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HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER PUBLIC OPINION

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND ITS COMMITTEES WILL CONSIDER FROM NEXT MONTH PUBLIC OPINION EXPRESSED ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICIES SET OUT IN ITS CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT.

+AT PRESENT, THE AUTHORITY IS SEEKING MORE PUBLIC VIEWS AS THE PERIOD FOR CONSULTATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 30,+ SAID AN AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN TODAY.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS RECEIVED, HE SAID THE AUTHORITY AND COMMITTEES WOULD THEN DECIDE ON WHETHER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANGES OF POLICY SHOULD BE PUT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

+SHOULD ANY CHANGES OF POLICY BE DECIDED UPON, DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE AUTHORITY.

+SINCE THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT WAS WIDELY PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, RESPONSE HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC FROM DISTRICT BOARDS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.+

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS A DISCUSSION PAPER IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE WORD, AND THAT THE OPTIONS IT CONTAINED WERE NOT AGREED POLICIES.

+NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

+ALTHOUGH THE CONSULTATIVE APPROACH ADOPTED BY THE AUTHORITY IS NEW, THE PUBLIC APPEAR TO LIKE IT, AND WE WELCOME MORE VIEWS.+

THE CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT COVERS THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: PUBLIC HOUSING FOR SMALL HOUSEHOLDS, LONG-TERM REHOUSING OF SQUATTERS AND TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA RESIDENTS, WELL-OFF PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS, PROMOTION OF HOME OWNERSHIP, AND ADDITION OF MARRIED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO PUBLIC HOUSING TENANCIES.

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HOS ENVIRONMENT AIDS CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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THE SPACIOUS ENVIRONMENT AND PLENTIFUL PLAY FACILITIES ON HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATES CAN BE AN IMPORTANT AID TO THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF GROWING CHILDREN, ACCORDING TO A CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST.

MRS GLORIA CHAN, COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY COUNSELLOR, SAID THAT THE ENVIRONMENT WAS A MAJOR CONCERN FOR PARENTS, ESPECIALLY IN CROWDED HONG KONG.

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MANY PARENTS COULD NOT AFFORD TO PROVIDE SPACIOUS SURROUNDINGS, AND THIS HAD AN IMPORTANT IMPACT ON THEIR CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT.

WHEN SPACE WAS SHORT AND PLAY FACILITIES SCARCE, LOWER-MIDDLE CLASS PARENTS MIGHT TAKE AN OVER-PROTECTIVE ATTITUDE, REFUSING TO ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN TO LEAVE HOME ALONE EXCEPT TO GO TO SCHOOL.

FEAR OF TRAFFIC OR UNDESIRABLE ASSOCIATIONS MIGHT LEAD PARENTS TO REFUSE PERMISSION FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

THIS COULD LEAD TO THE CHILDREN BECOMING INWARD-LOOKING, WITHDRAWN, AND LACKING INITIATIVE. THIS ALSO EXPLAINS WHY COMPUTER GAMES ARE MORE POPULAR IN HONG KONG THAN IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

MRS CHAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SPACIOUS ENVIRONMENT ON THE FOUR HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATES NOW ON SALE COULD HELP PARENTS WHO WISHED TO SEE THEIR CHILDREN GROW UP AS WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS.

THE CHAN FAMILY, OF SIU HONG COURT, TUEN MUN, BACKED UP THIS THEORY WITH THEIR OWN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.

WHEN THEY LIVED IN ONE ROOM IN WAN CHAI THE CHILDREN WERE KEPT IN AFTER SCHOOL.

AT SIU HONG COURT THE KIDS GO OUT TO USE THE MANY PLAY AND SPORTS FACILITIES, LIKE CHILDREN PLAYGROUNDS, BASKETBALL COURT, A SMALL FOOTBALL PITCH, BADMINTON COURT AND A JOGGING TRACK. MR CHAN DOES NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEIR FRIENDS BECAUSE THEY ONLY MEET THE CHILDREN OF NEIGHBOURING FAMILIES.

BOTH CHILDREN ALSO GO OUT TO DO THE FAMILY SHOPPING AT THE COURT'S SHOPPING CENTRE, AND MR CHAN FINDS HIS DAUGHTER GENERALLY FINISHES HER HOMEWORK IN TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO GO FOR A HEALTHY WALK IN THE ESTATE'S SPACIOUS PARK.

MR CHAN HAS NOTICED THAT HIS SON, WHO USED TO BE WITHDRAWN AND SHY, HAS BECOME MUCH MORE CONFIDENT AND OUT-GOING SINCE THE FAMILY MOVED TO TUEN MUN. THE KIDS ARE ALSO TRAINED TO MORE SHOPPINGS IN THE ESTATE.

HE THINKS THAT OTHER PARENTS SHOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE ADVANTAGES OF HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATE LIFE FOR THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN.

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SPORT FOR ALL IS THE AIM
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A DEDICATED GROUP IN THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT CANNOT MAKE THE BLIND SEE OR THE DEAF HEAR BUT THEY CAN GIVE THEM THE FUN OF SPORTS NONETHELESS.

IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE SPECIAL GROUPS UNIT OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE LAST YEAR, ABOUT 3 500 PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS SHARED THE FUN OF SWIMMING, ANGLING AND ROLLER SKATING.

SET UP IN DECEMBER 1982, THE UNIT HAS ALSO DEVOTED MUCH ENERGY TO LEADERSHIP TRAINING AS THIS PROVIDES THE MANPOWER FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SERVICE, SAID MRS POLLY LAI, THE SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER WHO HEADS THE UNIT.

LAST YEAR, 325 VOLUNTARY HELPERS JOINED LEADERSHIP COURSES OFFERED BY THE UNIT. THE COURSES INCLUDED GYMNASTIC WORKSHOPS FOR INSTRUCTORS SERVING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND A SEMINAR ON SAFETY IN SPORTS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE UNIT HAS ALSO HELD PILOT ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS FENCING AND TENNIS, FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

+THE DISABLED ARE NOT OUR SOLE CONCERN,+ SAID MRS LAI. +AS THE NAME OF OUR SECTION SUGGESTS, WE TAKE CARE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AS WELL.+

AMONG SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE RECREATION DAY CAMPS FOR THE ELDERLY, EXCURSION TRIPS AND BALL GAMES FOR ORPHANS. TRAINING COURSES IN BALL GAMES AND GYMNASTICS FOR PROBATIONERS IN BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOMES ARE ALSO HELD.

OFFICERS OF THE SECTION ALSO ADVISE VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS IN DESIGNING THEIR FACILITIES TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED.

+WE CAN HELP HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN WHEELCHAIRS TO ENJOY BASKET BALL BY LOWERING THE BASKET BALL STAND, OR GIVE SPASTICS MORE FUN IN BALL GAMES BY GIVING THEM A GIANT-SIZED BALL,+ SAID MRS LAI.

+WE UPDATE OURSELVES CONSTANTLY WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN REHABILITATION AROUND THE WORLD IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICE.+

+UP TO NOW WE HAVE BEEN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES JOINTLY WITH ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE DISABLED. IN THE COMING YEAR WE PLAN TO EXTEND OUR SERVICE TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF ANY ORGANISATIONS,+ SHE SAID.

SCUBA DIVING FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, BOWLING FOR THE BLIND AND WHEELCHAIR DANCING ARE AMONG THE ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED.

+WE NEED A BIGGER FORCE OF VOLUNTARY HELPERS TO EXPAND OUR ACTIVITIES,+ SAID MRS LAI. +MOST OF OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE COME FROM SERVICE GROUPS OF ESTABLISHED COMPANIES AND I HOPE OTHERS WILL COME FORWARD IN THE FUTURE.+

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CAREERS GUIDANCE FOR SENIOR FORM STUDENTS
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A PROJECT WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST TO PROVIDE FORM FIVE AND MATRICULATION STUDENTS WITH INFORMATION ON FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS, AND TO GIVE THEM ADVICE ON EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE PROJECT RECEIVED FAVOURABLE RESPONSE WHEN IT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED LAST YEAR.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR STUDENTS FROM ALL DISTRICTS.

FROM JULY 20 TO JULY 22, THERE WILL BE TALKS ON ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTES AND ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND CAREERS INFORMATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, AN EXHIBITION ON CAREERS AND FURTHER STUDIES WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WITH AN ENQUIRY COUNTER MANNED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE.

SLIDE SHOWS ON CAREERS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED, AND INFORMATION PAMPHLETS ON DIFFERENT CAREERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE COUNTER.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE ON AGAIN AT THE SAME PLACE FROM AUGUST 9 TO AUGUST 13, WHEN RESULTS OF THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION ARE KNOWN. TAPES ON CAREERS TALKS AND A HOT-LINE SERVICE ON FURTHER STUDIES AND COUNSELLING SERVICE ON EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS WILL BE PROVIDED.

INQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE ON 5-495141 OR 5-7956095.

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'PLAY SAFE' GUIDE AVAILABLE
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SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS IS AGAIN THE MAIN THEME OF THE LATEST EDITION OF THE 'STEPPING OUT' BOOKLET, PRODUCED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

FOR THE FOURTH TIME DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS, SAFETY MESSAGES FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF OUTDOOR SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE PUT ACROSS IN THE FORM OF A PRINTED GUIDE, GIVEN FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

THE NEW BOOKLET CONTAINS UPDATED AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON 15 DIFFERENT TYPES OF LAND AND WATER PURSUITS. DINGHY SAILING, ORIENTEERING, HILL-WALKING AND HIKING, WINDSURFING, ARE AMONG THE ADDITIONAL TOPICS.

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APART FROM SAFETY HINTS, GENERAL INFORMATION IS ALSO PROVIDED ON WHAT ONE NEEDS, WHERE ONE SHOULD GO, AND WHAT IT COSTS TO ENGAGE IN VARIOUS FORMS OF ACTIVITIES. THE NAMES OF CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARE ALSO LISTED.

A PART OF THE SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS PUBLICITY PROGRAMME, THE BOOKLET SERVES AS A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR LOVERS OF OUTDOOR LIFE, PARTICULARLY DURING THE SUMMER.

ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS MAY OBTAIN THE BOOKLET FROM THE OFFICES OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, 10TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI AND THE PUBLISHING SUB-DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, FIRST FLOOR, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, DUDELL STREET, HONG KONG.

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DENTAL CLINIC CONTRACT AWARDED
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ANOTHER CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT TO ADD THREE FLOORS TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC AT ARGYLE STREET IN KOWLOON.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT, WORTH \$628 000, TO TUNG YUEN HONG ELECT. COMPANY LIMITED TO INSTALL ELECTRICAL FITTINGS IN THE 3 300 SQUARE METRES OF EXTRA SPACE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE EXTENSION.

LAST MONTH, A \$6.6 MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO BUILD THE THREE ADDITIONAL FLOORS ABOVE THE EXISTING TWO-STOREY CLINIC.

THE EXTRA AREA WILL BE USED TO DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF TREATMENT SPACES TO 60 AND TO ACCOMMODATE TWO MORE DENTAL SUITES AND AN X-RAY SECTION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT WITH A LECTURE ROOM, AN EXHIBITION HALL, A DEMONSTRATION ROOM AND AN ORAL HEALTH CLINIC.

THE CLINIC WILL REMAIN FULLY OPERATIONAL THROUGHOUT THE EXTENSION WORK PERIOD OF 14 MONTHS.

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PARKS ARE NOT FOR DRIVING
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TODAY TOLD PEOPLE NOT TO DRIVE INTO COUNTRY PARKS.

LAST MONTH, 28 PEOPLE WERE FINED FOR THE OFFENCE, COMPARED WITH 17 IN APRIL AND EIGHT IN MARCH.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE IS A \$2 000 FINE AND THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT PATHS IN COUNTRY PARKS WERE NOT MEANT FOR HEAVY USE BY VEHICLES.

+THE COUNTRYSIDE IS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GET AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF CITY LIFE. TOO MUCH VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN THE PARKS WILL DEFEAT THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF CREATING THESE PARKS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT LITTERING WAS STILL THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY PARKS AND THAT 103 PEOPLE WERE FINED FOR THIS LAST MONTH.

OTHER OFFENCES INCLUDED CAMPING IN NON-DESIGNATED SITES, POLLUTING WATER, DAMAGING PLANTS AND POSSESSION OF PROTECTED PLANTS.

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SEMINAR ON ENGLISH TEACHING
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A SEMINAR ON THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE WILL BE HELD FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON JUNE 30.

MR FRANCIS C. JOHNSON, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR ON +THE PURPOSE IN THE SELECTION OF CONTENT IN LANGUAGE TEACHING+.

ORGANISED BY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SEMINAR IS ONE OF A SERIES CONDUCTED EVERY YEAR FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH.

HEADS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO WISH TO SEND THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND, SHOULD APPLY TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN JUNE 27.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THIS CENTRE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE CENTRE AT 5-482537.

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN KWUN TONG

A COMPETITION IS BEING HELD FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS TO GUESS THE HEIGHT OF A TRAFFIC LIGHT MODEL PLACED OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT'S BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

FROM TODAY (SUNDAY) TILL JULY 6, THE MODEL WILL BE ON DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE BUILDING TO DRAW RESIDENTS' ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

ENTRIES TO THE COMPETITION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES BEFORE JULY 6.

THE DISPLAY IS PART OF A SEVEN-WEEK KWUN TONG DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN TODAY.

THE TRAFFIC LIGHT MODEL WILL AGAIN BE PUT UP AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND ON JULY 8 WHEN A CARNIVAL, FEATURING CYCLING SKILL TESTS, A ROAD SAFETY TOWN AND A BMX CYCLING DEMONSTRATION, WILL BE HELD.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE A TWO-WEEK ON-THE-SPOT ROAD-CROSSING GUIDANCE BY THE POLICE, ACTION AGAINST JAYWALKERS AND CARELESS DRIVERS, AND THE DISPLAY OF BANNERS AND POSTERS AT VANTAGE POINTS.

THE CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT \$28 000, AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

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NEW WORKSHOP FOR PIK UK PRISON

A WORKSHOP WILL BE BUILT AT PIK UK PRISON TO PROVIDE WORK AREAS FOR PRISONERS IN A FACTORY SETTING.

A \$4.6 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS RECENTLY AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO CHUEN HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

THE FOUR-STORY WORKSHOP WILL BE BUILT ON A 1 080 SQUARE-METRE SITE WITHIN THE PRISON, AND HAVE A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 2 880 SQUARE METRES.

IT WILL PROVIDE WORK AREAS FOR CARPENTRY, DOOR-MAKING AND TAILORING. THERE WILL ALSO BE OFFICES AND FACILITIES FOR STORAGE OF MATERIALS AND FINISHED GOODS.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT WEEK AND TAKE ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

PIK UK PRISON, OPENED IN JANUARY 1975, HAS A CAPACITY FOR 500 ADULT MALES.

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HORTICULTURAL CLASS

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED TO A KWAI CHUNG HORTICULTURAL CLASS WHICH WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

ENROLMENT IN THE COURSE, WHICH WILL BE IN CHINESE, WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL ON EIGHT CONSECUTIVE SATURDAYS BETWEEN 3.30 PM AND 6 PM, STARTING JULY 7.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL OR THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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FOOTBRIDGE CONTRACT AWARDED

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A \$193 000 CONTRACT TO BUILD A 15-METRE LONG FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS SHA TAU KOK ROAD, BETWEEN GALLIPOLI LINES AND BURMA LINES, FANLING, HAS BEEN AWARDED.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS BY SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES LIVING AT THE TWO CAMPS.

WORK WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN FOUR MONTHS.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED LAST WEEK TO YEU CAN ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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