

"We are all in his debt and I am sure that we in Hong Kong are delighted to share, with our Portuguese friends, the mark of respect they are paying to Dom Henry.

"I have very much pleasure in declaring open these celebrations in honour of Prince Henry the Navigator."

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N.T. FARMERS' WIDOWS TO RECEIVE GIFTS OF CATTLE, POULTRY  
FROM KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID ASSOCIATION  
Presentation Ceremony At Sha Tin Tomorrow

Gifts of cattle and poultry from the Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Association will be distributed to farmers' widows in the New Territories tomorrow (Wednesday) morning.

The presentation will be made by Mr. Horace Kadoorie, O.B.E., at the open ground near the Sha Tin Gymnasium. The Director of Agriculture & Forestry, P.C. Chambers, C.B.E., will be present.

A total of 147 working cattle will be presented to widows living in Tuen Mun, Ping Shan, Ha Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung, San Tin, Kam Tin, Takuling, Sai Kung, Hang Hau, Tsuen Wan, Tsing Yi, Ma Wan, Tai O, Tung Chung and Mui Wo.

Another 137 widows of farmers in Tuen Mun, Sha Tau Kok, Sheung Shui, Tsuen Wan, Tsing Yi, Ma Wan and Sha Tin will receive 2,730 head of poultry.

Tomorrow's distribution will bring to 50,107 the total number of head of poultry that the K.A.A.A. has distributed over the past three years as part of the Livestock Improvement Scheme carried out in conjunction with the Agriculture & Forestry Department.

In addition, another 4,764 widows of farmers have each received a cow to help them in their farming operations.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the presentation ceremony. Press representatives wishing to make use of official transport are requested to assemble at the "30 Minutes Car Park" next to the Kowloon Central Post Office tomorrow at 9 a.m. They will be met by Mr. Y.W. Taam, Rural Extension Officer of the Agriculture & Forestry Department, who will accompany the Press party.

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"Prince Henry, who died five hundred years ago last month, was a deeply religious man with a great sense of mission, and with this he combined the habits of mind of a scientist who dared to wonder about the universe and was passionately concerned to have understanding right down to the most minute detail."

Operations Headquarters

"He was not himself one who sailed the high seas, but he set up at Sagres a remarkable operations headquarters, engaging the best brains he could find and attract to his service, and his aim was to probe the southern lands and the southern seas. ★

"His geographers pored over their great maps and consulted his mathematicians and astronomers; his naval architects designed new caravels, and his sea captains launched forth year after year in these light but speedy vessels to the west and to the south, to plot and to chart, to describe the people they met and their customs, and to make their reports back to Prince Henry for analysis.

"These fifteenth century Portuguese mariners visited the west coast of Africa, thrust through the lands of the Arabs and the Berbers into the interior, and so extended the bounds of the world hitherto known by the West. They mounted what proved to be a most repaying preliminary reconnaissance.

"Because of this planned and recorded exploration, the Portuguese mariners at the end of the fifteenth and in the sixteenth centuries were able to make their remarkable sea voyages.

"In 1487, Bartholomew Diaz rounded the Cape of Storms at the tip of the African continent, and, rounding it again, when it had been happily renamed Good Hope Vasco de Gama, in 1498, fetched up on the western coast of India.

"In due course, the Portuguese pushed still further east; they arrived in Malacca; and, in 1513, Jorge Alvares sailed into the Pearl River at the entrance of which has lain for four hundred years and more the Portuguese Province of Macau, our near neighbour and good friend.

"The members of the Portuguese community in Hong Kong are joining Portuguese elsewhere in celebrating the Fifth Centenary of a great man whose contribution was not just to his own country but to the world.

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