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EAST KOWLOON GETTING NEW FISH MARKET

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A NEW WHOLESALE FISH MARKET BEING BUILT IN YAU TONG IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER AND WILL PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE TO EAST KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY) WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO)'S ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY HELD AT THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

DR LEE SAID THE NEW MARKET WOULD PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES FOR FISHERMEN AND FISH BUYERS, AND THE HANDLING OF CATCHES WOULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED.

HE EXPRESSED CONCERN, HOWEVER, OVER THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL FISH MARKETING ACTIVITIES.

+THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE FMO ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SUCH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AND WILL CONTINUE ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE,+ HE SAID.

HE URGED FISHERMEN TO ABIDE BY THE MARINE FISH (MARKETING) ORDINANCE AND SELL THEIR CATCHES THROUGH THE FMO FISH MARKETS.

REVIEWING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INDUSTRY IN THE PAST YEAR, DR LEE SAID: +THERE HAS BEEN FAVOURABLE DEMAND IN FISH FOR CONSUMPTION WITH STEADILY IMPROVED FISH PRICES. THE SUPPLY OF FUEL OIL HAS BEEN ADEQUATE AND THE PRICES ARE STEADY.

+THESE FACTORS HAVE HELPED TO SUSTAIN FISHERMEN'S CONFIDENCE IN THE INDUSTRY, RESULTING IN THEIR CONTINUAL INVESTMENT IN BUILDING NEW FISHING VESSELS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OFFSHORE FISHERIES INDUSTRY.+

THE AMOUNT OF LANDINGS OF FISHERMEN LAST YEAR IN FMO MARKETS HAD INCREASED BY 3.7 PER CENT TO 68 800 TONNES WORTH \$493 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT OVER THE 1985 FIGURE, HE SAID.

AT THE CEREMONY, DR LEE PRESENTED PRIZES TO 26 FISHERMEN WHO LANDED TOP CATCHES IN FMO MARKETS LAST YEAR.

AMONG THEM, SIX WERE ALSO AWARDED THE TITLE OF CHAMPION FISHERMEN OF THE YEAR. THEY ARE MR TAO KAM-TAO, MR CHAN CHO-DOR, MR WONG FUK, MR LAU KAM-FAI, MR CHEUNG NG, AND MR NG CHUEN-HEE.

DR LEE ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO SEVEN OTHER FISHERMEN FOR SAVING 29 PEOPLE AT SEA AND LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO SIX FMO STAFF MEMBERS.

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MAN KAM TO BORDER CROSSING POINT  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT WITH EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1987, PROCESSING OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MAN KAM TO CLOSED ROAD PERMITS WOULD BE RESUMED.

THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PROCESSING NEW APPLICATIONS WAS INTRODUCED AS PART OF A PACKAGE OF MEASURES TO REDUCE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC CONGESTION ALONG MAN KAM TO ROAD.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PACKAGE OF MEASURES HAS PROVED EFFECTIVE AND THE CONGESTION IN THE AREA HAS BEEN MUCH REDUCED.

ALSO BEING WITHDRAWN ON THE SAME DAY WILL BE THE TEMPORARY MEASURE ALLOWING HOLDERS OF EXISTING MAN KAM TO CLOSED ROAD PERMITS TO CROSS AT SHA TAU KOK WITHOUT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PERMITS.

FROM FEBRUARY 1 DRIVERS OF VEHICLES CROSSING THE BORDER WILL BE REQUIRED TO POSSESS A CLOSED ROAD PERMIT FOR THE CROSSING POINT BEING USED.

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FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS INTO AUTOMATIC TOLL SYSTEMS  
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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT AS IT IS UNLIKELY TO RESULT IN ANY IMPROVEMENT IN TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, AN AUTOMATED TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE INTRODUCED AT HONG KONG'S ROAD TUNNELS FOR THE TIME BEING.

AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE MORE ATTRACTIVE IN FOUR OR FIVE YEARS' TIME WHEN MORE TUNNELS ARE OPERATING. THE TRANSPORT BRANCH AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL THEREFORE UNDERTAKE FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS, IN PARTICULAR IN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN, TO SEE IF ANY SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE WHICH COULD BE DEPLOYED IN HONG KONG.

EARLIER, THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD ADVISED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS, AN AUTOTOLL SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING ONE AT SOME FUTURE DATE SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND.

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