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PUBLICATION ON FOUNDATION PROPERTIES OF ROCKS PUBLISHED

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A TECHNICAL PUBLICATION ENTITLED "FOUNDATION PROPERTIES OF MARBLE AND OTHER ROCKS IN THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN AREA" HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DOCUMENT PRESENTS THE RESULTS OF A LABORATORY AND FIELD STUDY ON THE ENGINEERING PROPERTIES OF MARBLE AND OTHER ROCKS UNDERLYING THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN AREA, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO DEEP FOUNDATIONS.

THE HEAD OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, DR ANDREW MALONE, SAID FOUNDATION CONDITIONS IN THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES WERE GENERALLY MORE VARIED AND COMPLEX THAN IN OTHER URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG WHERE ONLY GRANITIC AND VOLCANIC ROCKS WERE ENCOUNTERED.

HE SAID THE COMPLEX GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS GAVE RISE TO VARIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING THE DESIGN OF DEEP FOUNDATIONS, NOT THE LEAST BEING THE OCCURRENCE OF BURIED MARBLE CONTAINING CAVITIES.

"THE DISCOVERY OF MARBLE WITH KARSTIC FEATURES INCLUDING CAVITIES LED TO SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS BEING ISSUED FOR FOUNDATION WORKS WITHIN A DESIGNATED AREA BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG AFFECTED BY MARBLE BEDROCK," DR MALONE ADDED.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS WERE AMENDED LAST YEAR TO INTRODUCE NEW CONTROL PROVISIONS FOR THE AREA WITHIN WHICH MARBLE MAY BE FOUND, REFERRED TO AS AREA NUMBER 2 OF THE SCHEDULED AREAS.

THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED A NUMBER OF DETAILED 1:5,000 SCALE GEOLOGICAL MAPS OF THE AREA.

THE ACCOMPANYING GEOLOGICAL MEMOIR FOR THESE MAPS IS IN PREPARATION AND WILL BE PUBLISHED THIS YEAR.

MARBLE WAS ALSO DISCOVERED UNDER THE RECLAIMED LAND AT MA ON SHAN LAST YEAR.

DR MALONE SAID THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT HAD BEGUN CONSTRUCTION OF THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN EASTERN CORRIDOR, A SEVEN KILOMETRE-LONG DUAL TWO-LANE TRUNK ROAD IN THIS AREA OF COMPLEX GEOLOGY.

THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE HAS BEEN ASSISTING THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT WITH THE GEOTECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE FOUNDATION AND SLOPE DESIGN IN THIS PROJECT.

IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF PUBLISHED LOCAL DATA ON THE ENGINEERING PROPERTIES OF THE ROCK TYPES, INCLUDING MARBLE, IN THIS AREA, THE OFFICE DECIDED TO PUBLISH THE DATA OBTAINED IN THIS PROJECT ALONG WITH AN OUTLINE OF THE APPROACH TO THE DESIGN OF BORED PILES.

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THE DOCUMENT SHOULD SERVE AS A USEFUL SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR OTHER PROJECTS INVOLVING DEEP FOUNDATIONS IN THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN AREA.

"THE FOUNDATION PROPERTIES OF MARBLE AND OTHER ROCKS IN THE YUEN LONG - TUEN MUN AREA" IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AT \$58 PER COPY.

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CNTA PROVIDES NEW TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE

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A CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS ON APRIL 2, A CNTA SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FROM THAT DAY, RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES COULD CALL 835 1501 DURING OFFICE HOURS OR GO TO A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE (PESC) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

HE SAID THE CENTRAL ENQUIRY SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED AS A BACKUP TO THE PESC'S, THE NUMBER OF WHICH WOULD BE REDUCED FROM 69 TO 20 TO STREAMLINE CNTA'S OPERATIONS.

"IN TRYING TO MEET THE OBJECTIVE OF CONTROLLING EXPENDITURE, CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MAINTAINING THE STANDARD OF SERVICES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY PESC'S INCLUDE ANSWERING ENQUIRIES ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, CIVIL SERVICE VACANCIES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES; ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATIONS; DISTRIBUTING GOVERNMENT FORMS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS; AND RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEEKING FREE LEGAL ADVICE.

"WE WILL MONITOR THE NEW SYSTEM CLOSELY AND MAKE MODIFICATIONS IF NECESSARY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALSO, AS PART OF THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE PESC'S, CNTA WILL FROM APRIL 2 ADMINISTER ONLY THOSE STATUTORY DECLARATIONS WHICH ARE FOR NON-GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE USE, WHILE THOSE FOR GOVERNMENT USE WILL BE HANDLED BY THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

"CNTA IS NOW WORKING ON THE DETAILS WITH THESE DEPARTMENTS AND A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED IN DUE COURSE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE 20 PESC'S TO BE RETAINED WILL BE THOSE LOCATED IN 17 DISTRICT MAIN OFFICES, ONE IN THE TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AND TWO IN THE MUI WO AND CHEUNG CHAU SUB-OFFICES OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE 20 PESC'S ARE LISTED BELOW:

HONG KONG ISLAND

- CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE
GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.
- EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE
EASTERN LAW COURTS BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
29 TAI ON STREET, SAI WAN HO.
- SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE
MEI FUNG COURT, GROUND FLOOR,
7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.
- WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE
2 O'BRIEN ROAD, GROUND FLOOR.

KOWLOON

- KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE
MORNING JOY BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.
- KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE
KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING,
GROUND FLOOR, TUNG YAN STREET.
- SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE
37-39 TONKIN STREET, GROUND FLOOR.
- WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE
SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
NORTH WING, KING FUK STREET.
- MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE
MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GROUND FLOOR,
30 LUEN WAN STREET.
- YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE
MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

NEW TERRITORIES

- KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE
KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
166 HING FONG ROAD.

/- NORTH DISTRICT

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- NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE
FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING.
- SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE
(TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE)
UNITS 121 AND 122, GROUND FLOOR, PO NING HOUSE,
PO LAM ESTATE.
- SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE
FIRST FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.
- TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
TING KOK ROAD.
- TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE
TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING,
FIRST FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.
- TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE
TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, SECOND FLOOR,
1 TUEN HI ROAD.
- YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE
YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR,
CASTLE PEAK ROAD.
- ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE
(MUI WO SUB-OFFICE)
MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, GROUND FLOOR,
2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD.

(CHEUNG CHAU SUB-OFFICE)
22 SAN HING STREET, GROUND FLOOR.

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MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE ON MOVE
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE WILL MOVE TO ITS NEW OFFICE ON
THE SIXTH FLOOR, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 30 LUEN WAN STREET,
TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER WILL BE PUT UP ON THE
GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WITH A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER -- 399 2146.

/THE COUNTER

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THE COUNTER WILL HANDLE GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND PROVIDE STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 5.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY.

MEANWHILE, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER AT THE TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM APRIL 2.

LOCAL RESIDENTS SEEKING SERVICES MAY APPROACH THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER AT THE MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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1,446 PEOPLE ARRESTED IN 2,764 POLICE RAIDS IN FEBRUARY
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POLICE CONTINUED THEIR THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST VICE, DRUGS AND ILLEGAL GAMBLING LAST MONTH, ARRESTING A TOTAL OF 1,446 PEOPLE IN 2,764 OPERATIONS.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, NARCOTICS BUREAU AS WELL AS REGIONAL AND DISTRICT POLICE OFFICERS CONDUCTED 576 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 474 PEOPLE.

THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 2.2 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS, 2.4 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN, 380 GRAMS OF OPIUM AND A QUANTITY OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 112 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 837 PERSONS, SEIZING TABLE MONEY TALLING \$590,000 AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$305,000.

POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT 2,076 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 135 PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES. A TOTAL OF 634 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES WERE SEIZED.

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BLITZ ON UNSAFE USE OF LIFTING APPLIANCES
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS LAUNCHING A SPECIAL INSPECTION PROGRAMME ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO CURB UNSAFE USE OF LIFTING APPLIANCES.

DURING THE TWO-MONTH PROGRAMME, THREE TEAMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE WILL TAKE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS.

"UNSAFE OPERATION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND PROSECUTION WILL BE TAKEN OUT AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS CONTRACTORS," THE DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

/MR CHAN

MR CHAN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE INCREASING NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING LIFTING APPLIANCES.

IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF LAST YEAR, THE INSPECTORATE RECORDED 318 ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LIFTING APPLIANCES, COMPARED WITH 163 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1989.

"WE SPARE NO EFFORT TO MAKE BOTH THE MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS MORE AWARE OF THE CAUSES OF SUCH ACCIDENTS, THE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AND THE LEGISLATIVE CONTROL," MR CHAN SAID.

"THE SAFE USE OF LIFTING APPLIANCES HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN COURSES OFFERED BY OUR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE."

"THE CENTRE ORGANISED TWO SPECIAL SEMINARS LAST MONTH ON THE SAFE OPERATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES, FOLLOWING A SPATE OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SUCH EQUIPMENT."

"THE SEMINARS ATTRACTED 50 RIGGERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LEASING COMPANIES OF LIFTING APPLIANCES AND THEY SHARED EXPERIENCES IN THE TRADE."

MR CHAN URGED THE MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS TO TAKE SAFETY SERIOUSLY WHEN USING LIFTING APPLIANCES AS AN ACCIDENT COULD LEAD TO DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY GRANTS

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YOUTH GROUPS INTENDING TO ORGANISE ANTI-DRUG EDUCATIONAL OR PUBLICITY PROJECTS ARE NOW INVITED TO APPLY FOR SPONSORSHIP UP TO \$4,000 UNDER THE YOUTH AGAINST DRUG SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID: "YOUTH GROUPS FROM SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND FACTORIES COMPRISING NOT LESS THAN 10 MEMBERS AGED ABOVE 12 CAN PUT FORTH THEIR ANTI-DRUG PROJECT PROPOSALS TO US FOR CONSIDERATION AND FUNDING."

THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1981, IS SPONSORED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

SOME 100 PROJECTS SELECTED FROM HUNDREDS OF APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN FUNDED IN THE PAST 10 YEARS FOR LAUNCHING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS EXHIBITION, COMPETITION, SEMINAR AND VARIETY SHOWS.

"THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ACTUAL PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-DRUG PROJECTS.

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"IT IS HOPED THAT THE SCHEME CAN ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE AND AT THE SAME TIME PASS ON THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO THEIR PEERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS IS OBTAINABLE AT THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ON THE 23RD FLOOR OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HONG KONG.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 867 2766.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO WELCOME LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO JOINTLY ORGANISE WITH ACAN ANTI-DRUG PROJECTS WHICH REQUIRED SUBSIDIES EXCEEDING THE GRANT CEILING OF THE YOUTH AGAINST DRUG SCHEME.

"EACH PROPOSAL WILL BE THOROUGHLY STUDIED AND THE LEVEL OF SUBSIDY WILL DEPEND ON INDIVIDUAL MERITS," HE ADDED.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN YAU MA TEI
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SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER TO SOME PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 26) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY SHANGHAI STREET, NING PO STREET, CANTON ROAD, PAK HOI STREET, FERRY STREET AND KANSU STREET.

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