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NEW ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS, WHICH IS ONE OF SEVEN SETS OF NEW ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS EXPECTED TO COME INTO FORCE IN LATE AUGUST, MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS WITHIN 15 METRES OF A CROSSING FACILITY.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE TO CLIMB OVER OR THROUGH RAILINGS AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. OFFENDERS WILL BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2 000.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SEVEN SETS OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC AND USE OF VEHICLES ON HONG KONG ROADS HAD TAKEN MANY YEARS TO REVISE, CONSOLIDATE AND UPDATE. THEY WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING 13 SETS OF REGULATIONS.

COPIES OF THE REGULATIONS ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THEY ARE :

- * ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS,
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS,
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (PARKING) REGULATIONS,
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) REGULATIONS,
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS,
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS, AND
- * ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC CONTROL) REGULATIONS.

EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS ON EACH OF THE SEVEN REGULATIONS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION.

SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION WILL BE GIVEN ADEQUATE PUBLICITY.

EXAMPLES OF OTHER SECTIONS OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXPANDED ARE :

- (A) A BAN FOR MOTOR CYCLISTS TO WEAR ANY RADIO OR CASSETTE,
- (B) PROHIBITION FOR AN ENGINE TO RUN WHEN THE FUEL CAP IS REMOVED,

/(C) REQUIREMENT THAT

- (C) REQUIREMENT THAT CYCLISTS SHOULD RIDE SINGLE FILE UNLESS WHEN THEY ARE OVERTAKING, AND A BAN ON A BICYCLE PILLION RIDER,
- (D) REQUIREMENT FOR DRIVING LIGHTS DURING POOR VISIBILITY, AND
- (E) RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF HAZARD WARNING LIGHTS WHEN A VEHICLE IS IN MOTION.

CONTRAVENTION OF (A) TO (C) IS PUNISHABLE BY \$2 000 FINE, WHILE A BREAK OF (D) AND (E) COULD INCUR A FINE OF UP TO \$5 000 OR THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

ONE OF THE MOST VISIBLE EFFECTS OF THE NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS WILL BE THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW SETS OF TRAFFIC SIGNS WHICH HAVE BEEN DESIGNED ON THE SYMBOLIC PRINCIPLE ELIMINATING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WORDS AND CHARACTERS, AND WHERE WEIGHTS, DIMENSIONS OR SPEEDS ARE NECESSARY, ONLY METRIC UNITS ARE EMPLOYED.

ALTOGETHER THERE WILL BE 156 SIGNS, 66 OF WHICH WILL BE COMPLETELY NEW TO HONG KONG'S ROADS. THERE WILL ALSO BE 38 ROAD MARKINGS WITH 15 NEW ONES.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS WILL BE THE FIRST TO BE CHANGED FROM 30 MPH TO 50 KM/H AND 40 MPH TO 70 KM/H. OTHER SIGNS WILL BE PHASED IN TO REPLACE EXISTING ONES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE, DOUBLE YELLOW LINES WILL INDICATE WHERE STOPPING IS COMPLETELY PROHIBITED AND SINGLE YELLOW LINES WILL INDICATE RESTRICTION ON STOPPING.

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NOISE HAZARD IN TEXTILES INDUSTRY

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EMPLOYERS IN THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY WERE URGED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE STEPS TO PROTECT THEIR WORKERS FROM THE HAZARD OF INDUSTRIAL NOISE.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION, FOLLOWING A RECENT SURVEY ON NOISE CONDUCTED BY THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY REVEALED THAT THE SOUND LEVEL RECORDED IN SOME WEAVING SHEDS WAS AS HIGH AS 104 DB(A) (A-WEIGHTED SOUND LEVEL IN UNITS OF DECIBELS), COMPARED WITH THE LEGAL LIMIT OF 90 DB(A) FOR EIGHT HOURS OF EXPOSURE.

/PROLONGED EXPOSURE

PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO SUCH A HIGH LEVEL OF NOISE WOULD DAMAGE THE HEARING OF WORKERS WITHOUT SUITABLE EAR PROTECTORS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE SURVEY NOTED THAT SOME EMPLOYERS OF THE TEXTILES TRADE, PARTICULARLY IN SMALLER FACTORIES, DID NOT OBSERVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF PROVIDING THEIR WORKERS WITH EAR PROTECTORS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1982, WHERE AN EMPLOYEE IS LIKELY TO BE EXPOSED CONTINUOUSLY FOR EIGHT HOURS TO A SOUND LEVEL OF 90 DB(A), THE PROPRIETOR OF AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING SHOULD:

- * MAINTAIN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PROPERLY TO MINIMISE THE EMANATION OF SOUND;
- * PROVIDE SUITABLE EAR PROTECTORS TO WORKERS; AND
- * POST A NOTICE IN THE WORKPLACE WARNING THE DANGER TO HEALTH OF A FAILURE TO MAKE USE OF EAR PROTECTORS.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO REQUIRE WORKERS TO USE EAR PROTECTORS PROVIDED DURING THE WHOLE PERIOD WHEN THEY ARE EXPOSED TO SUCH A SOUND LEVEL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES SHOULD FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HEARING IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS PUBLISHED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THEY MAY ALSO CONSULT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE DEPARTMENT IF THEY HAVE ANY INQUIRIES.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT DB ELECTIONS

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REGISTERING AS VOTERS AND PARTICIPATING IN NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC REFORM, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN CALLS FOR A MORE OPEN GOVERNMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT BOARDS.

+IN RESPONSE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS INCLUDING INCREASING THE ELECTED ELEMENT ON THE BOARDS AND HAVING UNOFFICIALS AS CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARDS.

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+ALL THESE POINT TOWARDS THE DIRECTION OF DEMOCRACY AND RESIDENTS SHOULD DISPLAY THEIR SUPPORT WITH ACTION,+ HE SAID.

MR TSANG WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF A SINGING COMPETITION, THE FIRST OF THE 18-DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE 18 DISTRICT OFFICES, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND A NEWSPAPER ORGANISATION, THE CONTEST IS AIMED AT RAISING LOCAL PEOPLE'S INTEREST IN SINGING AND MUSIC IN GENERAL.

IT ALSO FORMS PART OF THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE IN AUGUST.

HE POINTED OUT THAT PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT NEEDS AND BACKGROUNDS WERE MOVING INTO THE RAPIDLY-DEVELOPING SHA TIN NEW TOWN BY THE THOUSANDS EACH MONTH.

+THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARD SYSTEM, THESE PEOPLE CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS. THEY CAN EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON SUCH MATTERS AS ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND TRANSPORT SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

+THE JOINT EFFORT OF BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE IN HANDLING VARIOUS PROBLEMS IS ESSENTIAL IN BUILDING A HEALTHY SOCIETY.

+REGISTERING AS A VOTER AND CASTING A VOTE SHOWS A CITIZEN'S RIGHT IN PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS. IT ALSO REFLECTS A VOTER'S LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

TWELVE AMATEURS, SELECTED FROM 255 CONTESTANTS THROUGH A SERIES OF AUDITIONS, COMPETED FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE SHA TIN CARITAS CENTRE.

THE WINNER WILL REPRESENT SHA TIN IN A SEMI-FINAL TO BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL ON AUGUST 11 WHEN NINE FINALISTS WILL BE CHOSEN FOR THE GRAND FINAL ON SEPTEMBER 8 AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

THE BEST PERFORMER IN THE GRAND FINAL WILL WIN A CONTRACT WITH A LOCAL RECORDING COMPANY AND OTHER WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES WORTH MORE THAN \$40 000.

THIS EVENING'S CONTEST WILL BE TELEVISED ON ATV AT 10.30 PM ON MAY 7.

THE OTHER 17 DISTRICTS WILL HOLD THEIR CONTEST IN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.

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MORE BUILDING PROJECTS APPROVED

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FOUR SCHOOL PROJECTS WERE AMONG 29 PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN FEBRUARY.

THEY WERE EXTENSIONS TO THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL AT STANLEY AND TO ST. PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE, MCDONNELL ROAD; A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL AT DISCOVERY BAY; AND A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE TEXTILE INSTITUTE OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AT TSUEN WAN.

ALSO APPROVED WERE A CATHOLIC CENTRE AT BROADWOOD ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY; A RAIN SHELTER AT CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, CHAI WAN; AND A CAR PARK AND RADIOTHERAPY CENTRE FOR THE HONG KONG BAPTIST HOSPITAL AT WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR A FOOTBRIDGE AT SHA TIN AND TWO FOOTBRIDGES AT TAI PO; A KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATION OFFICE AT SHA TIN; A REFUSE COLLECTION CENTRE AT HO CHUNG MARINA, SAI KUNG; AND AN OIL TANK AND A BRIDGE LINK TO A JETTY FOR THE CASTLE PEAK 'B' POWER STATION.

OF THE PROJECTS APPROVED, 13 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE IN KOWLOON AND 11 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO WORK STARTING ON 50 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS DURING THE MONTH.

FIFTEEN WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE IN KOWLOON AND 26 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED TWO CHINESE-STYLE PAVILIONS AND A GARAGE AT CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, CHAI WAN; A NEW ROAD LINKING THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WITH TAIKOO WAN ROAD, TAIKOO SHING; A MOTOR SERVICE CENTRE AT CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD; A FACTORY AT TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE; SCHOOLS AT SHA TIN, WAN CHAI AND KWUN TONG; A HOSTEL AT PAK SHA O, SAI KUNG; AN ELECTRIC POWER STATION AT PO LO TSUI ON LAMMA ISLAND; AN UNDERGROUND OIL TANK AT POK OI HOSPITAL, YUEN LONG; A FUEL VEHICLE LOADING POINT ON TSING YI ISLAND; AND A NOVITIATE AT YIN KONG, SHEUNG SHUI.

THE FLOOR AREA OF THESE 50 PROJECTS TOTAL 223 148 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 169 556.8 SQUARE METRES ARE FOR NON-DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER FOR DOMESTIC USES.

A TOTAL OF 28 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS IN FEBRUARY.

/THEY INCLUDE

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THEY INCLUDE SIX BLOCKS OF SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS AT PRICE ROAD, JARDINE'S LOOKOUT, FOR THE FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION LIMITED; TWO SCHOOLS AT WONG MA KOK ROAD, STANLEY, FOR ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE AND AT POLICE SCHOOL ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, FOR HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE; A PUMP HOUSE AT KWONG WAH HOSPITAL, DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK; A COMPRESSOR HOUSE AND BOILER HOUSE AT MA TAU KOK SOUTH WORKS OF THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED; AN AIR CARGO TERMINAL AT KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS LIMITED; A CINEMA AT LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK; AND A RADIO PAGING STATION AT TAI O, LANTAU ISLAND, FOR HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY WAS 198 190.9 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 171 809.2 SQUARE METRES FOR NON-DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY WAS \$517.4 MILLION.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED SEVEN DEMOLITION ORDERS IN RESPECT OF NINE BUILDINGS.

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ATHLETES TRAINING SCHEME FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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A 10-MONTH ATHLETIC TRAINING SCHEME ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND.

ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS COUNCIL, AND SPONSORED BY SAN MIGUEL, THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL TRACK-AND-FIELD STARS.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MISS MARIA TAM, WHO WAS THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, SAID THE SCHEME WAS UNIQUE IN THAT IT PROVIDED COACHING TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO GO THROUGH A SERIES OF TRAINING AND COMPETITIONS.

SHE HOPED THAT SIMILAR SCHEMES COULD BE INTRODUCED IN OTHER DISTRICTS AS WELL.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WERE THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON; THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KWONG KEI-CHI; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL; MR YUNG CHEK-CHOW, AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER OF SAN MIGUEL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN YING-LUN.

/MR YUNG

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MR YUNG ESTIMATED THAT THE TRAINING SCHEME HAD ATTRACTED SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT.

+WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE SPORTS TRAINING TO ENHANCE THEIR PHYSICAL WELL-BEING AND IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF SKILLS,+ MR YUNG SAID.

THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSS, MR LEE SHEK-YUE, DESCRIBED THE SCHEME AS A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME.

IT INCLUDES TRAINING SESSIONS AND PERSONAL EVALUATION OF PROGRESS TO ENSURE THAT ATHLETES HAVE UNDERGONE CONTINUOUS TRAINING BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN COMPETITIONS.

MR LEE SAID THAT THOSE WITH GOOD RESULTS WOULD BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

TRAINING WILL COVER 100- AND 800-METRE RUNS, LONG JUMP, HIGH JUMP, SHOT PUT AND AEROBIC EXERCISES.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SIX GROUPS ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE AND SEX.

MR LEE SAID THAT FOLLOWING INTENSIVE TRAINING, THE TOP 10 FROM EACH GROUP WOULD MEET IN OPEN COMPETITION AT A STADIUM EARLY NEXT YEAR FOR THE SUPER ATHLETE TITLES, DUBBED THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT +IRON MAN+ AND +IRON WOMAN+.

+IN ADDITION TO A TROPHY, THE CHAMPION OF EACH GROUP WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR ADVANCED TRAINING AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE,+ MR LEE SAID.

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PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS SIMPLIFIED

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A SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES AND PERMITS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (APRIL 2).

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY IN FUTURE LODGE APPLICATIONS WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR BOTH LICENCES AND PERMITS IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS.

+THIS WILL SAVE THEM FROM HAVING TO FILE SEPARATE APPLICATIONS WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING THE LICENCES, AND THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING THE PERMITS,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S.D. AND THE AUTHORITY.

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THE LICENCE IS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 4 (1) OF THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE CAP. 172 AND GOVERNS THE SAFETY OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE PROPOSED PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS ARE TO TAKE PLACE.

THE PERMIT IS ISSUED UNDER SECTION 8 (1) OF THE SAME ORDINANCE AND RELATES TO THE TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW PROCEDURE DID NOT IMPLY ANY SHIFT IN RESPONSIBILITY.

+THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY WILL CONTINUE TO ISSUE THE PERMIT, BUT THE U.S.D. WILL RECEIVE, CHECK AND PASS ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS. THE SOLE AIM IS TO SAVE THE PUBLIC FROM HAVING TO LODGE APPLICATIONS AT TWO PLACES,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+THE TIME REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE OR PERMIT WILL REMAIN 18 WORKING DAYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NEW ROADS FOR TSUEN WAN BYPASS * * *

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO BUILD NEW ROADS TOTALLING 1.5 KILOMETRES IN LENGTH ON RECENTLY RECLAIMED LAND IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN NEAR THE CARGO WORKING AREA.

THEY WILL SERVE EXISTING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE RECLAMATION AND PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL LINK WITH STAGE II OF TSUEN WAN BYPASS AND THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND BE FINISHED IN ONE YEAR.

THE SECOND STAGE OF TSUEN WAN BYPASS, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IS AN ELEVATED ROAD RUNNING FROM TEXACO ROAD TO TUEN MUN ROAD.

IT IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY COMPLETED IN THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR.

IT WILL LINK TSUEN WAN BYPASS STAGE I IN TEXACO ROAD AT ONE END TO TUEN MUN ROAD AT CHAI WAN KOK AT THE OTHER AND PROVIDE A MUCH-NEEDED THROUGH ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC TO TUEN MUN AND THE NORTH-WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN BEING LAUNCHED
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WITH THE APPROACH OF SUMMER, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT AN ANTI-MOSQUITO CAMPAIGN OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

FROM MONDAY (APRIL 2), THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SHA TIN, KWAI CHUNG, NORTH DISTRICT AND OTHER AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, A NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

DISTRICT PEST CONTROL STAFF WILL PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO POTENTIAL MOSQUITO-BREEDING PLACES IN RURAL AREAS, STREAM COURSES, COMMON PARTS OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

LAST YEAR, NTSD PEST CONTROL OFFICERS INSPECTED ABOUT 76 000 LOCATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND DEALT WITH MORE THAN 14 000 IDENTIFIED MOSQUITO-BREEDING PLACES.

MEANWHILE, AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE PREVENTION OF MOSQUITO BREEDING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CAMPAIGN INCLUDES DISTRIBUTION OF POSTERS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS.

AS MOSQUITOES BREED ONLY IN STAGNANT WATER, THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO:

- * PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ALL TINS, BOTTLES, RECEPTABLES AND OLD TYRES;
- * KEEP WATER STORAGE TANKS WELL COVERED AND IN GOOD CONDITION;
- * ENSURE DRAINAGE IS IN ORDER TO PREVENT BLOCKAGE;
- * CHANGE WATER IN VASES AT LEAST ONCE WEEKLY, AND
- * MAKE SURE THAT NO WATER ACCUMULATED IN TRAYS AND FLOWER BEDS.

NT RESIDENTS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE MAY CONTACT THEIR URBAN SERVICES OFFICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TAI PO SITE FOR TENDER

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A 1.6-HECTARE SITE OFF TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER SALE CONDITIONS, THE DEVELOPER WILL BE REQUIRED TO BUILD 1 450 TO 1 550 FLATS, RANGING IN SIZE FROM 35 TO 55 SQUARE METRES.

THE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS WILL BE BUILT ON A TWO-STOREY PODIUM WHICH WILL CONTAIN A SHOPPING MALL AND CAR PARK.

A 0.57-HECTARE OPEN SPACE WITH A LANDSCAPED DECK WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE PODIUM.

THE DEVELOPMENT WILL INCLUDE A CHILD CARE CENTRE FOR AT LEAST 35 CHILDREN AND A KINDERGARTEN WITH A MINIMUM OF FOUR CLASSROOMS.

THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$125 MILLION.

TENDERS WILL CLOSE ON MAY 25.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250, SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

THE TENDER PLAN CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE LOCATIONS.

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CLINIC SERVICES DURING CHING MING HOLIDAY
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT EIGHT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL STAY OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON APRIL 4, WHICH IS THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

THEY ARE: VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND; KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB POLYCLINIC IN KOWLOON; LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL OTHER OUT-PATIENT AND EVENING CLINICS WILL BE CLOSED THAT DAY.

BUT EMERGENCY CASES WILL BE ATTENDED TO AT THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IN HOSPITALS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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POLICE STATION TO UNDERGO ALTERATIONS
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TAI PO POLICE STATION, WHICH WAS BUILT BEFORE THE WAR, WILL UNDERGO ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT WORK TO MEET PRESENT-DAY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

THE STATION, A SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING, IS LOCATED AT TAI PO ROAD NEAR ISLAND HOUSE.

THE FRONT VERANDA OF THE MAIN BLOCK WILL BE CONVERTED INTO ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR A REPORT ROOM AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES.

AN AREA OF 150 SQUARE METRES BETWEEN THE MAIN AND REAR BLOCKS WILL BE TURNED INTO BARRACK ACCOMMODATION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE RENOVATIONS TO THE STATION BUILDING.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

WORK IS TO COMMENCE IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

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ANOTHER DISTRICT TO OFFER FREE LEGAL ADVICE

FREE LEGAL ADVICE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM APRIL 18 AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THIS WILL BRING TO SEVEN THE NUMBER OF DISTRICT OFFICES WHICH PROVIDE SUCH SERVICE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS THROUGH ASSISTANCE FROM THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY.

THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT SIX DISTRICT OFFICES -- EASTERN, WAN CHAI, MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

IN YAU MA TEI, THE DUTY LAWYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 6.30 PM TO 8.30 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY TO OFFER FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION ON CIVIL MATTERS FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE PRIVATE LAWYERS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SEEK FREE LEGAL ADVICE MAY APPROACH THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN PERSON AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DUTY LAWYER.

AN APPOINTMENT WILL BE ARRANGED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, AND APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE A PES CENTRE IN ANY OF THE SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL TAKE DOWN A SUMMARY OF THE CASE AND FORWARD TO THE LAW SOCIETY SO THAT DUTY LAWYERS CAN CARRY OUT RESEARCH AND MAKE PREPARATION.

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MORE PARKING METERS

A TOTAL OF 25 PARKING METERS WILL BE INSTALLED IN STIRLING ROAD TO REGULATE THE USE OF ON-STREET PARKING SPACES.

THESE TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS WILL BE OPERATIONAL FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 3), AND WILL CHARGE \$1 FOR EVERY 30 MINUTES.

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