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GOVT TO REFLECT UPON AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS IS SOMETHING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CERTAINLY REFLECT UPON, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING TO MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE POST OFFICE FAMILIES FUN DAY, SIR PIERS SAID BEFORE MAKING A DECISION, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHAT THE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE WERE LIKELY TO BE.

ASKED WHETHER THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD OVERLAP THE DUTIES OF THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, SIR PIERS SAID THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY DUPLICATION.

"IF THERE WERE SUCH A COMMITTEE, IT WILL BE THERE FOR AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PURPOSE," HE ADDED.

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON THE PHASING OF THE AIRPORT RELATED PROJECTS, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS WAITING TO HEAR FROM THE HONG KONG TEAM WHEN THEY RETURN FROM PEKING.

"WE HAVE BEEN KEEPING IN VERY CLOSE CONTACT WITH HAMISH (MACLEOD), BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING IT A LITTLE BIT FURTHER DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON WHAT EFFECT THE GROUND WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD HAVE ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY, SIR PIERS SAID IT WAS FAR TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT THE EFFECT OF THAT CONFLICT WOULD BE.

"I COULD NOT MAKE ANY PREDICTION AT THIS STAGE. OBVIOUSLY IT DOES INTRODUCE A DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY INTO OUR AFFAIRS. IT MAKES THE FORECASTING EVEN MORE DIFFICULT," HE SAID.

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HK PROMOTES NEW IMAGE IN UK

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HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN CULTURAL AND SPORTS EVENTS ARE BEING INCREASINGLY RECOGNISED IN BRITAIN -- WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON.

MORE THAN 400 ATHLETES FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TODAY (SUNDAY) TOOK PART IN THE FIRST EVER "HONG KONG CHINESE SPORTS DAY" ORGANISED BY THE LONDON OFFICE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KUNG HO ASSOCIATION IN LONDON.

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THE EVENT PROVED SO POPULAR THAT MANY LATE ENTRIES WERE NOT ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE FOUR EVENTS OF INDOOR SOCCER, BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS AND BASKETBALL.

OPENING THE SPORTS DAY, THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAID THIS WAS A SHOWCASE FOR THE INDUSTRIOUS AND ENTERPRISING COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

HONG KONG'S FAMOUS NAMES IN SPORTS ARE ALSO MAKING THEIR MARK IN BRITAIN.

FRANK CHAN, THE TERRITORY'S SNOOKER CHAMPION, IS MEETING THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE STEPHEN HENDRY IN DERBY AT TODAY'S QUARTER-FINAL OF THE PEARL ASSURANCE BRITISH OPEN AFTER BEATING THE DEFENDING CHAMPION CANADIAN BOB CHAPERON IN THE THIRD ROUND.

HONG KONG BOWLER MARK MCMAHON HAS ALSO PRODUCED A SCINTILLATING DISPLAY TO WIN OVER DEVON'S JOHN EVANS AT THE QUARTER-FINAL OF THE MIDLAND WORLD INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN PRESTON.

IN LAST OCTOBER'S LONDON FILM FESTIVAL, THE "HONG KONG FOCUS", WHICH FEATURED 10 OF THE TERRITORY'S BEST MOVIES, RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE AND ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF NEW DEVOTEES TO THE HONG KONG CINEMA.

AS A RESULT, THE LONDON OFFICE IS NOW SPONSORING 10 OTHER FILMS WHICH ARE BEING SHOWN AT MAJOR UK CITIES INCLUDING LONDON, EDINBURGH, MANCHESTER, LIVERPOOL, CARDIFF, BIRMINGHAM, PLYMOUTH, LEICESTER, NOTTINGHAM, AND NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

ON THE MUSIC FRONT, TWO YOUNG VIOLINISTS, THREE PIANISTS AND A SOPRANO FROM HONG KONG, TOGETHER WITH THREE OTHER MUSICIANS FROM CHINA, RECENTLY GAVE A CONCERT AT LONDON'S ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL TO A PACKED AUDIENCE.

THE CONCERT, SPONSORED BY THE ANGLO-HONG KONG TRUST, WON HIGH PRAISE FROM THE AUDIENCE, WHICH INCLUDED PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL PRESS.

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TERRITORY-WIDE OPERATION TO CURB CRIMES

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POLICE CONTINUED THEIR THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE ACTIVITIES LAST MONTH (JANUARY), RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 1,667 PEOPLE IN 3,366 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE MONTH, 214 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 452 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 1,047 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 2,613 RAIDS IN KOWLOON AND 394 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 276 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS APPREHENDED 12 PEOPLE IN 25 ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS.

IN THEIR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING LAST MONTH, POLICE ARRESTED 605 PEOPLE IN 433 RAIDS. THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 31 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS RESIN, 4 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN AND 500 GRAMS OF OPIUM.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 129 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 830 PEOPLE, SEIZING SOME \$219,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION.

POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT 2,779 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 220 PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES. ABOUT 1,100 OBSCENE VIDEO TAPES WERE SEIZED.

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POST OFFICE LAUNCHES 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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THIS YEAR IS A SPECIAL AND MEMORABLE ONE FOR THE STAFF OF THE POST OFFICE BECAUSE IT MARKS THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR CONTINUING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FAMILIES FUN DAY OF THE POST OFFICE, SIR PIERS SAID THAT SINCE 1841 THE POST OFFICE HAD BEEN PROVIDING A RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE.

"THE HIGH STANDARD OF OPERATION HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE HONG KONG. THIS EXCELLENT RECORD IS FULLY APPRECIATED BY THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.

"ALL MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE POST OFFICE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD," HE SAID.

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ALSO SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, SAID THE POST OFFICE EXPANDED FROM ONE SMALL OFFICE IN 1841 TO THE PRESENT SIZE OF 116 BRANCH POST OFFICES, MANNED BY ABOUT 5,000 STAFF, TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS ALL OVER THE TERRITORY.

"FOR THE PAST 150 YEARS WE HAVE FAITHFULLY BEEN SERVING THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG. I CAN THEREFORE PLEDGE HERE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE YEARS TO COME," HE SAID.

MR WONG ALSO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION OF THE LOYALTY, DEDICATION, CO-OPERATION AND PERSEVERANCE SHOWN BY STAFF THROUGH THESE YEARS.

SIR PIERS THEN PRESENTED LONG SERVICE AWARDS TO 21 STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE EACH RENDERED OVER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE.

AWARDS WERE ALSO PRESENTED BY MR WONG TO FIVE WINNING OFFICES OF THE POST OFFICE COURTESY CAMPAIGN. THEY WERE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE AIRPORT, YAU YAT TSUEN, SHEK LEI AND KWAI SHING POST OFFICES.

ABOUT 1,500 STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES TOOK PART IN THE FUN DAY WHICH WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF EVENTS TO CELEBRATE THE POST OFFICE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY.

THE HALF-DAY EVENT INCLUDED PERFORMANCES BY PIPERS AND MARCHING TEAMS, AN ACROBATIC SHOW, A TALENT SHOW, A MAGIC SHOW AND GAMES AT VARIOUS STANDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE FAMILIES FUN DAY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER AT SIXTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ADULT EDUCATION SUBVENTION

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION TO RUN ADULT EDUCATION COURSES FOR THE 1991/92 SCHOOL YEAR.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COURSES WOULD COMPLEMENT AND SUPPLEMENT THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD.

AREAS ELIGIBLE FOR SUBVENTION INCLUDE PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING, EDUCATION ON LABOUR, CAREERS AND RETIREMENT, JOB-ORIENTED COURSES, AND GENERAL EDUCATION FOR PARTICULAR GROUPS SUCH AS FACTORY WORKERS AND FISHERFOLK.

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THE SUBVENTION WILL COVER MAINLY COST OF STAFFING, BASIC TEACHING AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT, UTILITIES CHARGES AND RENT FOR ACCOMMODATION.

APPLICATION FORMS, OBTAINABLE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, SHOULD BE RETURNED BY APRIL 30.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULT IN JULY.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO HELP FIGHT CRIME

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A MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR PETER WONG, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE POLICE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

OFFICIATING AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME DAY CARNIVAL, MR WONG SAID: "ONLY WHEN CRIMES ARE ERADICATED CAN WE ENJOY PEACE AND PROSPERITY."

HE POINTED OUT THAT CRIME PREVENTION HAD ALL ALONG BEEN THE TOP PRIORITY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

"DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN SET UP THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO REPORT THE LOCAL CRIME SITUATION TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO FACILITATE THE ATTACK ON CRIMES," MR WONG SAID.

THE FIGHT CRIME DAY WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT'S JUNIOR POLICE CALL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED SINGING, DANCING, A MAGIC SHOW AND A LUCKY DRAW.

WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT'S "FRIENDS OF THE POLICE AND CITIZENS' AWARDS", "ANTI-SHOPTHEFT COLOURING COMPETITION" AND "ANTI-SHOPTHEFT BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION" WERE PRESENTED PRIZES.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR DAVID DEPTFORD; AND KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR YEUNG CHOR-HANG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME DAY CARNIVAL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS NEWSROOM LATER.

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SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON '1991 CENSUS'
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS TOMORROW (MONDAY).

"THE AIM OF THE EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS TO EDUCATE SECONDARY ONE TO SEVEN STUDENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A POPULATION CENSUS TOWARDS THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS OF HONG KONG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PROGRAMME ALSO STRESSES THAT IT IS A CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE IN THE CENSUS BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION TO ENUMERATORS.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO SHOW A 20-MINUTE VIDEO TO STUDENTS ON WHY AND HOW A POPULATION CENSUS IS CONDUCTED. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY CLASS DISCUSSIONS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF TEACHERS.

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT SCHOOLS WILL DEVOTE ONE LESSON FOR EACH CLASS TO MOUNT THIS PROJECT AS PART OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ASSIST IN PUBLICISING THE CENSUS TO THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES AND TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES.

APART FROM THE VIDEO, BOOKMARKS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS.

THE CENSUS IS AN IMPORTANT PROJECT THROUGH WHICH POPULATION DATA ESSENTIAL FOR FORWARD PLANNING IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS WILL BE COLLECTED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR THE EDUCATION SECTOR IS VITAL FOR ITS SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION.

THE 1991 POPULATION CENSUS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 15 TO 24.

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CALL TO VOTE ON MARCH 3
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THE ASSISTANT SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS BERNADETTE LINN, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO VOTE IN THE MARCH 3 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO SELECT THEIR BEST REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1991 SAI KUNG NEW YEAR LONG RUN THIS MORNING, MISS LINN SAID: "AS ALL COMPETITIONS MUST HAVE THEIR PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS, SO SHOULD THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC.

"THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM WOULD VERY MUCH DEPEND ON RESIDENTS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE THREE-TIER ELECTIONS," SHE STRESSED.

TODAY'S LONG RUN, HELD AT THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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