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FIREMEN AT AIRPORT HAVE NEW APPLIANCES

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THE FIRE CONTINGENT AT KAI TAK, HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HAS ACQUIRED A MAJOR FOAM TENDER AND TWO RAPID INTERVENTION VEHICLES TO ENHANCE ITS FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITY.

THE NEW VEHICLES, ORDERED THROUGH THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF OVER \$2.5 MILLION, ARE OF THE LATEST AVAILABLE MODELS, WITH EQUIPMENT OPERATED BY PUSH-BUTTONS.

THEY WILL REPLACE FOUR OLD VEHICLES OF SIMILAR TYPES WHICH HAVE BEEN USED BY THE CONTINGENT FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS AND ARE BECOMING OBSOLETE AND UNECONOMICAL TO MAINTAIN.

THE MAJOR FOAM TENDER IS CAPABLE OF LOADING OVER 13 600 LITRES OF WATER AND 1 600 LITRES OF FOAM CONCENTRATE.

IT HAS A MONITOR FLOW OF OVER 85 METRES, WHICH IS MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE LENGTH OF THE FUSELAGE OF ANY CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT.

THE TWO RAPID INTERVENTION VEHICLES ARE MUCH SMALLER AND EACH CARRIES 1 000 LITRES OF PRE-MIXED WATER/FOAM EXTINGUISHING AGENT AND A 50-KILOGRAM FIRE EXTINGUISHER. THESE VEHICLES ARE LIGHT-WEIGHT IN DESIGN AND CAN TRAVEL AT A MUCH GREATER SPEED THAN THE HEAVY-BUILT MAJOR FOAM TENDER.

+NO TIME MUST BE LOST IN THE EVENT OF AN AIRCRAFT FIRE AND THE RAPID INTERVENTION VEHICLES WILL GIVE THE MOST INVALUABLE FIRE COVER FOR THE FIRST MINUTE OR TWO BEFORE THE MAJOR FOAM TENDER IS READY TO JOIN IN THE FIRE FIGHTING OPERATION,+ SAID MR HO KWOK-CHUEN, DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AIRPORT FIRE CONTINGENT.

+BACK-UP VEHICLES WILL BRING IN FURTHER SUPPLIES OF FOAM CONCENTRATE AND HOSES FOR CONNECTING UP WITH HIGH-PRESSURE HYDRANTS AT THE SIDE OF THE RUNWAY TO DRAW WATER.

+THE OPERATION CAN BE CONDUCTED SMOOTHLY IN THIS WAY UNTIL THE FIRE IS OUT,+ MR HO SAID.

THE AIRPORT FIRE CONTINGENT OPERATES FROM TWO FIRE STATIONS, ONE AT EACH END OF THE RUNWAY.

IT HAS A STAFF OF SOME 110 OFFICERS AND MEN AND A FLEET OF FOUR MAJOR FOAM TENDERS, TWO RAPID INTERVENTION VEHICLES, TWO BACK-UP APPLIANCES AND ONE MULTI-PURPOSE VEHICLE. THE CONTINGENT ALSO OPERATES A CATAMARAN AND TWO ZODIAC INFLATABLE BOATS FOR HARBOUR RESCUE OPERATIONS.

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SHA TIN HOSPITAL IN FINAL BUILDING STAGE

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WORK WILL START SHORTLY ON THE FINAL STAGE OF THE NEW SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR SOME 2 000 MEDICAL STAFF.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL, STAFF QUARTERS AND A LECTURE THEATRE BUILDING, ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PWD SAID THAT THE QUARTERS, COMPRISING SIX BLOCKS OF BUILDING RANGING FROM THREE TO 21 STOREYS, WOULD HOUSE DOCTORS, NURSES, MEDICAL STUDENTS AND OTHER HOSPITAL STAFF.

THE NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL, WITH FULL MEDICAL TRAINING FACILITIES FOR SOME 400 STUDENTS, WOULD BE LOCATED ON THE LOWER FLOORS OF ONE OF THE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS FOR NURSES.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL BEGIN IN JUNE.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TEACHING HOSPITAL, COMPRISING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THREE-STORY SPECIALIST CLINIC BLOCK, A MAIN WARD BLOCK, A SPECIAL WARD BLOCK AND A CLINICAL SCIENCE BLOCK, ALL OF 12 STOREYS, IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

WHEN FULLY COMPLETED IN LATE 1982, THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL WILL HAVE 1 400 BEDS AND SERVE THE 700 000 PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE HOSPITAL WILL OFFER A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH GENERAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES, INCLUDING OUT-PATIENT AND CASUALTY TREATMENT AND CARE OF PATIENTS BEFORE AND AFTER HOSPITALISATION.

THE PROJECT IS PARTLY FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN NT DEVELOPMENT ENCOURAGING

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CONTINUING PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO AND OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THIS WHEN OFFICIATING AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF THE HONG LOK YUEN MODEL HOUSES ON A 557 400 SQUARE METRES SITE IN TAI PO.

LOCATED AT THE FORMER HONG LOK YUEN ORCHARD, THE ESTATE WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 900 DETACHED AND SEMI-DETACHED GARDEN HOUSES OF VARIOUS TYPES.

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IT WILL BE AN ENTIRELY SELF-CONTAINED DEVELOPMENT WITH ITS OWN SHOPPING CENTRE, SCHOOL, RESTAURANT AND AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB HOUSE CONTAINING A SWIMMING POOL, GOLF PUTTING AND DRIVING GREEN, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, TENNIS COURTS AND BOWLING ALLEYS.

DESCRIBING THE DEVELOPMENT AS +ONE OF THE MOST AMBITIOUS PRIVATE HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT A BRITISH COMPANY OF WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION HAD JOINED IN THIS PROJECT WHICH INCLUDED A COMPLETE RANGE OF AMENITIES FOR RESIDENTS.

+PROGRESS HAS BEEN GOOD, AND SOME OWNERS WILL START MOVING IN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH,+ HE SAID.

+THIS HOUSING WILL FIT IN WITH THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT: IT WILL BE CLOSE TO A SUBURBAN ELECTRIC RAIL SERVICE, IT IS CLOSE TO THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND IT IS SITUATED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE NEW TOWN OF TAI PO WITH ITS FUTURE POPULATION OF 200 000,+ HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH WOULD PRODUCE SEVERAL THOUSAND HIGH QUALITY HOUSES AND APARTMENTS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

+IN TAI PO OUR ATTENTION IS ALREADY TURNING TO THE USE OF FLAT AREAS IN THE HILLS WHICH HAVE BEEN CREATED DURING THE PROCESS OF RECLAMATION OF THE SEA,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES WISHED ALL THE FUTURE RESIDENTS OF HONG LOK YUEN MANY HAPPY YEARS OF RESIDENCE.

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167 PRISON OFFICERS PROMOTED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR T.G. GARNER, ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF 167 PRISON OFFICERS - THE LARGEST NUMBER PROMOTED AT ONE TIME - DURING THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL STAFF DINNER HELD IN A TSIM SHA TSUI RESTAURANT LAST (SATURDAY) EVENING.

THE OFFICERS WERE PROMOTED FROM ASSISTANT OFFICER II TO ASSISTANT OFFICER I EFFECTIVE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH.

DURING THE DINNER, MR GARNER PRESENTED HIS OWN COMMENDATIONS TO TWO OFFICERS FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL DEVOTION TO STAFF WELFARE. THEY WERE SUPERINTENDENTS CHOW SAI-WING AND J.A.D.G. DE ASSIS.

HE ALSO PRESENTED THE COMMISSIONER'S CUP FOR BEST PERFORMANCE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PARADE THIS YEAR TO THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN, AND THE CUP FOR THE BEST STALL AT THE AUTUMN FAIR TO THE HEI LING CHAU DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE.

THE GET-TOGETHER WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 1 100 STAFF MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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SAI KUNG CHOIR RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

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A DRIVE WILL START LATER THIS MONTH IN SAI KUNG TO RECRUIT CHILDREN WITH A FLAIR FOR SINGING FOR THE LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

THE DRIVE IS ORGANISED BY THE CHOIR'S SPONSORS, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND THE GOVERNMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE. THEY HOPE TO ENLIST 90 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 15 TO FORM A +TEENAGER GROUP+.

OTHER SPONSORS ARE THE SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEES.

FROM MONDAY (APRIL 21), THE ORGANISERS WILL DISTRIBUTE RECRUITMENT LEAFLETS AND APPLICATION FORMS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS.

TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE CHOIR, THEY WILL GIVE TALKS AND ORGANISE A SINGING CONTEST AT THE SUNG TSUN MIDDLE SCHOOL ON MAY 10.

APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE CHOIR WILL CLOSE ON MAY 5. ON MAY 17, CANDIDATES WILL BE GIVEN A SIMPLE VOCAL TEST BY THE CHOIR'S TUTOR, MR FUNG KIN-HONG, AND THE MUSIC OFFICE'S CHIEF INSTRUCTOR, MR YIP CHI-KWONG.

A SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE CHOIR'S INAUGURAL CONCERT LAST MONTH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND PERFORMANCES SINCE THEN HAD WON ACCLAIM FROM THE PUBLIC.

IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, HE SAID, IT WAS DECIDED TO FORM THE TEENAGER GROUP TO GIVE LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE A CHANCE TO SHARE IN THE PLEASURE OF SINGING IN A GOOD CHOIR.

THE RECRUITMENT DRIVE WILL BE A DISTRICT-WIDE EFFORT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF STAFF OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESENT 72 MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR WERE MAINLY FROM SAI KUNG TOWN. +WE WANT TO HAVE CHILDREN FROM AS MANY AREAS AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE CHOIR TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

+HENCE, APPLICANTS FROM HANG HAU AND OTHER AREAS ARE PARTICULARLY WELCOME.+

HE SAID JOINING THE CHOIR WOULD BE A MEANINGFUL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AND WOULD DEVELOP THE MUSICAL POTENTIAL OF LOCAL CHILDREN. IT WOULD IN NO WAY AFFECT SCHOOLING, AS TRAINING WOULD BE GIVEN EITHER ON SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS IN THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

THE CHOIR IS ALSO PLANNING TO ENGAGE FIVE MORE PART-TIME INSTRUCTORS TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE TRAINING OF NEW MEMBERS.

THESE POSTS WILL SOON BE ADVERTISED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. SAI KUNG RESIDENTS OR PEOPLE WORKING IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICE MOVES NEXT DOOR

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THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED FROM THE SECOND FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, TO THE FOURTH FLOOR IN THE EAST WING OF THE SAME BUILDING.

THE HEADQUARTERS MAIN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE NUMBER IS STILL 5-778271.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAKING ENQUIRIES OR REQUESTING BOOKLETS ON LABOUR LEGISLATION, POSTERS OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS SHOULD CALL AT THE NEW ADDRESS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AND ITS RESEARCH AND PLANNING UNIT AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION UNIT HAVE NOT MOVED AND ARE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, THE NEW EXTENSION NUMBERS OF ITS DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICITY UNIT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, A.L. TOBIN	:	5-778271	EXT. 207
SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, TONY AUYEUNG	:	"	EXT. 208
PUBLICITY LIAISON OFFICER, TSANG KIN-WOO	:	"	EXT. 209
ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER, PETER TIU	:	"	EXT. 215

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LABOUR OFFICERS GIVE TALKS

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OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT GAVE A TOTAL OF 12 TALKS TO THE PUBLIC LAST MONTH (MARCH).

THE LECTURES COVERING DIFFERENT TOPICS WERE GIVEN TO TRADE UNIONS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AN INDUSTRY PROMOTION ORGANISATION AND THE TWO UNIVERSITIES.

THE TOPICS INCLUDED INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN INDUSTRY AND PREVENTION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE TALKS WERE PART OF EFFORTS TO KEEP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BETTER INFORMED OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE LOCAL LABOUR SCENE, INCLUDING THE LAW, LABOUR RELATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS

STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OR ENGINEERING DISCIPLINE AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL HAVE THE CHANCE OF GETTING A \$4 000 SCHOLARSHIP ANNUALLY STARTING FROM THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE KWONG YEE TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP, AN ANNUAL AWARD FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, IS DONATED BY MR S.K. FUNG OF THE KWONG YEE WO SHIPYARD TO PROMOTE TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

IT WILL BE AWARDED TO A STUDENT PURSUING A COURSE OF STUDY IN EITHER THE CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MARINE AND FABRICATION, OR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

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MAXICAB ROUTE 20 TO BE CANCELLED

KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 20 BETWEEN JORDAN VALLEY AND FUK WAH TSUEN WILL STOP TO RUN AFTER WEDNESDAY (APRIL 23).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS SERVICE WAS TO BE TERMINATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CLEARANCE PROGRAMME OF FUK WAH TSUEN. HE ADDED THAT CHUN WAH ROAD IN JORDAN VALLEY WOULD BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY (APRIL 24).

NOTICE TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE TERMINAL STOPS ANNOUNCING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS ROUTE.

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RE-ROUTING OF MEI KING STREET

THE SECTION OF MEI KING STREET IN MA TAU KOK BETWEEN KWEI CHOW STREET AND SAN MA TAU STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 22) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN SHEUNG WAN
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN
WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 22)
TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY MORRISON STREET,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND BONHAM STRAND EAST, INCLUDING THOSE ON
HILLIER STREET, WING LOK STREET, JERVOIS STREET, MERCER STREET,
CLEVERLY STREET AND BURD STREET.

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