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SOCIAL WELFARE PREMISES IN ESTATES

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THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG, THE OLD AND THE DISABLED IS BEING BOOSTED WITH MORE PREMISES EARMARKED FOR WELFARE PURPOSES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND INTERESTED BODIES TO APPLY FOR NEWLY RESERVED WELFARE PREMISES IN 12 PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TWO COMMUNITY CENTRES.

ALTOGETHER 21 PREMISES WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF MORE THAN 6 880 SQUARE METRES ARE RESERVED FOR WELFARE PURPOSES. THEY VARY IN SIZES FROM 93 TO 1 300 SQUARE METRES.

THESE PREMISES ARE EARMARKED FOR EIGHT SOCIAL CENTRES, ONE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE AND ONE DAY CARE CENTRE FOR OLD PEOPLE, FIVE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES, THREE NURSERIES, AS WELL AS A CLUB AND A HOME FOR THE DISABLED.

A SITE WITH THE LARGEST SIZE OF 1 300 SQUARE METRES IS RESERVED FOR A REHABILITATION INSTITUTION TO CATER FOR 100 DISABLED PERSONS IN THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE IN TUEN MUN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE LATEST LIST OF WELFARE PREMISES HAD BEEN SENT TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR FORWARD PLANNING AND EARLY APPLICATION.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT REGULARLY LIAISED WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON THE ALLOCATION OF WELFARE PREMISES TO ENSURE A BALANCED PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

RESERVED PREMISES ARE IN EXISTING ESTATES OR ESTATES WHICH ARE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY AND WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE BEFORE 1985-86, HE SAID.

ONE PREMISE IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHEK LEI ESTATE IN TSUEN WAN FOR RUNNING A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID 17 OTHER PREMISES WITH A TOTAL FLOOR SPACE OF 5 800 SQUARE METRES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN 11 NEW ESTATES.

THESE ESTATES, HE SAID, WILL BE IN CHAI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WONG TAI SIN, NGAU TAU KOK AND KWUN TONG IN KOWLOON, AND ON TSING YI ISLAND, IN SHA TIN, TAI PO AND TUEN MUN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ANOTHER THREE PREMISES WITH FLOOR AREA TOTTALLING 970 SQUARE METRES WILL BE READY BY 1982-83 FOR AN OLD PEOPLE'S MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE AND TWO NURSERIES IN THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREMISES SHOULD REACH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 1981.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PREMISES OR APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION (TEL. NO. 5-7953754).

EIGHT ELECTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS FOR TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD  
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TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HAVE EIGHT ELECTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS IN MARCH 1982, AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WILL BE HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT A CEREMONY TO OPEN TUEN MUN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK.

THE ELECTION IS TO ACHIEVE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS IN BUILDING THE NEW TOWN, AND TO IMPROVE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THROUGH COLLECTIVE VIEWS FROM ELECTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, HE SAID.

IN 1966, GOVERNMENT APPROVED PLANS TO BUILD TUEN MUN INTO A BALANCED NEW TOWN, PROVIDING SELF-CONTAINED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, MR LAM SAID.

SINCE THEN POPULATION AND FACILITIES HAD INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

+AT PRESENT, TUEN MUN HAS A POPULATION OF 130 000 AND IT WILL RISE TO 500 000 BY THE END OF THE DECADE WITH MORE THAN 70 PER CENT LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING,+ HE SAID.

ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF TUEN MUN RESIDENTS WERE NEWCOMERS WHO KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE NEW TOWN.

TO HELP LOCAL RESIDENTS GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLACE IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF BELONGING AS WELL AS CO-OPERATION AMONG OLD AND NEW RESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED THE FORMATION OF ASSOCIATIONS, MR LAM SAID.

THERE WERE 39 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND 13 OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS ALREADY IN THE NEW TOWN.

A BIG STEP FORWARD WOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE SETTING UP OF A DISTRICT BOARD, WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF APPOINTED AND ELECTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE PROPOSALS WERE CONTAINED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION PUBLISHED IN JANUARY.

ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK IS A FUN FAIR WHICH OPENED AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ALSO OPENED TODAY WAS AN EXHIBITION ON TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENTS AND A DISPLAY OF FIGHT CRIME EQUIPMENT AT TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL.

OTHER ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY NEXT SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 28) AND A CULTURAL NIGHT ON MARCH 1.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES WELL RECEIVED BY EMPLOYERS

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THE MAJORITY OF FULL-TIME GRADUATES IN THE 1979/80 ACADEMIC YEAR FROM THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WERE EITHER EMPLOYED OR ENGAGED IN FURTHER STUDIES BY LAST OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

IN THE SURVEY, QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT TO THE 1 764 FULL-TIME GRADUATES. SOME 1 134 REPLIES WERE RECEIVED WHICH REPRESENTED A RESPONSE RATE OF 64.3 PER CENT.

+THE NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN THE 1979/80 ACADEMIC YEAR SHOWS AN INCREASE OF 18.9 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACCORDING TO THE RETURNS, 81.5 PER CENT OF THE FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED IN JULY LAST YEAR WERE IN EMPLOYMENT AND 12.4 PER CENT WERE FURTHERING THEIR STUDIES WHEN THE SURVEY WAS COMPLETED IN OCTOBER.

+MOREOVER, THE GRADUATES ENJOYED HIGHER STARTING SALARIES THAN THOSE IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

GRADUATES OF POST-FORM 5 COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES COURSE RECEIVED 19 PER CENT MORE IN THEIR STARTING SALARIES, AND TECHNICIAN GRADUATES OF ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES RECEIVED 22.5 PER CENT MORE, HE SAID.

ABOUT 13.6 PER CENT OF THE TECHNICIAN GRADUATES AND 48.2 PER CENT OF THE CRAFT GRADUATES JOINED THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME.

PRESS ADVERTISEMENTS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CIRCULARS AND TEACHERS WERE LISTED AS THE CHIEF SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OF THE GRADUATES WHO WENT ON TO FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDIES, 35.5 PER CENT CONTINUED TO STUDY AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND 22.5 PER CENT ENTERED THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE EMPLOYED GRADUATES WERE ENGAGED IN SOME FORM OF PART-TIME STUDY. OF THESE, 25.9 PER CENT WERE ENROLLED IN PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES AND 55.9 PER CENT WERE STUDYING EVENING COURSES IN EITHER TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY HAD BEEN CONDUCTED ANNUALLY SINCE 1975 TO ASSESS THE DEGREE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE FULL-TIME TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES BY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, AND TO FIND OUT THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF THE GRADUATES.

IT WAS CONDUCTED AMONG GRADUATES OF MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

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## GIRL GUIDE MEMBERSHIP TO TRIPLE IN FIVE YEARS

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THE NUMBER OF GIRL GUIDES IN HONG KONG IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE MORE THAN THREEFOLD IN FIVE YEARS.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) BY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES +THINKING DAY+ CELEBRATION AT YUEN LONG STADIUM WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 4 000 GUIDES.

HE SAID THE CELEBRATION BROUGHT TOGETHER GUIDES FROM ALL OVER HONG KONG WHERE GUIDING HAD BEEN ACTIVE FOR 64 YEARS.

IT WAS FITTING THAT THIS YEAR THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD HOST THE CELEBRATION FOR IT WAS HERE THAT THE MOVEMENT WAS EXPANDING MOST RAPIDLY.

HE SAID THE NEW TERRITORIES REGION HAD THE FASTEST GROWING MEMBERSHIP AND IT WAS HOPED THAT THIS WOULD INCREASE ENORMOUSLY DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE CAME TO LIVE IN THE NEW TOWNS.

+WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE MANY GENEROUS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHO APPRECIATE THIS AND ARE READY AND WILLING TO HELP PROVIDE THE CENTRES WHERE YOUR ACTIVITIES CAN TAKE PLACE.

+TODAY HONG KONG HAS ABOUT 15 000 GUIDES, BUT AS THE NEW TOWNS GROW IN FIVE YEARS WE EXPECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO HAVE GROWN TO AT LEAST 50 000.

+EXCITING ACTIVITIES ARE IN STORE FOR YOU,+ HE TOLD THE GUIDES.

THE TAI MEI TUK SEA CENTRE, WHERE SCOUTS AND GUIDES HAVE BEEN GRANTED ADJOINING SITES AND WHERE THEY WOULD SHARE A SLIPWAY, WOULD SOON BE READY AND THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN SAILING AND CANOEING THERE.

HE COMMENDED THIS EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SCOUTS AND GUIDES AS A PROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A BROTHER AND SISTER MOVEMENT.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE YUEN LONG HOLIDAY HOUSE WAS BEING REDEVELOPED WHICH WOULD GIVE A NEW AND LARGER CENTRE FOR HOLIDAYS AND TRAINING WEEKENDS, AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR A NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WOULD BE READY IN KOWLOON.

TODAY'S EVENT CELEBRATED THE BIRTHDAYS OF LORD AND LADY BADEN-POWELL, THE FOUNDERS OF SCOUTING AND GUIDING.

IT IS KNOWN AS +THINKING DAY+ AND MR AKERS-JONES ASKED THE GUIDES TO THINK TODAY OF WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A MEMBER OF +A HUGE WORLD-WIDE FAMILY AND A SISTER TO EVERY OTHER GUIDE+.

/A PRAYER .....

A PRAYER CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE REV CANON FRANK LIN OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FR JOSEPH NIJSSSEN OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE REV KOK KONG OF THE BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION.

THE CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY HELICOPTER AND PARACHUTING DISPLAYS BY THE ARMY AND A +PIONEERING+ DEMONSTRATION BY BOY SCOUTS.

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### N.T. INTER-DISTRICT BASKETBALL LEAGUE STARTS

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A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IS PLANNED TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GROWING POPULATION, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW TERRITORIES BASKETBALL LEAGUE AT OSMAN RAMJU MEMORIAL STADIUM, KWAI CHUNG, HE SAID IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPORT AND RECREATION.

+BUT, BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PRIMARY AIM OF PROVIDING HOUSING, SOME OF THESE FACILITIES ARE BEING BUILT SOMEWHAT LATER THAN WE WOULD WISH,+ HE SAID.

THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE A PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENT TO EXISTING FACILITIES, A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN PLANNED EXPENDITURE ON NEW FACILITIES, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY FACILITIES WHERE NECESSARY, HE SAID.

+THIS WILL ENSURE THAT THERE IS A SPREAD OF GAMES, PITCHES, SPORTSGROUNDS AND SWIMMING POOLS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.+

TEAMS FROM ALL EIGHT N.T. DISTRICTS WERE PRESENT AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A MATCH BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN.

THE FINALS WILL BE PLAYED IN LATE MAY.

IT IS HOPED THAT VOLLEY BALL, BADMINTON, TABLE-TENNIS AND TENNIS LEAGUES WILL COMMENCE THIS YEAR, MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

A SOCCER LEAGUE STARTED ON DECEMBER 14 AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MAY WHEN FINALS WILL BE PLAYED.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH PROMOTED THESE LEAGUES, WOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS, DISTRICT OFFICE AND RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR DICKEN YUNG- AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BASKETBALL LEAGUE COMMITTEE, MR CHOW HOW-CHUEN.

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COURSES FOR BOILER OPERATORS  
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THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HAVE STARTED EVENING COURSES FOR BOILER OPERATORS.

AND THE WAITING PERIOD FOR WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS FOR BOILER OPERATORS WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF EXAMINATIONS EVERY SATURDAY MORNING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE NEW MEASURES WERE NECESSARY TO MEET A SHORTAGE OF BOILER OPERATORS, ESPECIALLY IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY.

THE COURSES OFFERED BY THE POLYTECHNIC AND THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE FOR A MAXIMUM OF 18 HOURS DURATION OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE WEEKS.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE CANDIDATES ATTENDING THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE MAY SIT FOR A WRITTEN EXAMINATION COVERING THE SYLLABUS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY FOR CLASS III OR CLASS III(A) EQUIPMENT, WHICH INCLUDES THE TYPES OF BOILERS NORMALLY USED IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY.

CANDIDATES TAKING THE CLASS III BOILER EXAMINATION REQUIRE AT LEAST NINE MONTHS EXPERIENCE IN GENERAL BOILER OPERATIONS, INCLUDING AT LEAST SIX MONTHS EXPERIENCE WITH THE AUTOMATICALLY CONTROLLED TYPE. CANDIDATES FOR CLASS III(A) BOILERS NEED ONLY SIX MONTHS EXPERIENCE WITH MANUALLY CONTROLLED BOILERS.

CANDIDATES SUCCESSFUL AT THE EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE ISSUED WITH COMPETENCY CERTIFICATES BY THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WITHOUT HAVING TO SIT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATIONS.

THOSE INTERESTED IN TAKING THE BOILER OPERATOR COURSES SHOULD CONTACT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR FURTHER DETAILS. THOSE SEEKING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATION SHOULD CONTACT ITS PRESSURE EQUIPMENT UNIT AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON, TELEPHONE 3-688111 EXT. 352.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT URGED FACTORY OWNERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TWO SHORT COURSES OFFERED BECAUSE FACTORIES OPERATING BOILERS WITHOUT PROPERLY QUALIFIED ATTENDANTS WERE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND BOILERS NOT ISSUED WITH CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS COULD BE CLOSED DOWN.

HE SAID, +WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TWO SHORT COURSES FOR WHICH PLACES ARE NOW READILY AVAILABLE WITH VIRTUALLY NO WAITING TIME FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT EXAMINATIONS, FACTORY OWNERS SHOULD HAVE LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING THE SERVICES OF QUALIFIED STAFF.+

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CLOSURE OF TRAFFIC LANE ON FLYOVER  
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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT ONE TRAFFIC LANE ON THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD/LAI CHI KOK ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 24) TO 6 AM ON FEBRUARY 25 AND FROM 10 PM ON FEBRUARY 27 TO 6 AM ON FEBRUARY 28 TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK OF THE FLYOVER.

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TAI PO MARKET STALLS FOR AUCTION  
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FIVE STALLS AT THE TAI PO MARKET AND TAI PO KUK TENG MARKET WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 24).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, MEI TAK BUILDING, 1-17 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE STALLS ARE FOR SELLING FISH AND VEGETABLES.

ONLY PERSONS AGED 21 OR ABOVE CAN TAKE PART IN THE AUCTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE AUCTION.+

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS CAN START THEIR BUSINESS ON MARCH 1 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

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SITE FOR SORE FEET  
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SHEK KIP MEI RESIDENTS WILL HAVE A NEW REST GARDEN LATER THIS YEAR.

THE GARDEN, IN SHEK KIP MEI STREET, WILL HAVE A PLAYGROUND AND A SHADED SITTING-OUT AREA.

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

WORK WILL START IN MARCH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE AT WHICH TIME IT WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

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PEDESTRIAN MALL IN YUEN LONG  
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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 25), THE AREA BOUNDED BY MA MIU ROAD, MA WANG ROAD, ON NING ROAD AND THE UN-NAMED ROAD SERIALLED +L3+ IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED INTO A PEDESTRIAN PRESCINT AND ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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