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GOVERNOR OPENS ARTS CENTRE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID, IN OPENING THE ARTS CENTRE THIS EVENING, THAT HONG KONG LOOKED TO THIS CENTRE TO ENSURE THAT THE STANDARD OF THE ARTS HERE WAS STEADILY RAISED AND THEIR SCOPE WIDENED.

HONG KONG WILL ALWAYS BENEFIT FROM THE ART AND ARTISTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, SIR MURRAY ADDED, +BUT WE DO LOOK TO THIS CENTRE TO ENSURE THAT THE PRACTICE OF THE ARTS IN HONG KONG AS A GROWING AND VIGOROUS LOCAL BASE WITH LOCAL TALENT RECOGNISED, AND LOCAL ASPIRATIONS DEVELOPED AND FULFILLED.+

+THIS IS AN EXCITING ASSIGNMENT FOR WHICH THE CENTRE HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN THE TOOLS. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT IN THIS ASSIGNMENT THE CENTRE WILL SUCCEED TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THIS CITY,+ HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR MURRAY'S SPEECH.

+MUCH TIME HAS ELAPSED SINCE A COMBINATION OF ARTISTIC GROUPS CONCEIVED THE IDEA OF AN ARTS CENTRE. A PROLONGED PERIOD OF GESTATION ENSUED.

+THERE THEN INTERVENED ONE OF THOSE SURGING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH MAKE HONG KONG SUCH AN EXCITING PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK.

+THE CATALYST WAS THE BRAVE VENTURE OF AN ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS. THIS FESTIVAL AND WHAT DEVELOPED FROM IT, PROVED THAT THERE WAS SUFFICIENT POPULAR INTEREST TO ALLOW THE ARTS TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE LEISURE LIFE OF HONG KONG IF THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY WERE OFFERED.

+SINCE THEN THERE HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PRESENTATION AND POPULARITY OF THE ARTS, AND IN THIS THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE.

+DEMAND HAS OUTSTRIPPED EXISTING CAPACITY, SO WITHIN FIVE YEARS THERE WILL BE THREE NEW CITY HALLS AND IN ADDITION THE LARGE CULTURAL COMPLEX IN KOWLOON.

+BUT FOR THE ARTS TO FLOURISH WITHIN THESE NEW BUILDINGS, AND FOR THEIR PRESENTATION TO BE BASED ON LOCAL TALENT, THERE MUST BE A CENTRE FOR THEIR PRACTICE AND ENJOYMENT.

+IT WAS IN THIS SITUATION, TOTALLY UNLOOKED FOR TEN YEARS AGO, THAT THREE EXCEPTIONALLY GENEROUS PEOPLE - SIR RUN RUN SHAW, MR. Y.K. PAO AND MADAM CHOW KWAN SUK-YEE, WIDOW OF SIR SHOUSON CHOW - CAME FORWARD WITH LARGE DONATIONS THAT ALLOWED CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CENTRE TO START.

+THESE WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY GENEROUS LOANS BY SOME OF THE BANKS AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, AND THESE WERE GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHICH ALSO DONATED THE LAND.

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+IT WAS THUS MADE POSSIBLE FOR THE ENTHUSIASM AND EXPERTISE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARTS CENTRE TO BE FULFILLED IN THIS BUILDING.

+IT IS A WORK-SHOP, A MEETING PLACE, A PLACE OF WORK AND PRACTICE, A PLACE TO WHICH ARTISTS CAN LOOK FOR ADVICE, FOR FACILITIES AND COMPANIONSHIP, AND WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN SEE WHAT THE ARTS HAVE TO OFFER THEM.

+WE CAN NOW EXPECT A FUTURE IN WHICH THE ARTS OF EAST AND WEST PLAY A MAJOR PART IN THE LIFE OF THIS NATURALLY ARTISTIC COMMUNITY. BUT WE LOOK TO THIS CENTRE TO ENSURE THAT THE STANDARD OF THE ARTS IN HONG KONG IS STEADILY RAISED AND THEIR SCOPE WIDENED.

+WE WILL ALWAYS BENEFIT IN THE FUTURE, AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, FROM THE ART AND ARTISTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM OVERSEAS SHOULD BE WITH US TODAY.

+BUT WE DO LOOK TO THIS CENTRE TO ENSURE THAT THE PRACTICE OF THE ARTS IN HONG KONG HAS A GROWING AND VIGOROUS LOCAL BASE WITH LOCAL TALENT RECOGNISED, AND LOCAL ASPIRATIONS DEVELOPED AND FULFILLED.

+THIS IS AN EXCITING ASSIGNMENT FOR WHICH THE CENTRE HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN THE TOOLS. I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT IN THIS ASSIGNMENT THE CENTRE WILL SUCCEED TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THIS CITY.

+IT IS WITH THIS THOUGHT THAT I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THIS HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.+

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JULY

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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JULY SHOW A DEFICIT OF \$78.6 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$111.7 MILLION IN JULY LAST YEAR.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED DEFICIT OF \$53.8 MILLION FOR THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$165.8 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE AT \$579.9 MILLION WAS \$23.1 MILLION MORE THAN IN JULY, 1976.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS AT \$501.3 MILLION WAS \$56.1 MILLION MORE THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

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VITAL ROLE OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES REAFFIRMED

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NEW PLANS ON SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES WILL OFFER TREMENDOUS SCOPE FOR BOTH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO EXPAND THEIR EXISTING SERVICES AND ENTER INTO NEW ENDEAVOURS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, MR. LEE NOTED THAT +WHILE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENT SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY RESTS WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES.+

ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, MR. LEE SAID THAT THE GREEN PAPER WOULD RECOMMEND EXPANSION IN THE FIELD OF INSTITUTIONAL CARE TOGETHER WITH THE SETTING UP OF NEW FACILITIES FOR DAY CARE, RECREATIONAL SERVICES AND HOME HELP SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY WHO CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.

+CARE FOR THE ELDERLY HAS BEEN ONE OF THE POPULAR SERVICES AMONG THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THEY WILL NO DOUBT WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES TO DO MORE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS,+ HE REMARKED.

TURNING TO PERSONAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH, MR. LEE INDICATED THAT THE NEW PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES, A CAUTIOUS EXPANSION OF OUT-REACHING SOCIAL WORK IN AREAS KNOWN TO HAVE A HIGHER INCIDENCE OF DELINQUENCY, AND INTENSIVE EFFORT IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.

HE SAID THAT AT PRESENT A NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE ALREADY PROVIDING, IN VARYING DEGREES, THESE SERVICES GEARED TOWARDS TACKLING YOUTH PROBLEMS AT AN EARLY STAGE, AND RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE MADE TO REINFORCE THESE SERVICES WITH GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.

ON REHABILITATION, HE POINTED OUT THAT VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE WELFARE OF THE HANDICAPPED WOULD BE EXPECTED TO RUN, SIDE BY SIDE WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SOME OF THE PROJECTS IN THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED 10-YEAR PROGRAMME PLAN.

+THEY WILL ALSO BE WELCOMED TO TAKE UP SOME OF THE NEW PROJECTS IN THE VARIOUS SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED WITH THE GOVERNMENT ENSURING FINANCIAL SUPPORT,+ HE ADDED.

MR. LEE THEN COMMENDED THE CARITAS FOR ITS INVALUABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.

ON THE KOWLOON CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, MR. LEE NOTED THAT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1967, THE CENTRE HAS THRIVED AS ONE OF THE SEVEN MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRES OF CARITAS, RENDERING A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, FAMILY WELFARE, YOUTH AND CLUB ACTIVITIES, HOSTEL, ADULT EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND DENTAL FACILITIES TO THE PEOPLE OF WEST KOWLOON AREA.

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+THE CENTRE HAS ENABLED ALL THESE SERVICES TO BE PHYSICALLY ACCOMMODATED UNDER ONE ROOF, WHERE PEOPLE CAN CONVENIENTLY PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN ONE KIND OF ACTIVITY AND USE ALL AVAILABLE FACILITIES.+

MR. LEE POINTED OUT THAT MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRES ARE GOOD BASIS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND HOPED TO SEE MORE WELFARE BUILDINGS OF THIS NATURE ERECTED THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

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HONORARY COLONEL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT
(THE VOLUNTEERS) APPOINTED
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG AS THE HONORARY COLONEL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

THE APPOINTMENT IS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR. CHEUNG, WHO IS A MEMBER OF BOTH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, WAS FIRST COMMISSIONED IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG DEFENCE FORCE IN 1956 AND CONTINUED HIS SERVICE WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT FOLLOWING DISBANDMENT OF THE DEFENCE FORCE. HIS MILITARY SERVICE TOTALLED 17 YEARS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF MR. OSWALD CHEUNG WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN G.I.S. PRESS BOXES TODAY.

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FIRST CHILD ASSESSMENT CLINIC TO OPEN ON MONDAY

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S FIRST CHILD ASSESSMENT CLINIC WILL BEGIN OPERATION FROM NEXT MONDAY, PROVIDING SPECIALIST CLINICAL ASSESSMENT FACILITIES FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN.

IT IS TO BE CALLED THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON CHILD ASSESSMENT CLINIC IN RECOGNITION OF THE CLUB'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEDICAL PROJECT.

THE ORIGINAL SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING AT ARRAN STREET, MONG KOK, WAS DONATED BY THE CLUB FOR USE AS A CLINIC. A SUM OF \$250,000 WAS ALLOTTED FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF ADDING ONE FLOOR TO THE BUILDING, WHILE THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON MADE A FURTHER DONATION OF \$150,000 TOWARDS THE COST OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE CLINIC FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSE.

THE TWO-STOREY BUILDING WILL ALSO HOUSE AN EAR MOULD LABORATORY WHICH WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR CHECKING AND REPAIRING HEARING AIDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID CHILD ASSESSMENT SERVICES WERE BEING PROVIDED BY THE VARIOUS SPECIALIST UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT ON A SESSIONAL BASIS.

+IT IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO SET UP A CENTRALIZED ASSESSMENT CLINIC FOR HONG KONG'S PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN IN NEED OF SUCH A SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

AT THE NEW CHILD ASSESSMENT CLINIC, A HEARING TEST WOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON THE DISABLED CHILDREN IN ORDER TO DISCOVER AND ASSESS WHETHER DEAFNESS IS A CONTRIBUTING OR ASSOCIATED FACTOR, PARTICULARLY IN THE MENTALLY RETARDED CASES.

+THIS IS A PREVENTIVE AS WELL AS A CURATIVE MEASURE SO THAT EARLY REMEDIAL ACTION, IF REQUIRED, COULD BE TAKEN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EAR MOULD LABORATORY WILL PROVIDE ECONOMIC SERVICE TO THOSE WHOSE HEARING AIDS ARE IN NEED OF CHECKING OR REPAIR. WHEN THE LABORATORY IS OPENED, ANY DEAF PERSON CAN COME ALONG AND HAVE HIS HEARING AID CHECKED OR REPAIRED AT MINIMAL COST.

+THIS IS YET ANOTHER PROJECT IN THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND BROUGHT INTO OPERATION THIS YEAR. IT WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME WHICH GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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MASSIVE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

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THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TREATED TO A SERIES OF ENTERTAINING PROGRAMMES ON SUNDAY DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT TO BE HELD AT THE PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND.

THE OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH STARTS AT 1.45 P.M., WILL MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FIVE-WEEK DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MR. KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE= MR. E.I. LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS= AND DR. PATRICK HASE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, SHAM SHUI PO.

EVENTS OF THE DAY WILL INCLUDE A BAND PERFORMANCE, A LION DANCE, BURNING OF A TEN-FOOT-TALL EFFIGY OF A +DRUG DEVIL+ AND A LUCKY DRAW.

HIGHLIGHTING THE DAY'S EVENTS WILL BE AN HOUR LONG ANTI-DRUG TELEMATCH ORGANISED BY REDIFFUSION TELEVISION. THIRTY PARTICIPANTS - ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT - WILL COMPETE IN THE POPULAR GAME IN WHICH ALL THE CONTESTS ARE RELATED IN SOME WAY TO THE ANTI-DRUG THEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 16). YOUR REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND (ADJACENT TO SO UK ESTATE) AT 1.30 P.M. OFFICERS FROM NARCOTICS DIVISION AND G.I.S. WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT PAK TAM AU TO BE OPENED
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THE PAK TAM AU MANAGEMENT CENTRE -- ONE OF FOUR COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRES TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SAI KUNG -- WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID SAI KUNG IS ONE OF THE MOST SCENIC AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR WITH PICNICKERS IN RECENT YEARS.

MORE THAN HALF A MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE PICTURESQUE PENINSULA LAST YEAR, AND THIS INFLUX OF VISITORS HAD BROUGHT WITH THEM THE PROBLEMS OF LITTER, HILL FIRES, AND STREAM POLLUTION.

+THIS HAS LED THE GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNISE THE NEED TO PROTECT THE PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCES AND STEPS HAVE THEREFORE BEEN TAKEN TO PROVIDE COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

THE MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT PAK TAM AU, COSTING OVER \$800,000, CONSISTS OF AN OFFICE BUILDING WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN SEEK INFORMATION ON THE SAI KUNG COUNTRYSIDE, A WORKSHOP AND GARAGE, A STORE AND BARRACK ACCOMMODATION.

THE CENTRE WILL BE STAFFED BY ABOUT 60 MEN TO UNDERTAKE DUTIES OF LITTER COLLECTION, FIRE FIGHTING, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PICNIC FACILITIES. ONE OF THEIR MAIN TASKS WILL BE TO GUIDE THE VISITORS IN THE CARE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE SO THAT THEIR PRESENCE WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE LIFE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE CENTRE, COMPLETED LAST MONTH, WILL BE OPENED JOINTLY BY MR. DONALD YAP, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD AND MR. LAU KOON-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A DEMONSTRATION ON FIGHTING HILL FIRES WILL BE STAGED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISPLAY OF COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILD FLOWERS IN HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT PAK TAM AU ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 15) AT 3 P.M. A GOVERNMENT VAN FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE THE CAR PARK BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 1.45 P.M. ON THAT DAY, AND WILL RETURN TO KOWLOON BEFORE 5.30 P.M. SEATS ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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KWAI CHUNG GETS ITS OWN ACCOUNTS SUB-OFFICE
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RESIDENTS IN KWAI CHUNG WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO TRAVEL TO THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE TO PAY GOVERNMENT BILLS, OR TO COLLECT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AS FROM NEXT MONDAY (OCTOBER 17).

A LOCAL ACCOUNTING SUB-OFFICE WILL BE OPENED ON THAT DAY. IT WILL BE SET UP IN THE KWAI CHUNG TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE AT KWAI KING BUILDING, 31, KWONG FAI CIRCUIT, KWAI CHUNG, AND WILL OPEN DURING WEEKDAYS FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AND FROM 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

ON SATURDAYS, OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 A.M. TO 11.30 A.M. IT WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SECRETARY, MR. COLIN PRISTON, SAID TODAY THE NEW SUB-OFFICE WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTING OFFICE IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES AND THE PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES.

+AS THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION IS GROWING SO QUICKLY, THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING DEMANDS FOR SUCH SERVICES, AND THAT IS WHERE THE NEW SUB-OFFICE COMES IN,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTING OFFICE RECENTLY EXPERIENCED CHAOS CAUSED BY THE ENDLESS QUEUES OF PEOPLE COMING IN TO PAY THEIR BILLS ON +DUE DATES+.

+THIS SITUATION COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF PEOPLE HAD PAID THEIR BILLS WELL BEFORE THE DUE DATES OR HAD THEIR BILLS PAID EITHER BY 'AUTOPAY' OR BY CHEQUE THROUGH THE POST,+ HE SAID.

+I NOW APPEAL TO LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS TO USE THEM FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS.

+PAYING BILLS BY AUTOPAY OR BY CHEQUE THROUGH THE POST WILL DEFINITELY BE QUICKER AND SAFER, AND COULD SURELY SAVE THE TROUBLE OF QUEUING FOR HOURS,+ MR. PRISTON ADDED.

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HOUSING ESTATE FOR HIGH ISLAND FISHERMEN
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A HOUSING ESTATE IS TO BE BUILT AT TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG FOR THE FISHERMEN AFFECTED BY THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. JOSEPH LEI, CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK WOULD START IN DECEMBER AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT, HE SAID, WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX FOUR-STOREY BLOCKS PROVIDING 192 UNITS FOR ABOUT 1,700 PEOPLE.

+EACH UNIT WILL COMPRISE COMBINED LIVING AND BEDROOM AREA, KITCHEN, TOILET AND SHOWER AND COVERED BALCONY,+ HE SAID.

+THE BLOCKS ARE SO DESIGNED THAT DOUBLE UNITS ON EACH FLOOR WILL SHARE ONE ENTRANCE STAIRCASE.+

THE ESTATE WOULD HOUSE A COMMUNITY HALL AND A POLICE REPORTING POST, MR. LEI ADDED.

OTHER FACILITIES WOULD INCLUDE A REFUSE COLLECTION AREA AND CAR PARKING SPACES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MPS TO TOUR SHA TIN
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TWO VISITING LABOUR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WILL GO ON A HALF DAY'S TOUR OF SHA TIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE MPS, MR. KENNETH WEETCH AND MR. IAN WRIGGLESWORTH, WILL ALSO TOUR THE LEK YUEN ESTATE AND VISIT THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES THERE.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE MPS' VISIT. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN AM 2088 WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE TOMORROW AT 10.35 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND LATER BACK FROM SHA TIN.

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PRIZES FOR WINNERS OF
1977 SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION

THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE 1977 SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (SATURDAY), AT THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS LO YU CHIK PRIMARY SCHOOL.

A TOTAL OF 59 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS A NEW RECORD.

FIRST PRIZE OF THE URBAN SCHOOLS GROUP GOES TO KWONG YUET TONG LO PAN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE WINNER IN THE RURAL SCHOOLS GROUP IS LEUNG TING VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL, TUEN MUN, WHICH IS ALSO THE OVERALL CHAMPION IN THE COMPETITION.

MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS WILL DELIVER THE OPENING REMARKS AND MR. N.M. HO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL) WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY BY MR. A.G. BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS)= MR. WONG KAM YIP, VICE PRESIDENT, ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES= MR. SIMON C.P. YEUNG, VICE PRESIDENT, ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES= MR. R.F. POLLARD, STAFF OFFICER (GARDENS) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT= AND MR. HO SUN WING, SUPERVISOR OF LEUNG TING VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

THE ROTARY CLUBS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DONATED ALL THE PRIZES FOR THE COMPETITION.

A SEMINAR TO LAUNCH THE 1978 COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CEREMONY, IN WHICH HORTICULTURISTS WILL GIVE TALKS ON FLOWER GROWING, CRITERIA FOR JUDGING FLOWER BEDS AND PLOTS, IMPROVEMENT OF SOIL FERTILITY AND CONTROL OF PESTS. FERTILIZERS DONATED BY WONG SAM HING CO. LTD., WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN NEXT YEAR'S COMPETITION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE 1977 SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1977 AT 2 P.M. AT THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS LO YU CHIK PRIMARY SCHOOL, PITT STREET, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.