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DENTAL HOSPITAL NAMED AFTER PRINCE PHILIP

THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH HAS CONSENTED TO THE NAMING OF THE NEW DENTAL TEACHING HOSPITAL AT SAI YING PUN AS +THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL+.

THE HOSPITAL, WHICH IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WILL PROVIDE CLINICAL TRAINING FOR STUDENTS OF THE DENTAL SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. IT IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION AND IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN OPERATION LATER THIS YEAR.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH WILL BE INDUCTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION THIS YEAR, DURING WHICH THE ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY. IT IS THEREFORE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE THAT THE HOSPITAL SHOULD BE NAMED AFTER HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS.

AT THE SAME TIME IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL SHOULD BE VESTED IN A STATUTORY BOARD OF GOVERNORS. THIS BOARD WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL, WITHIN WHICH TRAINING OF DENTISTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO SET UP THE BOARD WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO DRAFT AND ENACT. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT WHEN THE HOSPITAL OPENS, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED A PROVISIONAL BOARD WHICH WILL ALSO BE CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF ADVISING ON THE DETAILS OF THE LEGISLATION AND THE FINANCIAL, STAFFING AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL BOARD IS TO BE MR T.S. LO, OBE, JP AND THE OTHER MEMBERS WILL BE:

THE HON MR JUSTICE T.L. YANG

MR ANDREW LI

MR WILSON CHEUNG, JP

THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOSPITAL
(PROFESSOR G.L. HOWE)

TWO OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
(PROFESSOR B. LOFTS AND MR N.J. GILLANDERS, JP)

TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DENTAL PROFESSION
(DR WILLIAM W.L. SAN AND DR J.H. YAP, OBE, JP)

FOUR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, REPRESENTING THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (TWO REPRESENTATIVES), THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE HOSPITAL
(MR D.H. MACE)

THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL, BUT ITS RESIDUAL FUNCTIONS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PROVISIONAL BOARD AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO VISIT CHINA

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL LEAVE FOR CHINA ON SUNDAY (MAY 4) AT THE INVITATION OF THE DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTOR OF CHINA'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, MR XI YESHENG.

SIR PHILIP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY HADDON-CAVE AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, DR DAVID WILSON, AND WILL RETURN ON MAY 11.

THEY WILL LEAVE BY HOVERFERRY AT 9.45 AM. A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS COVERING SIR PHILIP'S DEPARTURE AT THE TAI KOK TSUI FERRY PIER, MONG KOK. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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+PAY AS YOU EARN+ NOT FOR HONG KONG

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THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR V.A. LADD, TODAY (THURSDAY) LISTED GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIONS TO IMPLEMENTING THE +PAY AS YOU EARN+ (PAYE) SYSTEM IN COLLECTING TAX.

SPEAKING AT A ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH LUNCHEON MEETING, MR LADD SAID THERE HAD BEEN SUGGESTIONS THAT THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT COLLECTION METHODS COULD BE MORE EFFICIENT -- OR AT LEAST, LESS PAINFUL FOR THE TAXPAYING PUBLIC.

+SPECIFICALLY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HONG KONG SHOULD ADOPT A +PAY AS YOU EARN+ SYSTEM, THUS RELIEVING THE INDIVIDUAL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING PROVISION FOR HIS ANNUAL TAX BILL -- OR RATHER, TAX BILLS,+ HE SAID.

GIVEN THE RIGHT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND FISCAL ENVIRONMENT, THE PAYE SYSTEM COULD CERTAINLY CONTAIN ADVANTAGES, MR LADD ADMITTED.

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BUT, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT'S REASONS FOR NOT ADOPTING THE SYSTEM WERE:

- * HONG KONG'S DEDICATION TO A COMPARATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF DIRECT TAXATION WHICH IS ON THE ONE HAND AS PRODUCTIVE OF REVENUE AS POSSIBLE AND AT THE SAME TIME SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE TO ADMINISTER=
- * PAYE SYSTEM ARE INVARIABLY COMPLEX AND ALWAYS EXPENSIVE FOR GOVERNMENTS TO OPERATE=
- * EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE HAS SHOWN THAT PAYE SYSTEMS INVOLVE A VERY REAL COST TO EMPLOYERS WHO ARE INEVITABLY INVOLVED IN THEIR OPERATION=
- * THERE WOULD BE A NEED FOR A VERY LARGE POLICING OPERATION TO ENSURE ON THE ONE HAND THAT DEDUCTIONS MADE BY EMPLOYERS ARE PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR, AND ON THE OTHER TO GUARD AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS EMPLOYERS WHO MIGHT DEDUCT +TAX+ FROM UNSUSPECTING AND UNSOPHISTICATED EMPLOYEES, AND
- * THE NOT INSIGNIFICANT COST TO THE TAXPAYER -- WHO LOSES THE USE OF HIS FUNDS AND IS THUS DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EMPLOY THEM PROFITABLY UNTIL THE ANNUAL PAYMENT DATES FALL DUE.

MR LADD EXPLAINED THAT GIVEN THE LIGHTNESS OF THE LOAD AND BEARING IN MIND THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF TAXPAYERS DO MANAGE TO PAY ON TIME WITH VERY LITTLE DIFFICULTY, IT WOULD NOT MAKE SENSE TO INTRODUCE WHAT WOULD BE A VERY COSTLY SYSTEM FOR BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC.

HE ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF POLICING IF THE PAYE SYSTEM WAS ADOPTED HERE.

+MOST COUNTRIES WHICH OPERATE PAYE SYSTEMS HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY, OR AT LEAST ADVISABLE, TO ENGAGE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF INSPECTION STAFF TO VISIT EMPLOYERS' PREMISES TO ENSURE THAT DEDUCTIONS MADE ARE PROPERLY ACCOUNTED FOR,+ MR LADD SAID.

ON THE COST TO TAXPAYERS, MR LADD NOTED THAT UNDER THE PAYE SYSTEM, THE CASH DEDUCTED WAS IMMEDIATELY LOST TO AN EMPLOYEE.

+UNDER THE EXISTING SYSTEM, HOWEVER, HE RETAINS THE USE OF HIS MONEY AND IF, AS MANY PEOPLE DO, HE MAKES PROVISION BY SETTING ASIDE HIMSELF THE CASH WHICH HE WILL REQUIRE TO PAY HIS TAX, HE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY OF EARNING SOME ADDITIONAL INCOME,+ HE ADDED.

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\$192 MILLION SPENT ON PUBLIC PROJECTS

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MORE THAN \$192 MILLION WORTH OF CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WERE LET BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN MARCH.

ONE OF THE LARGEST OF THE 22 CONTRACTS AWARDED WAS FOR THE BUILDING OF A RAILWAY DEPOT AT HO TUNG LAU, SHA TIN.

THIS \$101.8 MILLION CONTRACT WAS THE BIGGEST SINGLE ONE UNDER THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

WORK INCLUDES SITE FORMATION, TRACK LAYING, CONSTRUCTION OF A LARGE MAINTENANCE SHED, A CARRIAGE WASHING PLANT, OFFICES AND OTHER MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL WORKS.

THE DEPOT, WHEN COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS, WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE NEW ROLLING STOCK.

OF THE CONTRACTS AWARDED, 20 WERE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND THE REMAINING TWO ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PWD TENDER BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TELEVISION SURVEY RESULTS

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A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY ON PUBLIC ATTITUDES TO TELEVISION WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, AT 3 PM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY, MR NIGEL WATT, WILL PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY. ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE MANAGER OF FRANK SMALL AND ASSOCIATES, MR DANIEL CHAN, AND MISS MUNETTA WU, TELEVISION STANDARDS CONTROL OFFICER.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESS CONFERENCE COVERED.

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CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT CHINESE MUSIC

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS HOLDING A SERIES OF LECTURES ON CHINESE MUSIC APPRECIATION THIS MONTH.

WELL-KNOWN MUSICIANS IN CHINESE MUSIC WILL GIVE THE LECTURES EVERY SATURDAY AT 2 PM IN THE MUSIC OFFICE'S KOWLOON EAST SUB-OFFICE.

THE FIRST LECTURE, ON MAY 3, WILL BE GIVEN BY MR HWANG YAU-TEI WHO WILL SPEAK ON CHINESE ART SONG APPRECIATION. MISS BARBARA FEI WILL TALK ON CHINESE FOLK SONG APPRECIATION ON MAY 10 AND MR LOUIS CHAN WILL DESCRIBE THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CHINESE MUSIC IN HIS LECTURE ON MAY 17.

A WORKSHOP ON CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MR CHAN LING-CHI ON MAY 24.

ON MAY 31, THE BEGINNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE MUSIC WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A TALK BY MR LOO KAH-CHI.

THESE LECTURES, TO BE HELD IN THE SUB-OFFICE AT 100 TING FU STREET, YAN HAU MANSION, 2ND FLOOR, NGAU TAU KOK, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

FREE TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE:

- * HEAD OFFICE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR=
- * KOWLOON EAST SUB-OFFICE, 100 TING FU STREET, NGAU TAU KOK=
- * KOWLOON WEST SUB-OFFICE, 157-159 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, TUNG PING BUILDING, 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS= AND
- * NEW TERRITORIES SUB-OFFICE, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, 1ST AND 2ND FLOORS, TSUEN WAN.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-411328.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PASSING-OUT PARADE OF FIREMEN
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THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, MR B.G. FENDER, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 79 FIREMEN AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 10.30 AM.

THE RECRUITS HAD JUST COMPLETED SIX MONTHS BASIC TRAINING. THE PARADE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FIRE-FIGHTING DEMONSTRATION.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PARADE.

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NEW PRISON OPENS FOR GIRLS
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HAS TODAY (THURSDAY) OPENED A SEPARATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS. THE OTHER CENTRE FOR WOMEN IS AT TAI LAM.

THE NEW TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, FORMERLY USED FOR HOLDING YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, A TRAINING CENTRE AND A PRISON FOR PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21. IT HAS ACCOMMODATION FOR 160 INMATES AND IS ALREADY RECEIVING THEM.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE INSTITUTION IS MR KWONG CHUNG-WING, CHIEF OFFICER, WHO IS ASSISTED BY ABOUT 50 FEMALE SUPPORTING STAFF, INCLUDING THOSE TAKING UP EDUCATION AND NURSING DUTIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG PRISON SERVICE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS ADMINISTERING TWO WOMEN'S CENTRES AT THE SAME TIME.

HE SAID THERE WERE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES IN OPENING A SEPARATE INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS SO THAT INDEPENDENT REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES COULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A PRISON FOR ADULT FEMALES AND AS A DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PHOTOGRAPH OF DEPARTMENT HEAD

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COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR NIGEL WATT, HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN GIS PRESS BOXES TODAY (THURSDAY) FOR YOUR RECORD AND EDITORIAL USE.

IT WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD USE THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WHEN THE OCCASION ARISES.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTE TO BAGUIO VILLAS

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A NEW MAXICAB ROUTE NO 28 BETWEEN BAGUIO VILLAS (NORTH) AND CAUSEWAY BAY (PAK SHA ROAD) ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL OPERATE FROM SUNDAY (MAY 4).

THE SERVICE WILL START AT 6.30 AM AND END AT 11 PM AT A BASIC FREQUENCY OF TEN MINUTES.

THE FULL FARE WILL BE \$1.50 AND SECTIONAL FARE WILL BE \$1 BETWEEN HIGH STREET AND CAUSEWAY BAY ON EASTBOUND JOURNEYS AND BETWEEN CAINE ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SEYMOUR ROAD AND BAGUIO VILLAS (NORTH) ON WESTBOUND JOURNEYS.

FROM BAGUIO VILLAS THE MAXICABS WILL TAKE THE ROUTE OF BAGUIO VILLAS (NORTH) ACCESS ROAD, VICTORIA ROAD, SASSOON ROAD, POK FU LAM ROAD, HIGH STREET, CAINE ROAD, OLD BAILEY STREET, WYNHAM STREET, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, GARDEN ROAD, MURRAY BARRACKS SLIP ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, KENNEDY ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, MORRISON HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD, HYSAN AVENUE, YUN PING ROAD, KAI CHIU ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD AND PAK SHA ROAD.

THE RETURN TRIP WILL BE VIA PAK SHA ROAD, YUN PING ROAD, KAI CHIU ROAD, LEE GARDEN ROAD, FOO MING STREET, PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, KENNEDY ROAD, GARDEN ROAD, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, GLENEALY, UPPER ALBERT ROAD, CAINE ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, POK FU LAM ROAD, SASSOON ROAD, VICTORIA ROAD AND BAGUIO VILLAS (NORTH) ACCESS ROAD.

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NO SATURDAY NIGHT TRAFFIC ON
DES VOEUX RD CENTRAL
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THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN PEDDER STREET AND ICE HOUSE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 11.30 PM ON SATURDAY (MAY 3) TO 6.30 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE EASTBOUND TRAM TRACK WILL BE REALIGNED TO REINSTATE DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

TRAM SERVICE WEST OF WAN CHAI WILL BE SUSPENDED SHORTLY BEFORE 11.30 PM ON SATURDAY. THE LAST TRAMS WILL LEAVE AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

WESTBOUND SERVICE

SHAU KEI WAN TO WESTERN MARKET	10.35 PM
NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET	10.37 PM
NORTH POINT TO WESTERN MARKET	10.47 PM
HAPPY VALLEY TO KENNEDY TOWN	10.30 PM
HAPPY VALLEY TO WHITTY STREET	10.42 PM
HAPPY VALLEY TO WESTERN MARKET	10.53 PM

EASTBOUND SERVICE

KENNEDY TOWN TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.04 PM
WHITTY STREET TO NORTH POINT	11.12 PM
WHITTY STREET TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.09 PM
WESTERN MARKET TO SHAU KEI WAN	11.15 PM
WESTERN MARKET TO NORTH POINT	11.20 PM
WESTERN MARKET TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.17 PM

ADDITIONAL TRAMS WILL BE PUT ON THE SHAU KEI WAN TO HAPPY VALLEY ROUTE AFTER 10.35 PM TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF SERVICE TO FOUR MINUTES.

A SPECIAL SERVICE AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND WAN CHAI CHURCH (JOHNSTON ROAD) AFTER 10.35 PM.

NORMAL TRAM SERVICE WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY MORNING AFTER 6.30 AM.