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\$257,000 PAID OUT IN TAVA SCHEME

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT MORE THAN \$257,000 AS QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR PEOPLE APPLYING UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION ON MAY 1.

THE PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO 21 CASES INVOLVING DEATH AND 82 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAVE CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

MRS. DIANA LEE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS FOR THE FATAL CASES TOTALLED \$109,700, AND THAT FOR THE INJURY, \$148,000.

SHE SAID THE GRANTS FOR THE INJURY CASES INCLUDED SECOND PAYMENTS IN 13 CASES WHEREBY THE APPLICANTS WERE MEDICALLY CERTIFIED TO REQUIRE EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

IN THE CASES ALREADY PROCESSED, SHE SAID, THE HIGHEST PAYMENT WAS \$10,600 MADE IN EACH OF TWO FATAL CASES, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$10,300.

+AT PRESENT, 224 OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN A FAIRLY SHORT TIME,+ SHE SAID.

THE NON-MEANS TESTED SCHEME AIMS AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

MRS. LEE SAID PEOPLE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON OR AFTER MAY 1 THIS YEAR COULD APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE AT THE TAVA SECTION ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING, 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-222392 AND 5-223254).

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**THE DUKE AND THE GOVERNOR LEAVE FOR UK

THE DUKE OF KENT LEFT HONG KONG BY AIR THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOLLOWING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA.

TRAVELLING ON THE SAME AIRCRAFT WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS IS THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE. ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR TO LONDON ARE THE SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, MR. DAVID FORD, AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, DR. DAVID WILSON.

THE DUKE AND THE GOVERNOR WERE SEEN OFF AT THE AIRBRIDGE BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER. JOINING SIR JACK IN THE V.I.P. ROOM EARLIER TO SAY FAREWELL TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS AND THE GOVERNOR WERE THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ROY REDGRAVE, AND THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

DURING SIR MURRAY'S ABSENCE, SIR JACK WILL ACT AS GOVERNOR.

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**PUBLIC RESPONSE TO FUEL SAVING CAMPAIGN ADMIRABLE

ONLY 58 PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED SUMMONSES SINCE THE GOVERNMENT'S FUEL SAVING MEASURES WERE PUT INTO EFFECT ON MAY 13, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+MOST OF THE SUMMONSES RELATED TO THE PERSISTENT ILLEGAL USE OF LIGHTING FOR SHOP WINDOW DISPLAYS OR FAILURE TO SWITCH OFF ADVERTISING SIGNS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+ON THE WHOLE THE PUBLIC'S RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S FUEL SAVING MEASURES HAS BEEN ADMIRABLE,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THOSE WHO HAD RECEIVED SUMMONSES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN WARNED AND IN BREACHING CERTAIN PROVISIONS MADE UNDER THE OIL (CONSERVATION AND CONTROL) ORDINANCE 1979 WERE JUST CHANCING THEIR LUCK.

IN ADDITION TO THE SUMMONSES 47 OTHER WARNINGS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO SHOPKEEPERS FOUND TO HAVE BREACHED THE ORDINANCE BY USING ELECTRICITY FOR ILLUMINATING SHOP SIGNS OR FOR THE DISPLAY OF PRODUCTS.

+SO FAR THE PUBLIC HAVE RESPONDED TO THE WHOLE CAMPAIGN WITH A GOOD DEAL OF COMMON SENSE,+ THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SHA TIN SITE SOLD FOR \$12.5 MILLION
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THE FIRST SITE ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF SHA TIN VALLEY FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS SOLD FOR \$12.5 MILLION AT A GOVERNMENT AUCTION TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE SITE MEASURING 1,679 SQ. METRES — THE FIRST RESIDENTIAL LOT DISPOSED OF BY WAY OF AUCTION IN SHA TIN — WAS SOLD TO THE SOUTHEAST ASIA PROPERTIES AND FINANCE LTD. WHICH PAID THE EQUIVALENT OF \$7,445 PER SQ. METRE.

BIDDINGS STARTED AT \$7 MILLION AND IN LESS THAN 20 MINUTES SEVEN KEEN BIDDERS PUSHED UP THE PRICE TO \$12.5 MILLION — ABOUT 80 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE OPENING BID.

THE SITE, DESIGNED FOR HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, IS IN A VERY SCENIC SETTING OVERLOOKING SHA TIN HOI. IT IS ON THE HILLSIDE OPPOSITE THE PROPOSED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT.

THE SALE CONDITIONS OF THE SITE STIPULATE THAT THE TOTAL ROOFED-OVER AREA OF THE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 18 STOREYS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 17.5 PER CENT OF THE LOT AREA.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. DON SMITH, SAID THE PRICE REALISED WAS HIGHER THAN EXPECTED BECAUSE OF THE MARKET DEMAND FOR HIGH QUALITY HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

+THE RESULT CLEARLY REFLECTS THAT LOCAL DEVELOPERS HAVE TO COME TO REALISE THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF LUXURY HOUSING IN THE NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

MR. SMITH ADDED THAT SOME 40 SITES FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN SHA TIN IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

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MORE VEHICLE EXAMINERS
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THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS IN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS TO BE INCREASED FROM 20 TO 31.

THE RECRUITMENT OF 11 NEW EXAMINERS IS AIMED AT COPING WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF VEHICLES CALLED UP FOR INSPECTION AND SHORTENING THEIR WAITING TIME.

THE FIRST GROUP OF FIVE NEW RECRUITS ARE NOW UNDER TRAINING AND THE SECOND BATCH OF SIX WILL BE JOINING THE DEPARTMENT SHORTLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID: +AT PRESENT WE HAVE A LONG LIST OF VEHICLES WAITING FOR INSPECTION.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENT DELAY WAS DUE TO SHORTAGE OF FACILITIES AND STAFF.

+WITH THE NEW FACILITIES AT THE KOWLOON BAY AND ADDITIONAL STAFF SOON, WE HOPE TO MINIMISE THE DELAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE KOWLOON BAY CENTRE IS MAINLY FOR GOODS VEHICLE INSPECTIONS AND EVENTUALLY THIS TYPE OF VEHICLE WILL BE INSPECTED THERE EVERY YEAR.+

HE ALSO REVEALED THAT THREE MORE INSPECTION CENTRES FOR PRIVATE CARS WILL BE BUILT IN TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG AND HONG KONG ISLAND.

LAST YEAR, THE VEHICLE EXAMINATION SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTED OVER 47,000 VEHICLES --- A SIX PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL OF 44,569.

DURING THE PERIOD THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT ON SUSPECTED DEFECTIVE CARS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ALSO INCREASED.

THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES FOUND DEFECTIVE ROSE FROM 8,391 IN 1977 TO 10,059 LAST YEAR. EXAMINATIONS ARISING FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ROSE FROM 3,493 TO 3,772 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

THE INSPECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS SECONDED TO THE POLICE TRAFFIC BRANCH.

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INCREASE IN NUMBER OF WATER CONSUMERS
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS RECORDED AN AVERAGE INCREASE OF 5,000 REGISTERED CONSUMERS PER MONTH DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

ACCORDING TO LATEST STATISTICS, THERE WERE 840,000 REGISTERED CONSUMERS AT THE END OF MAY, COMPARED WITH 780,000 AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR, AND 720,000 IN MAY 1977.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ATTRIBUTED THE STEADY INCREASE TO THE BUILDING BOOM AND GRADUAL INCREASE IN POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID: +NATURALLY THE WORKLOAD HAS HAD ITS EFFECT ON THE ALREADY HARD-PRESSED STAFF OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

+THE INCREASE ALSO AFFECTED THE AVERAGE DAILY WATER CONSUMPTION IN HONG KONG WHICH HAS RISEN BY MORE THAN EIGHT PER CENT TO 1.237 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY LAST MONTH COMPARED WITH 1.141 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY IN MAY LAST YEAR.

+HOWEVER, WITH OUR INCREASED WATER STORAGE AND TREATMENT FACILITIES, WE ARE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION.

+AS FAR AS WATER SUPPLY IS CONCERNED OUR PRESENT STORAGE POSITION IS GOOD SO FAR THIS YEAR. MOST OF OUR RESERVOIRS ARE NOW MORE THAN HALF FULL DUE TO THE RECENT SPELL OF WET WEATHER.+

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THE SETTING UP OF A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE IN JAVA ROAD AND THE EXTENSION OF THE PLB RESTRICTED ZONE IN KING'S ROAD FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JUNE 15).

IN JAVA ROAD, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS ON THE SECTION BETWEEN A POINT 130 FEET WEST OF HEALTHY STREET EAST AND ABOUT 210 FEET EAST OF THE SAME STREET FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

IN KING'S ROAD, THE EXISTING NORTHBOUND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE WILL BE EXTENDED TO A POINT ABOUT 130 FEET SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION OF KING'S ROAD AND TONG CHONG STREET FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THESE AREAS TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL AND WONG TAI SIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON THURSDAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN CENTRAL, THE SUPPLY WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JUNE 14) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ALBANY ROAD, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, CHANCERY LANE, OLD BAILEY STREET, ELGIN STREET, PEEL STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, ABERDEEN STREET, KAU U FONG, WEST SIDE OF GAGE STREET, LYNTHURST TERRACE AND POTTINGER STREET INCLUDING WYNDHAM STREET.

IN WONG TAI SIN, THE SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY JUNCTION ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, TUNG LUNG ROAD AND TUNG WOR ROAD INCLUDING TUNG TSING ROAD, MEI TUNG ESTATE AND BLOCK 5 OF TUNG TAU ESTATE.

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