MARCH 2 AT 8 PM IN THE SHOUSON THEATRE.

RECIPIENT OF A UNESCO AWARD AT THE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FORUM IN 1971, HE IS TODAY CONSIDERED THE FOREMOST EXPONENT AND INTERPRETER OF THE INDIAN SAROD.

BORN IN GWALIOR IN 1945, HE BEGAN STUDYING THE INSTRUMENT FROM THE AGE OF FIVE UNDER THE TUTELAGE OF HIS FATHER, A LEADING MUSICIAN. IN HIS TEENS HE BECAME A NATIONAL CELEBRITY AND TODAY IS DEDICATED TO BRINGING THE CENTURIES-OLD TRADITIONAL MUSIC OF INDIA TO AUDIENCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

HIS PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF RAGA MUSIC, ACCOMPANIED BY THE TABLA, A TWO-PIECE PERCUSSIVE DRUM, AND THE TANPURA, A DRONE INSTRUMENT TUNED TO THE KEYNOTES OF THE RAGA.

FOLLOWING AMJAD KHAN'S RECITAL, ONE OF HONG KONG'S LEADING CHENG PLAYERS, MISS LIU LI-CHUAN, WILL PRESENT A PROGRAMME OF FIVE WORKS. THESE INCLUDE A MIXTURE OF TRADITIONAL FOLK-TUNES FROM VARIOUS CHINESE PROVINCES IN ADDITION TO HER OWN COMPOSITIONS.

MISS LIU HAS TOURED THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA AS A SOLOIST.

SHE IS WELL-KNOWN AS AN ORCHESTRAL DIRECTOR AND LED THE COMBINED YOUTH ORCHESTRAS OF SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG DURING THE 1979 ASIAN YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

SHE HAS COMPOSED MANY WORKS FOR CHINESE INSTRUMENTS AND HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT SINCE HER ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG IN 1978.

TICKETS FOR THIS CONCERT ARE AT \$10, \$20 AND \$30 AND ARE ON SALE FROM THE ARTS CENTRE BOX OFFICE AND FROM THE SCMP BOOKSHOPS AT 107 WORLDWIDE HOUSE, AND 313 OCEAN CENTRE. POSTAL BOOKING IS ALSO AVAILABLE AND FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING THE ARTS CENTRE BOX OFFICE (5-280626) BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 9.30 PM.

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CLOSURE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD SECTION

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A SECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH EMBANKMENT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE MORNINGS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 15) FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SAI YEE STREET AND BOUNDARY STREET AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC MAY USE EMBANKMENT ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CARRIAGEWAY
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A WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY IN THE SECTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS BETWEEN 9 PM AND 4 AM FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 15) FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC HEADING FOR MEI FOO SUN CHUEN WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE NEIGHBOURING CARRIAGEWAY.

KWAI CHUNG-BOUND TRAFFIC ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK INTERCHANGE WILL BE DIVERTED AT LAI CHI KOK FIRE STATION TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD BEFORE JOINING KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

IN ADDITION, THE BUS STOP IN THE ROAD SECTION WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

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CARNIVAL AND VARIETY SHOW IN KWUN TONG
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A CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN AND A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 14) IN KWUN TONG TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

THE EVENTS ARE BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND EAST NGAU TAU KOK AREA COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL BE HELD IN THE NUMBER FOUR PLAYGROUND OF UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE, WITH THE CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN STARTING AT 2 PM AND LASTING UNTIL 5 PM AND THE VARIETY SHOW STARTING AT 7 PM.

THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE A FUN FAIR FOR THE CHILDREN, AND THE VARIETY SHOW WILL INCLUDE LION DANCES, KUNG FU DISPLAYS AND SINGING.

THE EVENTS WILL BE OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONIES WILL BE THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, KWUN TONG, MR PETER PANG, AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHAN KANG-CHOW.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PARTY FOR STAFF
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STAFF OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE TREATED TO FREE DRINKS, GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT AT A PARTY TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 14).

THE CHILDREN'S PARTY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE STAFF SOCIETY AND THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND RELATIONS UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE HELD IN THE SPORTS FIELD OF KOWLOON HOSPITAL FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM.

THERE WILL BE MANY PRIZE-GIVING GAMES STALLS, AS WELL AS PERFORMANCES OF MARTIAL ARTS, LION DANCES, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS, MUSIC BY THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE COMBO, AND A MARCH DISPLAY BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BAND.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY'S EVENT WILL BE A LUCKY DRAW WITH ATTRACTIVE PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S STAFF PARTY WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE LAWN BY THE ENTRANCE TO THE WEST WING OF KOWLOON HOSPITAL, ARGYLE STREET, BETWEEN 1 PM AND 5 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 14).

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