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BRITISH TEAM WANTS TO GO ON NEGOTIATING

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THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, REITERATED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INTRODUCING THE PARTIAL BILL INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN ORDER TO GIVE THE BRITISH TEAM MORE TIME AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES OF ELECTION COMMITTEE, FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND THE THROUGH-TRAIN.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE PING SHAN HERITAGE TRAIL IN YUEN LONG, MR PATTEN SAID: "WE'VE MADE IT ABSOLUTELY PLAIN THAT WE NEED THIS PARTIAL LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO GIVE OURSELVES MORE TIME FOR THOSE OTHER MATTERS.

"WE WANT TO GO ON NEGOTIATING AT THE TABLE. WE ARE NOT GOING TO LEAVE THE TABLE.

"TALKING IS BETTER THAN WALKING."

RESPONDING THE REMARKS BY CHINESE OFFICIALS YESTERDAY ABOUT TURMOIL AND CHAOS, THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS NOT TURMOIL AND CHAOS IN HONG KONG.

"WE HAVE HERE IN HONG KONG A STABLE, PROSPEROUS, INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY, RECOGNISED AS SUCH BY THE WHOLE OF THE WORLD, RECOGNISED AS SUCH, I THINK, BY OUR NEIGHBOURS IN CHINA AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE STABLE AND AS STABLE AND PROSPEROUS, FLOURISHING UNDER THE RULE OF LAW."

MR PATTEN SAID IN THE LAST YEAR, HONG KONG HAD A GOOD DEBATE ABOUT ITS POLITICAL FUTURE.

"IT'S BEEN CONDUCTED IN A WAY WHICH IS CALM AND SENSIBLE AND MATURE, JUST THE SORT OF WAY THAT YOU EXPECT THESE MATTERS TO BE HANDLED IN HONG KONG. AND WHILE THAT DEBATE'S BEEN TAKING PLACE, HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAS GROWN BY ABOUT 5.5 %," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"WE'VE CUT TAXES. WE'VE INCREASED PROVISIONS FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMMES AND WE'VE SEEN GROWING INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF OUR ECONOMY. THAT'S HOW IT HAS BEEN AND THAT'S HOW IT IS GOING TO CONTINUE."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE BRITISH ECONOMIC TIE WITH CHINA, MR PATTEN SAID: "I VERY MUCH AGREE WITH PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN WHO SAID TO PRESIDENT CLINTON WHEN HE SAW HIM RECENTLY THAT NOBODY SHOULD MIX UP POLITICS WITH ECONOMICS.

"IT'S TRUE THAT BRITISH AND CHINA HAVE AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP. IT'S ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP IN WHICH UNDER THE LAST FIGURES, CHINESE EXPORTS TO BRITAIN WERE TWICE AS LARGE AS BRITISH EXPORTS TO CHINA.

"THERE IS A LARGE CHINESE SURPLUS WITH BRITISH IN TRADE AND I AM SURE THAT THAT'S RECOGNISED BY CHINESE OFFICIALS AS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN CHINA'S ECONOMIC OPENING.

"EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR WAS ENCOURAGING BRITISH FIRMS TO INVEST IN CHINA AND I AM SURE THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO DO THAT."

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GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO REPORTERS

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE PING SHAN HERITAGE TRAIL ON DECEMBER 12, 1993:

GOVERNOR: I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO SPEND YOUR SUNDAY MORNING SEEING THE OPENING OF THIS HERITAGE TRAIL. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF US IN THE COMMUNITY ARE REMINDED OF HONG KONG'S PAST AS WELL AS BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE AND I HOPE MANY PEOPLE IN FUTURE WILL COME AND SEE SOME OF OUR HERITAGE THEMSELVES.

QUESTION : MR GOVERNOR, MR LI PENG YESTERDAY SAID THAT THE BRITISH ECONOMIC TIE WITH CHINA MAY BE AFFECTED BECAUSE OF YOUR UNILATERAL ACTION. SO WILL YOU MAKE ANY FURTHER CONCESSION OR SELL HONG KONG PEOPLE'S INTERESTS BECAUSE OF THIS REMARK?

GOVERNOR: I VERY MUCH AGREE WITH PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN WHO SAID TO PRESIDENT CLINTON WHEN HE SAW HIM RECENTLY THAT NOBODY SHOULD MIX UP POLITICS WITH ECONOMICS. I THINK THAT'S EXTREMELY SENSIBLE ADVICE AND IT'S CERTAINLY ADVICE WHICH I WILL ALWAYS WANT TO FOLLOW. I AM SURE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PUT ALL ITS PRIORITY ON THE WELL-BEING AND INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. IT'S TRUE THAT BRITISH AND CHINA HAVE AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP. IT'S ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP IN WHICH UNDER THE LAST FIGURES, CHINESE EXPORTS TO BRITAIN WERE TWICE AS LARGE AS BRITISH EXPORTS TO CHINA. THERE IS A LARGE CHINESE SURPLUS WITH BRITISH IN TRADE AND I AM SURE THAT THAT'S RECOGNISED BY CHINESE OFFICIALS AS IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN CHINA'S ECONOMIC OPENING. EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR WAS ENCOURAGING BRITISH FIRMS TO INVEST IN CHINA AND I AM SURE THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO DO THAT. JUST ONE OR TWO OTHER THINGS WHICH I'D LIKE TO SAY. I NOTED WHAT CHINESE OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY ABOUT TURMOIL AND CHAOS AND I WANT TO MAKE AN OBVIOUS POINT. THERE IS NO TURMOIL OR CHAOS IN HONG KONG, WHOEVER ELSE THERE MAY BE THE THREAT FOR THE PROSPECT OF TURMOIL OR CHAOS. SO, I THINK THAT CHINESE LEADERS AND CHINESE OFFICIALS COULD PUT THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS AT REST ON THAT PARTICULAR QUESTION. WE HAVE HERE IN HONG KONG A STABLE, PROSPEROUS, INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY, RECOGNISED AS SUCH BY THE WHOLE OF THE WORLD, RECOGNISED AS SUCH, I THINK, BY OUR NEIGHBOURS IN CHINA AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE STABLE AND AS STABLE AND PROSPEROUS, FLOURISHING UNDER THE RULE OF LAW. IN THE LAST YEAR, WE HAD A GOOD DEBATE ABOUT OUR POLITICAL FUTURE. IT'S BEEN CONDUCTED IN A WAY WHICH IS CALM AND SENSIBLE AND MATURE, JUST THE SORT OF WAY THAT YOU EXPECT THESE MATTERS TO BE HANDLED IN HONG KONG. AND WHILE THAT DEBATE'S BEEN TAKING PLACE, HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAS GROWN BY ABOUT 5.5 %. WE'VE CUT TAXES. WE'VE INCREASED PROVISIONS FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMMES AND WE'VE SEEN GROWING INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE OF OUR ECONOMY. THAT'S HOW IT HAS BEEN AND THAT'S HOW IT IS GOING TO CONTINUE. ONE MORE

QUESTION: THE PWC WILL DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AFTER 1997, DO YOU THINK IT WILL AFFECT THE INTENTION OF THE CANDIDATES WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1994/95 ELECTIONS?

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GOVERNOR: NOT REMOTELY. THE BODY WHICH, OF COURSE, IS ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY HERE IN HONG KONG, VOTED FOR BY THE COMMUNITY HERE IN HONG KONG IS THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THAT IS WHERE OUR LAWS ARE MADE. THAT IS WHERE OUR LAWS ARE REPEALED. THAT'S WHERE THE DECISIONS ARE TAKEN ABOUT OUR BUDGET AND OUR TAX SYSTEM. THAT'S HOW IT IS. THAT'S HOW IT'S GUARANTEED TO BE UNDER THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THAT'S WHAT THE BASIC LAW SAYS IT SHOULD BE. SO, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REMAINS THE HEART OF OUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS. ONE MORE.

QUESTION: MR PATTEN, WOULD YOU MIND JUST COMMENTING ON WEDNESDAY, ARE YOU DETERMINED NOW TO PRESS AHEAD DESPITE THE THREAT IN CHINA WITH YOUR OWN, TABLING YOUR OWN LEGISLATION?

GOVERNOR: WE'VE SAID VERY CALMLY WHAT OUR POSITION IS. WE PUBLISHED OUR BILL ON FRIDAY. WE'LL BE INTRODUCING IT INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY. WE ARE DOING THAT IN ORDER TO GIVE OURSELVES MORE TIME AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE AND THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES AND THE THROUGH TRAIN. WE'VE MADE IT ABSOLUTELY PLAIN THAT WE NEED THIS PARTIAL LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO GIVE OURSELVES MORE TIME FOR THOSE OTHER MATTERS. WE WANT TO GO ON NEGOTIATING AT THE TABLE. WE ARE NOT GOING TO LEAVE THE TABLE. TALKING, AS YOU'D EXCUSE THE PHRASE, IS BETTER THAN WALKING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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PING SHAN HERITAGE TRAIL OPENS

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VISITORS TO THE PING SHAN HERITAGE TRAIL IN YUEN LONG CAN SEE AND UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MONUMENTS OF HONG KONG'S PAST.

THE TRAIL WAS OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE RT HON CHRISTOPHER PATTEN, TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THE ANCESTRAL HALLS, STUDY ROOMS AND TEMPLES OF THE TANG CLANS, THAT THIS TRAIL LINKS TOGETHER, PROVIDE A GOOD DEAL OF INSIGHT INTO THE CULTURE AND LIFE OF THE CHINESE VILLAGE COMMUNITIES," HE SAID.

HE THANKED THE LORD WILSON HERITAGE TRUST, THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROJECT.

"GIVEN LORD WILSON'S GREAT PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGES, THIS PROJECT IS A MOST FITTING ONE TO MARK THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE LORD WILSON HERITAGE TRUST," HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN A BOLD STEP IN THE 1970'S TO ENACT THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE AND TO SET UP THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE.

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"I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT MUCH HAS BEEN DONE IN THE LAST 17 YEARS BY THE GOVERNMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MANY ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG TO PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE," MR SO SAID.

HE NOTED THAT OF THE HUGE VOLUME OF RELICS UNEARTHED DURING THESE YEARS, MANY DATED AS FAR BACK AS 6,000 YEARS AGO.

"A GREAT DEAL TOO HAS ALSO BEEN DONE IN THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS WHICH MANAGE TO WITHSTAND THE TEST OF TIME AND ESCAPE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BULLDOZER," MR SO SAID.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO THE COMMUNITY TO SHOW CONCERN AND SUPPORT FOR HERITAGE PRESERVATION AND TO "APPRECIATE, ENJOY AND LEARN FROM THE RELICS OF OUR PAST."

"THIS IS THE PRIME PURPOSE IN ESTABLISHING THE PING SHAN HERITAGE TRAIL," MR SO SAID.

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ANGEL FROM THE SKY

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AIR CREWMAN ELTON TANG DOES NOT PROMISE HIS PASSENGERS TOPNOTCH IN-FLIGHT SERVICE. NO SAVOURY CUISINE AND FINE WINES ARE SERVED. NEITHER ARE MUSIC AND FILM ENTERTAINMENT OFFERED.

YET HE ALWAYS EARNS HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FROM THOSE WHO HAVE TRAVELLED WITH HIM.

THE REASON IS SIMPLE - ELTON HAS SNATCHED THEM FROM THE JAWS OF DEATH.

AS ONE OF THE 25 AIR CREWMEN OF THE GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE, HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED NUMEROUS LIFE-SAVING MISSIONS OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

HE HAS FLOWN TO THE MOST REMOTE AND RUGGED TERRAIN IN THE TERRITORY TO AIRLIFT CASUALTIES. HE HAS ALSO PLUCKED SHIPWRECK VICTIMS FROM ROARING SEAS.

ONE OF HIS MOST BREATHTAKING FLIGHTS TOOK PLACE IN SUMMER LAST YEAR. A GROUP OF HIKERS WERE TRAPPED IN THE HILLS BETWEEN TUNG CHUNG AND SHA LO WAN ON LANTAU AT DUSK.

"WE HAD SPENT QUITE SOME TIME SCOURING THROUGH THE AREA. WHEN WE FINALLY LOCATED THE GROUP, FUEL WAS RUNNING LOW AND NIGHT WAS FALLING," THE 32-YEAR-OLD CREWMAN RECALLED.

THERE WERE ONLY FIVE MORE MINUTES TO GO BEFORE THE HELICOPTER HAD TO DEPART THE AREA BECAUSE OF LOW FUEL. ELTON WAS WINCHED DOWN INTO THE BUSH, ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT ONE OF THE HIKERS WAS PARALYSED, PROBABLY HAVING SUSTAINED SERIOUS INJURIES TO HIS SPINE.

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AND NO ONE COULD GUARANTEE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE FOUND AGAIN IN THE DARK WHEN THE HELICOPTER RETURNED.

"USUALLY IT TAKES ABOUT 15 TO 20 MINUTES TO PULL OUT A STRETCHER, STRAP AN INJURED PERSON ON IT AND WINCH HIM BACK ONTO A HELICOPTER.

"I COULD NOT AFFORD ANY DELAY. WITH ALL MY STRENGTH I MANAGED TO STRAP THE SURVIVOR ONTO THE STRETCHER IN A FRACTION OF THE TIME IT USUALLY TAKES. THE PATIENT RECOVERED SOON AFTER RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT IN HOSPITAL," THE ELATED CREWMAN SAID.

HOWEVER, HE QUICKLY PUT THE SUCCESS DOWN TO TEAM WORK. "IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN CLOSE AND CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE PILOT AND THE CREWMAN."

"THE PILOT IS IN COMMAND OF THE AIRCRAFT AND THE CREWMAN IS HIS RIGHT-HAND MAN," HE EXPLAINED. "WE WORK HAND IN HAND."

DURING EVERY FLIGHT, CLOSE AND ESSENTIAL CREW CO-OPERATION IS MANDATORY AND EVIDENT.

FOR MOST OF THE TIME CREWMEN WORK IN PAIRS. ONE MAY GO DOWN ON THE "WIRE" AND THE OTHER STAYS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT TO CONTROL THE OPERATION OF THE WINCH AND TO LOOK FOR THE LANDING SITE AND GIVE DIRECTIONS TO BOTH HIS PARTNER AND THE PILOT.

ANOTHER QUALITY THAT MAKES A GOOD CREWMAN IS HIS THOROUGH GRASP OF GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES, NAVIGATION TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS THE FUNCTION AND PERFORMANCE OF THE AIRCRAFT.

DESCRIBING HIS JOB AS GRATIFYING BUT HARD WORK, HE SAID: "IT IS GREAT THAT I CAN DO SOMETHING SPECIAL AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY."

"AND WHAT IS MORE, I CAN OFTEN TAKE A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF BEAUTIFUL HONG KONG."

BUT ELTON ADMITTED THAT THE PHYSICAL EFFORTS THE JOB REQUIRED AND THE POSSIBLE DANGER DID WEAR HIM OUT AT TIMES.

"THE DANGER IS VERY REAL," HE SAID.

"I ONCE TOOK PART IN A SHIPWRECK RESCUE UNDER A NO. 8 TYPHOON SIGNAL. WHEN I WAS WINCHED DOWN, THE CHINESE FISHING VESSEL WAS PITCHING AND ROLLING IN THE HUGH SEAS. I CRASHED INTO THE VESSEL BUT LUCKILY I ONLY SUFFERED SEVERE BRUISING."

RESCUE FLIGHTS ASIDE, ELTON AND HIS TEAM ALSO HELP IN FIGHTING BUSH FIRES DURING THE DRY SEASON AND TRANSPORTING GOVERNMENT STAFF FOR VARIOUS DUTIES.

HE INVITED YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT JOINING THE TEAM.

"IT'S AN EXCITING AND VARIED CAREER AND A CHANCE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THE BASIC ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS OF AIR CREWMEN ARE FIVE PASSES IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION. HAVING A FIRST-AID CERTIFICATE WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL AS TRAINING COURSES WILL BE OFFERED.

TOWN PLANNING BOARD PUBLISHES ANNUAL REPORT

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED AN ANNUAL REPORT THAT GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF ITS WORK LAST YEAR.

THE REPORT ALSO INFORMS THE PUBLIC, PLANNERS AND PLANNING-RELATED PROFESSIONALS OF THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN STATUTORY PLANNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

AND IT PROMOTES PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE STATUTORY PLANNING PRACTICE IN HONG KONG, HE ADDED.

THE ANNUAL REPORT COMPRISES FOUR MAIN PARTS: ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD; PREPARATION OF DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS; THE BOARD'S WORK IN 1992; AND SELECTED CASE REPORTS ON EIGHT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND FOUR OBJECTIONS TO STATUTORY PLANS.

"THE REPORT ALSO OUTLINES THE EXISTING STATUTORY PLAN-MAKING PROCESS, PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND THE PLANNING PERMISSION SYSTEM. IT PROVIDES A VALUABLE REFERENCE TO THE STATUTORY PLANNING SYSTEM IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BOARD IS AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

ITS MAIN FUNCTIONS ARE TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, CONVENIENCE AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SYSTEMATIC PREPARATION OF OUTLINE ZONING PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION AREA PLANS.

THE BOARD ALSO CONSIDERS APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME PLANS PREPARED BY THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

THE REPORT IS ON SALE AT \$38 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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GREEN GROUP THANKED FOR CONSERVATION EFFORTS

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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, TODAY (SUNDAY) THANKED THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION FOR ITS UNFAILING SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEARS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S NATURE CONSERVATION WORK.

DR LEE DELIVERED HIS VOTE OF THANKS TO THE ASSOCIATION WHEN ADDRESSING THE EMBANKMENT CEREMONY OF THE "WALK FOR THE ENVIRONMENT 1993" AT THE HUNG MUI KUK NATURE TRAIL, TO MARK THE ASSOCIATION'S SILVER JUBILEE.

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HE NOTED THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD MADE TREMENDOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE TERRITORY'S NATURE CONSERVATION BY CONDUCTING RELATED SURVEYS, SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS, TALKS AND COMPETITIONS.

THESE ACTIVITIES HAD CERTAINLY ENHANCED THE AWARENESS AND CONCERN AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

ON HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS, DR LEE SAID ABOUT 10 MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THESE PARKS LAST YEAR AND PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES LIKE LEISURE WALKING, HIKING, BARBECUING, FAMILY PICNICS AND CAMPING.

HE STRESSED THAT APART FROM PROVIDING OUTDOOR RECREATION, COUNTRY PARKS ALSO OFFERED OPPORTUNITY FOR NATURE CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE.

TURNING TO NATURE TRAILS, THE DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD BECOME EXCELLENT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES WITHIN COUNTRY PARKS TO HELP VISITORS UNDERSTAND THE FLORA, FAUNA AND RURAL HERITAGE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THEY ALSO HELPED TO ENHANCE THE ENJOYMENT OF VISITORS AND DEVELOP THEIR APPRECIATION OF NATURE AND ITS CONSERVATION.

DR LEE ALSO SUPPORTED THE SELECTION OF THE HUNG MUI KUK NATURE TRAIL TO START THIS YEAR'S "WALK FOR THE ENVIRONMENT" AND DESCRIBED IT AS TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE BECAUSE IT HAD RECENTLY BEEN OPEN FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND APPRECIATION.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S EMBANKMENT CEREMONY WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION, MR FUNG SHIU-WING.

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WORKS SUPERVISORS AWARDED IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL

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TWO WORKS SUPERVISORS OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL BY THE QUEEN IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE.

MR WAN TAI-HOI AND MR KEUNG MAN, BOTH AGED 59, JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1966. THEY ARE DUE TO RETIRE EARLY NEXT YEAR AFTER SERVING A TOTAL OF 56 YEARS WITH EMSD.

MR WAN WORKS IN THE ELECTRICAL, AIR-CONDITIONING, REFRIGERATION SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON WORKSHOP SUB-DIVISION, WHILE MR KEUNG SERVES THE AIRPORT SERVICES SUB-DIVISION.

THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR HUGH PHILLIPSON, COMMENDED MR WAN AND MR KEUNG FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND LOYALTY TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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HE NOTED THAT BOTH OF THEM WERE HARD-WORKING AND HAD A KEEN SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

"WITH EXCELLENT EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR WORK, THEY ARE ALWAYS READY TO HELP AND GIVE SUITABLE GUIDANCE TO THEIR SUBORDINATES AND HAVE GAINED GREAT SUPPORT FROM OTHER COLLEAGUES.

"THEY HAVE SET VERY GOOD EXAMPLES FOR FELLOW COLLEAGUES AND THEIR SERVICE IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THEIR SENIOR OFFICERS," MR PHILLIPSON SAID.

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FRESH WATER CUTS IN CAUSEWAY BAY & SAI KUNG
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FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT 1 AND 2 SPORTS ROAD, CANAL ROAD EAST, EVEN NUMBERS OF 432-472 HENNESSY ROAD, ODD NUMBERS OF 53-99 PERCIVAL STREET, 9-77 LEIGHTON ROAD, 6 LEIGHTON LANE, TANG LUNG STREET, EVEN NUMBERS OF 2-58 RUSSELL STREET, SHARP STREET EAST, YIU WA STREET AND MATHESON STREET.

OWING TO CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO TAI LAM WU, NGAU LIU, NGAU PUI WO, MAN WO, KAU TSIN UK, KAI HAM, TIN LIU, CHUK YUEN AND WONG KENG TEI IN SAI KUNG WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 10 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY.

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