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VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE
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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL DEREK BOORMAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) HAD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND IT WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAINTAINING STABILITY.

HE TOLD THE VOLUNTEERS AFTER INSPECTING A PASSING-OUT PARADE IN THE REGIMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN HAPPY VALLEY THAT THE REGIMENT'S ROLE +IS IMPORTANT AND WILL STAY THAT WAY+ IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

+IT IS MOST ESSENTIAL TO US TO HAVE YOU ALONGSIDE THE BRITISH GARRISON, GIVING WONDERFUL SUPPORT THAT YOU DO,+ SAID MAJOR-GENERAL BOORMAN.

HE PRAISED THE VOLUNTEERS FOR GIVING UP THEIR OWN TIME +TO SERVE EACH OTHER, TO SERVE THE REGIMENT, AND TO SERVE HONG KONG.+

+THIS IS THE BEST EXAMPLE THAT YOU CAN POSSIBLY OFFER EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

+YOU HAVE A FUTURE,+ SAID THE MAJOR-GENERAL, +AND I BELIEVE YOU WOULD DISCHARGE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IN A MOST MARVELLOUS FASHION.+

A TOTAL OF 82 RECRUITS TOOK PART IN THE PARADE. THIRTY-ONE OF THEM ARE WOMEN VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE UP THE FIRST GROUP OF FEMALE RECRUITS IN THE REGIMENT SINCE THE WOMEN'S CORPS WAS DISBANDED IN 1967.

SELECTED FROM ABOUT 1 500 APPLICANTS, THEY JOINED THE REGIMENT IN NOVEMBER 1983 AND RECEIVED TRAINING OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS ON WEAPON HANDLING, SHOOTING, MAP READING, BATTLE CRAFT, RADIO OPERATION, FIRST AID AND DRILL.

THE 1 000-STRONG REGIMENT IS ESSENTIALLY A PART-TIME VOLUNTEER FORCE. OVER THE YEARS, IT HAS GEARED ITSELF PRINCIPALLY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AND RECONNAISSANCE -- A ROLE FOR WHICH ITS BILINGUAL MEMBERS ARE WELL SUITED, WITH THEIR SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE ENVIRONMENT, LOCAL CONDITIONS AND CUSTOMS.

FOUNDED MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO, THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR INTERNAL DUTIES. UNITS OF THE REGIMENT WERE DEPLOYED DURING THE 1966 RIOTS AND IT WAS AGAIN CALLED OUT IN 1979 TO ASSIST THE CIVIL POWERS OVER THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION FROM CHINA.

THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE ALSO BEEN DEPLOYED TO RELIEVE THE REGULAR ARMY ON THE BORDER. THEY WILL DO SO AGAIN THIS AUTUMN.

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AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES ALSO PRESENTED EFFICIENCY AWARDS TO SEVEN VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE REGIMENT FOR MORE THAN 12 YEARS.

EFFICIENCY DECORATION WAS GIVEN TO MAJOR FRANK DRAKE, AND THE FIRST CLASP TO EFFICIENCY MEDAL WAS AWARDED TO TROOPER CHAN SHU-SUM. WARRANT OFFICER I TONG TSUN-YUK, STAFF SERGEANT SHUM CHEE-WANG, CORPORAL TANG SIN-LEUNG, LANCE CORPORAL HUI YAU-HOI AND TROOPER YIP CHI-MING RECEIVED EFFICIENCY MEDALS.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT WILL LAUNCH A NEW RECRUITMENT DRIVE NEXT MONTH FOR 20 FEMALE AND 80 MALE VOLUNTEERS. APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY - MARCH
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED LARGELY STABLE, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1984 WAS FOUR PER CENT, THE SAME AS THAT RECORDED FOR THE QUARTER ENDING IN FEBRUARY 1984.

THE RATE FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1983 WAS 4.1 PER CENT AND THAT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING IN MARCH 1983 WAS 5.1 PER CENT.

THE DECREASE OF 1.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS OVER THE YEAR WAS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING IN MARCH 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 102 000, COMPARED WITH 105 500 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING IN DECEMBER 1983, AND 127 300 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF LAST YEAR.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1984 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 1.5 PER CENT WHILE THAT FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1983 WAS 1.4 PER CENT. THE DIFFERENCE WAS NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

THE RATE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1983 WAS 2.5 PER CENT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS 37 800 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING IN MARCH 1984, COMPARED WITH 36 800 FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDING IN DECEMBER 1983.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING IN MARCH 1984 WAS ALSO FOUR PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 55 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG. PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING IN MARCH 1984 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AROUND JUNE 20, 1984.

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GRANTS OFFERED FOR YOUTH PROJECTS
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YOUNG PEOPLE WISHING TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE MAY GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM YOUTH GROUPS PLANNING ANY INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE NEXT ROUND OF THE +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME+.

APPLICATION FORMS AND EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY).

DETAILED PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THEM BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 25, AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, A YOUTH AGENCY OR A BUSINESS ORGANISATION.

GROUPS WITHOUT ANY SPONSORS MAY ALSO APPLY IF THEY ARE APPROVED BY THE SWD OFFICERS.

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EACH SUBMITTED PROJECT WILL BE ASSESSED FOR ITS YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY BENEFITS, FEASIBILITY, OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION.

AN APPROVED PROJECT MAY BE GIVEN A SUBSIDY OF UP TO \$4 000.

MORE THAN \$85 000 WAS GRANTED TO 34 APPROVED PROJECTS IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND LAST YEAR, IN WHICH MORE THAN 1 200 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART.

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INTELPOST TO BE EXTENDED TO AUSTRALIA

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THE INTELPOST (INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC POST) SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO AUSTRALIA FROM MAY 21 (MONDAY), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

FROM THAT DAY, INTELPOST ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG BEFORE 1 PM WILL BE DELIVERED THE SAME DAY IN ANY MAJOR AUSTRALIAN CITY.

ITEMS FOR OTHER AREAS WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE NEXT WORKING DAY.

+THIS SERVICE IS IDEAL FOR SENDING URGENTLY NEEDED LETTERS, REPORTS, CHARTS OR CONTRACTS.

+THE DOCUMENTS, WHICH ARE HANDLED WITH CARE AND CONFIDENTIALITY, ARE SCANNED, CONVERTED INTO HIGH SPEED ELECTRONIC IMPULSES AND TRANSMITTED DIRECT TO THE RECEIVING STATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN AUSTRALIA THE COPY IS PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE AND DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE BY POST OFFICE MESSENGER. ALTERNATIVELY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR COLLECTION FROM A POST OFFICE.

THE CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA WILL BE:

FOR THE FIRST SIDE OF AN A4 SHEET OF PAPER \$55

FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT A4 SIDE TO THE SAME \$25
ADDRESSEE AT THE SAME TIME

AT PRESENT, INTELPOST COVERS THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, THE NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN.

THOSE WISHING TO USE THE SERVICE MAY POST THEIR DOCUMENTS AT EITHER THE GENERAL POST OFFICE OR THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 10 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

IF THEY HAVE FACSIMILE MACHINES, ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO TRANSMIT THEIR ITEMS DIRECT TO THE POST OFFICE INTELPOST TERMINAL IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INTELPOST REPRESENTATIVE ON TELEPHONE 5-2671148.

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RACE TO BE STAGED ON ISLAND CORRIDOR
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A RACE AND A WALK WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 3 (SUNDAY) ALONG THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR'S CAUSEWAY BAY TO TAI KOO SHING SECTION WHICH WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FIVE DAYS LATER.

PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE TWO-HOUR EVENT, STARTING AT 2 PM.

THE TWO COMPETITIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A SECTION FOR 20-MEMBER TEAMS.

THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF 1 000 PARTICIPANTS IN EACH COMPETITION, AND APPLICANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

PARTICIPANTS FOR THE THREE-KILOMETRE WALK WILL START FROM THE HING FAT STREET SECTION TO NORTH POINT ROAD SECTION AND BACK TO THE STARTING POINT.

RUNNERS FOR THE FIVE-KILOMETRE RACE WILL REACH THE HEALTHY STREET SECTION BEFORE RETURNING TO THE STARTING POINT AT HING FAT STREET.

A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM IN THE VICTORIA PARK.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE POLICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE, AND THE AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE RACE AND THE WALK CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S MAIN OFFICE IN KING'S ROAD, OR ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN; THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AT 664 KING'S ROAD; AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING 5-637161 OR 5-641543.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY TO START
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A SURVEY OF THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY'S LATEST MANPOWER SITUATION WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 23 TO JUNE 6 BY THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC).

THE SURVEY WILL COVER ABOUT 800 EMPLOYERS, SELECTED BY RANDOM SAMPLING OUT OF SOME 2 000 GARAGES AND ESTABLISHMENTS.

+EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS UNDER TRAINING, EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF MANPOWER NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR,+ A VTC SPOKESMAN SAID.

+MANPOWER INFORMATION IS VITAL FOR THE TRAINING BOARD IN FORMULATING TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY,+ HE ADDED.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO EMPLOYERS OVER THE PAST WEEK.

OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THEM AND HELP THEM COMPLETE THE FORMS.

THE DATA COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE RELEASED IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY WILL ALSO ASSIST IN THE SURVEY.

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MORE LAND FOR TSING YI DEVELOPMENT
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A FURTHER 30 HECTARES OF LAND ARE TO BE FORMED AT TSING YI ISLAND FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH INVOLVES EXCAVATION AND FORMATION OF PLATFORMS WEST OF FUNG SHUE WO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

THESE WILL PROVIDE SITES FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 12 000 PEOPLE AND A DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

SITES WILL ALSO BE FORMED TO THE EAST OF FUNG SHUE WO TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA FOR PHASE II OF TSING YI ESTATE AND FOR A HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATE TO ACCOMMODATE 17 800 PEOPLE.

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THE EXCAVATED MATERIAL WILL BE USED TO RECLAIM LAND IN TSING YI BAY ON WHICH TSING YI TOWN CENTRE, A SPORTS GROUND AND A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE WILL BE BUILT.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE FILL FOR RECLAMATION WORKS IN MOON TSAI TONG TYPHOON SHELTER WHERE PHASES II AND III OF CHEUNG ON ESTATE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

PHASE II OF CHEUNG ON ESTATE WILL TAKE IN ITS FIRST RESIDENTS IN DECEMBER, 1988, WHILE PHASE III WILL BE COMPLETED IN MAY, 1989.

THESE ESTATES WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR A TOTAL OF 30 000 PEOPLE.

WORK WILL COMMENCE IN AUGUST AND TAKE 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIGHT AGAINST MOSQUITOES INTENSIFIED * * *

THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST MOSQUITOES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY URGED PEOPLE WHO COME ACROSS MOSQUITO NUISANCE OF ANY KIND, TO REPORT THIS TO THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE.

HE ESPECIALLY ASKED OWNERS OF FARM LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO CO-OPERATE WITH NTSD PEST CONTROL OFFICERS ENGAGED IN ANTI-MALARIA OPERATIONS.

IN SOME CASES, HE EXPLAINED, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR OFFICERS TO DIG DITCHES AT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND AT THE BANKS OF UNUSED FARM LAND TO FACILITATE THE FREE FLOW OF WATER.

HE SAID THE ANTI-MALARIA WORK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD BEEN INTENSIFIED SINCE LAST MONTH, AND SPECIAL ATTENTION WAS BEING GIVEN TO SAI KUNG WHERE A NUMBER OF MALARIA CASES HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ANTI-MALARIA TEAMS WERE MAKING DAILY VISITS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS AT TUN CHEUNG, PAK KONG, KAP PIN LONG, NAM SHAN, AND LUNG MEI, HE SAID.

THE TEAMS CONSTANTLY MOVE INTO REMOTE AREAS AND HILLS TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO SPRAYING EQUIPMENT, THE TEAMS USE GRASS CUTTING AND ROCK REMOVAL IMPLEMENTS TO REMOVE VEGETATION, TRIM STREAM COURSES AND REMOVE ROCKS THAT BLOCK WATER FLOW.

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CLEARANCE WORK IN FULL SWING

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FORTY-SEVEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLEARED IN A TWO-DAY OPERATION STARTING ON TUESDAY (MAY 15).

MOST OF THE STRUCTURES, WHICH ARE SITUATED ON THE REAR LANES AND PAVEMENT OF TING ON STREET IN TING HONG AREA, HAVE BEEN USED FOR COMMERCIAL OR STORAGE PURPOSES.

THE CLEARANCE IS PART OF A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - NAMED 'OPERATION FAR FLING' - INITIATED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LAST DECEMBER WITH FULL SUPPORT FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

SO FAR, 118 ILLEGAL BACK-LANE STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN CLEARED IN KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE AND TING HONG AREA, AND ANOTHER 160 STRUCTURES ARE TO BE CLEARED BETWEEN JUNE AND DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

ALTOGETHER 1 100 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN KWUN TONG ARE EXPECTED TO BE CLEARED WITHIN THREE YEARS.

THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD IS SPENDING \$200 000 EACH YEAR ON THE 'FAR FLING' ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE, THE TWO-DAY OPERATION WILL BE JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE POLICE, HIGHWAYS OFFICE, HOUSING, LANDS, FIRE SERVICES, CITY SERVICES, LABOUR AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE CLEARANCE OPERATION SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 15) OUTSIDE THE NGAU TAU KOK CLINIC OPPOSITE TO NOS. 25-67 TING ON STREET, TING HONG AREA IN KWUN TONG.

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ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION FOR KAI TAK

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A NEW ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION IS TO BE BUILT AT KAI TAK AS PART OF THE AIRPORT'S EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE SUB-STATION WILL REPLACE TWO EXISTING SUB-STATIONS WHICH ARE DUE TO BE DEMOLISHED NEXT YEAR.

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IT WILL CONTAIN A TRANSFORMER ROOM, A SWITCH ROOM, A CONTROL ROOM, TWO CARBON DIOXIDE ROOMS, CABLE DUCTS AND A GENERATOR ROOM FOR HOLDING TWO GAS TURBINE GENERATORS.

THE GENERATORS ARE TO SUPPLY STANDBY POWER TO THE AIRPORT.

CONSTRUCTION OF AN UNDERGROUND AVIATION FUEL TANK WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT.

THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN FIVE MONTHS, IS PART OF THE AIRPORT'S STAGE V DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT EXISTING HANDLING CAPACITY OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL WILL INCREASE BY MORE THAN 50 PER CENT WHEN THE EXPANSION PROGRAMME IS FINISHED BY 1987.

AN \$8.3 MILLION CONTRACT FOR INSTALLING THE TWO GAS TURBINE GENERATORS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IN THE SUB-STATION WAS AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST MONTH.

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BOAT SLIPWAY TO BE BUILT AT TAP SHEK KOK
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO LEASE BY PRIVATE TREATY GRANT A 376-SQUARE-METRE AREA OF SEA BED AT TAP SHEK KOK, TUEN MUN, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT SLIPWAY.

IT WILL BE USED BY CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LTD IN CONNECTION WITH ITS POLLUTION CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA.

THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WILL HAVE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE SLIPWAY IF THERE IS A POLLUTION EMERGENCY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AFFECTED AREA IS DESCRIBED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE NOTICE CAN BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG- AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TUEN MUN.

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH A PLAN, HAS ALSO BEEN POSTED ON BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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PHONE SYSTEM FOR N.T. TRUNK ROAD

AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM IS TO BE INSTALLED ALONG THE SHA TIN TO NORTH TAI PO SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD.

FIFTY TELEPHONE SETS WILL BE INSTALLED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HIGHWAY, ALL DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO SHEUNG SHUI POLICE STATION - TO PROVIDE DRIVERS WITH A QUICK MEANS TO CALL FOR POLICE HELP.

THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE SHA TIN TO NORTH TAI PO SECTION IS OF DUAL THREE-LANE STANDARD AND IS BEING BUILT ON A RECLAIMED EMBANKMENT ALONGSIDE THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRACKS.

IT IS CONNECTED TO EXISTING ROADS AT EACH END BY GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGES.

IT IS DUE TO OPEN IN TWO STAGES IN APRIL AND JUNE NEXT YEAR.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR RUNNING RESTAURANT

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE OPERATION OF A GENERAL RESTAURANT AT THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL, WHICH WILL SOON BE READY.

THE SWIMMING POOL IS LOCATED IN A MODERN SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE NEXT TO THE EXISTING WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND. A NEW INDOOR GAMES HALL IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEARBY.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY START BUSINESS ON AUGUST 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

TENDER FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED INTO THE TENDER BOX SITUATED AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON JUNE 1 (FRIDAY).

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-209204.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONES

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 15), THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY:

- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BETWEEN TAI NAN WEST STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES TO THE EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TAI NAN WEST STREET.
- * CHEUNG LAI STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND CHEUNG SHUN STREET.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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