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GOVERNOR TO MEET YUEN LONG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 21).

SIR MURRAY WILL ARRIVE AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM BY HELICOPTER AT 9.45 A.M. ON MONDAY WHERE HE WILL BE MET BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL CARTLAND. THEY WILL THEN PROCEED TO THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION CLUB HOUSE WHERE THEY WILL MEET THE YUEN LONG BOARD.

IT WILL BE THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS BY THE GOVERNOR TO KEEP HIMSELF UP-TO-DATE WITH THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS SINCE THEIR INCEPTION LATE LAST YEAR.

HIS LAST TWO VISITS IN MARCH AND APRIL THIS YEAR COVERED THE FOUR DISTRICTS OF TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN AND TAI PO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT ON MONDAY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088 WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 8.30 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO, AND LATER BACK FROM, YUEN LONG.

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WORK ON ROUTE 3 PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY
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WORK IS GOING AHEAD FULL STEAM ON ROUTE 3, A MAIN TRAFFIC ROUTE BETWEEN THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND KWUN TONG VIA THE WESTERN APPROACHES AND THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD.

MR. ALBERT LIU, SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID: +WORK ON THE WESTERN APPROACHES, WHICH CONSISTS OF AN INTERCHANGE AT WUHU STREET/CHATHAM ROAD, AN ELEVATED ROADWAY ALONG CHATHAM ROAD AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD TOGETHER WITH AN INTERCHANGE AT SAN SHAN ROAD, IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.+

THE AIRPORT TUNNEL HAD BEEN COMPLETED WITH ONLY VENTILATION, LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED.

MR. LIU SAID THE TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN APPROACHES TO THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD HAD BEEN RECEIVED.

IF APPROVAL WERE GIVEN BY THE TENDER BOARD THIS MONTH WORK COULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, HE SAID.

WORK ON THE SECTION CONNECTING KWUN TONG AND KOWLOON BAY IS ALSO MAKING HEADWAY.

THE WHOLE PROJECT, COSTING \$335 MILLION, IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1981.

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INSPECTION VISIT TO PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
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A SURPRISE INSPECTION VISIT, TO THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS, WAS RECENTLY MADE BY TWO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE REPRESENTING THE GOVERNOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRISON RULES.

THE VISIT WAS MADE BY MR. GEORGE HO, AN UNOFFICIAL JP AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING CO. LTD. AND AN OFFICIAL JP, MR. A.J. CARTER, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION.

ALL INSTITUTIONS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT ARE VISITED AT LEAST TWICE A MONTH BY TWO JP'S, ONE OFFICIAL AND THE OTHER UNOFFICIAL. THESE VISITS ARE MADE WITHOUT PRENOTIFICATION, AND THE JP'S MAY VISIT ANY PART OF THE INSTITUTION.

THE JP'S ARE EXPECTED TO RECORD THEIR COMMENTS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY MUST ALSO INTERVIEW ANY PRISONER OR INMATE WHO MAY APPLY FOR AN INTERVIEW DURING THE VISIT.

DURING THE RECENT TWO-HOUR VISIT BY MR. HO AND MR. CARTER, NO YOUNG INMATES APPLIED FOR INTERVIEW AND THE TWO JP'S VISITED ALL PARTS OF THE INSTITUTE, SEEING ACTIVITIES IN WORKSHOPS, CLASSROOMS AND OUTDOOR.

MR. HO, WHO HAS BEEN VISITING PRISONS DEPARTMENT INSTITUTIONS OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS AND HAS CULTIVATED A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE TREATMENT OF YOUNG OFFENDERS, AND IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING, EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

HE SAID: +YOUNG OFFENDERS ARE NOW GIVEN USEFUL TRAINING THAT WILL BE VALUABLE TO THEM WHEN THEY REJOIN SOCIETY. THIS IS A GREAT CHANGE FROM THE DAYS WHEN ALL THEY DID WAS TO CUT GRASS AND TO PERFORM OTHER MINOR TASKS.+

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CALL FOR KEEPING WATER STORAGES CLEAN

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ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT DRINKING WATER STORAGES REMAIN CLEAN AND FREE OF CONTAMINATION.

THIS REMINDER WAS GIVEN TODAY BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER, MR. H.J. WOODTHORPE.

MR. WOODTHORPE URGED ALL BUILDING MANagements -- INCLUDING BUSINESS ENTERPRISES SUCH AS HOTELS -- TO CHECK THEIR INSTALLATIONS REGULARLY TO ENSURE THEY ARE SAFE.

HE SAID WATER TANK HATCHES MUST REMAIN CLOSED AND SECURELY LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.

MR. WOODTHORPE SAID: +I HARDLY NEED STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT DRINKING WATER REMAINS PURE. UNLESS NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN THERE IS NO GUARANTEE AGAINST THE RISKS OF WATER-BORNE INFECTION.+

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JULY SETS WEATHER RECORD

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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY LAST MONTH (JULY) RECORDED MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES EXCEEDING 33 DEGREES CELSIUS ON 19 CONSECUTIVE DAYS -- AN UNPRECEDENTED RECORD.

ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY, LAST MONTH'S MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.1 DEGREES AND MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 28.9 DEGREES RANKED FIFTH AND SEVENTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JULY RESPECTIVELY.

AT THE END OF THE MONTH SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AGNES, THE FOURTH WETTEST TROPICAL CYCLONE SINCE 1884, BROUGHT 519 MM OF MUCH NEEDED RAIN TO HONG KONG, BRINGING THE MONTH'S TOTAL RAINFALL TO 555.2 MM OR 74 PER CENT MORE THAN AVERAGE.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FROM THE BEGINNING OF 1978 UP TO THE END OF JULY AMOUNTED TO 1,518 MM OR 15 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AGNES APPROACHED HONG KONG TWICE AND IT IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT IS THE ONLY TROPICAL CYCLONE FOR WHICH GALE SIGNALS WERE HOISTED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS.

THE FIRST 22 DAYS OF JULY WERE MAINLY FINE AND HOT APART FROM A FEW ISOLATED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 22, TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 34.2 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

AS AGNES DEVELOPED TO THE SOUTH OF HONG KONG SHOWERS BEGAN TO SET IN DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 24. CONTINUOUS RAIN COMMENCED ON JULY 26 AND LASTED UNTIL JULY 30 WHEN AGNES WAS OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

ON THE MORNING OF JULY 27, TEMPERATURES FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 23.8 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE LOWEST IN THE MONTH.

THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH AND THE AFTERNOON WAS FINE AND HOT.

DURING THE MONTH 34 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH AGNES. NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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TWO SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS RETIRING
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THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR. WALTER NEIL, HAS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF TWO CUSTOMS SUPERINTENDENTS WHO ARE ABOUT TO RETIRE AFTER SERVING IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF ALMOST 62 YEARS.

THEY ARE MR. GRAHAM CROOKDAKE AND MR. WONG KAM-TO WHO BOTH JOINED THE SERVICE AS REVENUE OFFICERS IN 1948.

COMMENTING ON THEIR LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREERS, MR. NEIL SAID THAT BOTH OFFICERS HAD SERVED IN MOST BRANCHES OF THE SERVICE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, SUCCESSFULLY MEETING DEMANDS IMPOSED BY THE MANY CHANGES WHICH HAD OCCURRED.

+THEIR LOYALTY TO THE SERVICE AND THE HIGH STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE THEY MAINTAINED OVER THE YEARS EARNED THEM STEADY PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF SUPERINTENDENT AND PROVIDED A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW,+ MR. NEIL ADDED.

DURING A FAREWELL COCKTAIL PARTY ON AUGUST 14 AT THE SENIOR OFFICERS' MESS IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE HEADQUARTERS, MR. NEIL PRESENTED MR. CROOKDAKE AND MR. WONG WITH RETIREMENT GIFTS ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES AND WISHED THEM HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

ALTHOUGH BORN IN HONG KONG, MR. CROOKDAKE INTENDS TO SETTLE, WITH HIS WIFE LUCY AND SON ADAM, IN THE ENGLAND/ SCOTLAND BORDER AREA OF CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND. MR. WONG WILL REMAIN IN HONG KONG.

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RURAL SERVICE GROUP INAUGURATED

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, OFFICIATED AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED'S RURAL SERVICE GROUP THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE RURAL SERVICE GROUP, COMPRISING MORE THAN 70 STAFF AND ARTISTES OF HK-TVB, AIMS AT DEVOTING MEMBERS' LEISURE TIME TO A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO THE RURAL COMMUNITY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN HIS SPEECH TO THE GATHERING OF RURAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY IN THE SHERATON HOTEL, MR. AKERS-JONES DESCRIBED THE RURAL SERVICE GROUP AS +ONE OF MANY GROUPS THAT CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY+.

+WE ARE INDEED VERY FORTUNATE IN HONG KONG THAT THIS CONCERN AND AWARENESS IS GROWING RATHER THAN DECLINING,+ SAID MR. AKERS-JONES, WHO LATER PRESENTED THE RURAL SERVICE GROUP INSIGNIA TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RURAL SERVICE GROUP, MR. K.C. KOO SAID IN HIS SPEECH THAT SINCE LAST OCTOBER THE GROUP HAS IMPLEMENTED A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN NORTH SAI KUNG AND HAS PLANS TO EXTEND ITS SERVICES TO TAI PO, YUEN LONG AND OTHER PARTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE TO CELEBRATE
THIRD ANNIVERSARY
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WITH A WIDE RANGE OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE CELEBRATION WILL START WITH A SWIMMING AND HIKING COMPETITION FOR YOUNGSTERS AT BIG WAVE BAY.

LATER AT A CEREMONY, UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR. HENRY HU, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAMS AS WELL AS FOR OUTSTANDING ENTRIES IN A CHILDREN'S PAINTING CONTEST.

TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL WELFARE AGENCIES, DR. HU WILL ALSO CUT THE RIBBON TO OFFICIALLY OPEN A TWO-DAY PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF CHINESE PAINTINGS AND CALLIGRAPHY STAGED BY TWO WELL-KNOWN LOCAL ARTISTS.

THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO FEATURE A DEMONSTRATION BY THE TWO ARTISTS OF THEIR SKILLS IN THE FINE ARTS.

OTHER PROGRAMMES OF THE DAY WILL INCLUDE A LUNCH-TIME RALLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND AN EVENING VARIETY CONCERT TO BE GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF LOCAL YOUTH AGENCIES.

THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, APART FROM ORGANISING GROUP AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, ALSO PROVIDES LIBRARY FACILITIES AS WELL AS YOUTH GUIDANCE AND CHILD CARE SERVICES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CEREMONY OF THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE TO BE PERFORMED BY UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR. HENRY HU, AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (AUGUST 20) AT THE CENTRE'S HALL, 230 CHAI WAN ROAD, CHAI WAN.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO AND SHEUNG SHUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FLYOVER LEADING FROM TAI PO ROAD TO CHING CHEUNG ROAD NEAR SO UK ESTATE IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 21) FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG TAI PO ROAD HEADING FOR KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND, NAM CHEONG STREET SOUTHBOUND, THE CORNWALL STREET ROUNDABOUT BACK INTO NAM CHEONG STREET NORTHBOUND, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WESTBOUND TO REJOIN CHING CHEUNG ROAD FOR KWAI CHUNG.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 21) VEHICLES WITH AN OVERALL WEIGHT EXCEEDING FIVE TONS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING WAH SHAN BRIDGE WHICH IS ABOUT 1,640 FEET FROM THE JUNCTION WITH JOCKEY CLUB ROAD OPPOSITE LUNG SUM AVENUE IN SHEUNG SHUI, THE NEW TERRITORIES.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN HAPPY VALLEY
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 21) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHAN KWONG ROAD, WONG NEI CHUNG ROAD, BLUE POOL ROAD, HOLLY ROAD, HAWTHORN ROAD, SHING WOO ROAD AND TSUI MAN STREET.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF THE FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
AUGUST 21 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
AUGUST 22 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
AUGUST 23 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.
AUGUST 24 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.
AUGUST 25 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.

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