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REPORT ON ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES AT CEMENT PLANT
WELCOMED BY GOVERNMENT

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A REPORT SHOWING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CEMENT PLANT AT CASTLE PEAK HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE REPORT SAYS THE PLANT WILL INCORPORATE THE LATEST POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE THAT POLLUTION WILL BE KEPT TO AN ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY): +IN THE CASE OF THE PARTICULATE MATTER EMITTED BY CHIMNEYS AT THE CEMENT PLANT, 99.98 PER CENT OF THE DUST WILL BE EXTRACTED BY A SYSTEM OF HIGH EFFICIENCY ELECTROSTATIC PRECIPITATORS WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT THE QUANTITIES INVOLVED WILL FALL WELL WITHIN THE LIMITS SPECIFIED BY RESPECTIVE UK AND USA REQUIREMENTS.+

+OTHER EMISSIONS WILL ALSO BE REDUCED BY CAREFUL DESIGN AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SO THAT AIR POLLUTION WILL NOT PRESENT A PROBLEM TO THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT.+

+ALL SUCH POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES WILL BE KEPT UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH EVENTUAL CONDITIONS AND AGREEMENT ON OPERATING PROCEDURES AND MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE DISCHARGE RATES.+

+FURTHERMORE, PLANS FOR THE ERECTION OF THE MAIN CHIMNEY AND THE INSTALLATION OF FUEL BURNING EQUIPMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE COMPANY TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER FOR APPROVAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING CLEAN AIR ORDINANCE (1959) AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS.+

ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSED CEMENT PLANT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LOOK LIKE A FACTORY, PROVISIONAL DRAWINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT LANDSCAPING OF THE PROJECT AND THE ASSOCIATED TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING SCHEMES ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT TALKS WITH THE COMPANY ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT WERE BY NO MEANS COMPLETE BUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW SATISFIED, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE COMPANY, THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED PLANT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO GIVE RISE TO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

KAISER CEMENT CORPORATION (USA), A MAJOR SHAREHOLDER OF THE NEWLY FORMED CHINA CEMENT COMPANY, WAS ASKED IN NOVEMBER 1978 TO PROVIDE A DETAILED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SHOWING WHAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED PLANT WOULD BE AND HOW ADVERSE IMPACTS WOULD BE REDUCED TO ACCEPTABLE LEVELS.

IN THE ENSUING MONTHS, KAISER'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT COMBINED WITH TWO OTHER COMPANIES, W.S. AKTINS AND PARTNERS, AND METRONICS ASSOCIATES INC. (USA), TO PREPARE THE REPORT. DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THE EXPECTED EXTENT OF POLLUTING DISCHARGES AND THE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

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THE FINAL REPORT IS NOW COMPLETED AND HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE LAST TWO MEETINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM).

SITED NEXT TO THE MASSIVE KESCO POWER STATION BEING BUILT AT TAR SHEK KOK, THE CEMENT PLANT IS EXPECTED TO USE A VERY HIGH PROPORTION OF THE PULVERISED FUEL ASH PRODUCED BY THE POWER STATION.

THE ASH, ONE OF THE INEVITABLE BY-PRODUCTS OF THE CONVENTIONAL COAL FIRED POWER STATION, HAS BEEN OF SOME CONCERN TO BOTH KESCO AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THAT ITS DISPOSAL IS RELATIVELY EXPENSIVE AND PRESENTS CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

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**TRACTOR PLOUGHING SERVICE REHABILITATES
FALLOW LAND IN NT

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S TRACTOR PLOUGHING SERVICE HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AMONG FARMERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED IN 1977 ON A TRIAL BASIS TO HELP FARMERS REOPEN ABANDONED OR FALLOW LAND,+ THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CROP DEVELOPMENT UNIT, MRS. VERA LEE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+OVER 14 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE SO FAR BEEN CULTIVATED BY TRACTOR PLOUGHING,+ SHE ADDED.

TO COPE WITH INCREASING DEMAND, MRS. LEE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROVIDE TRACTOR PLOUGHING AS A REGULAR SERVICE TO FARMERS. A NEW TRACTOR HAD RECENTLY BEEN ACQUIRED AND PUT INTO SERVICE.

THE COST OF THE NEW TRACTOR AND ACCESSORIES, WHICH AMOUNTED TO \$100 000, WAS MET BY FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION.

THE POWERFUL TRACTOR IS CAPABLE OF PLOUGHING DEEPER INTO THE SOIL THAN THE HAND-DRIVEN CULTIVATOR COMMONLY USED BY FARMERS.

+THIS WILL HELP MAINTAIN PRODUCTIVITY OF THE LAND AND ENSURE GOOD YIELDS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS. LEE SAID THAT A SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT HAD SHOWN THAT SOME 3 600 HECTARES OF FERTILE LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD HAD TO LAY FALLOW AS A RESULT OF AN ACUTE SHORTAGE IN AGRICULTURAL LABOUR.

+WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TRACTOR PLOUGHING SERVICE, ABOUT HALF OF THESE LAND CAN BE REHABILITATED,+ SHE SAID.

TRACTOR PLOUGHING IS BOTH LABOUR AND TIME SAVING. MRS. LEE SAID: +TO PLOUGH ONE DAU CHUNG (ABOUT 675 SQUARE METRES) OF LAND BY TRACTOR TAKES ONLY THREE HOURS, WHEREAS IT TAKES EIGHT DAYS BY MANUAL LABOUR.

+BESIDES OPENING UP FALLOW LAND, THE TRACTORS CAN ALSO HELP WITH REGULAR PLOUGHING TO IMPROVE CULTIVATION EFFICIENCY AND TO REDUCE PRODUCTION COSTS,+ SHE SAID.

THE SERVICE IS HEAVILY SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ONLY \$80 IS CHARGED FOR PLOUGHING ONE DAU CHUNG OF LAND.

FARMERS INTERESTED IN MAKING USE OF THE SERVICE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE CROP DEVELOPMENT UNIT AT TAI LUNG FARM, FANLING DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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MR. DORWARD BECOMES
DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS
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MR. WILLIAM DORWARD WILL FORMALLY TAKE UP APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS TOMORROW (TUESDAY) UPON THE DEPARTURE OF MR. DAVID JORDAN WHO IS ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE.

MR. DORWARD'S PROMOTION, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED IN APRIL, WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

AS DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR. DORWARD WILL BE AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS WHICH COMPRISES THREE CONSTITUENT DEPARTMENTS, NAMELY TRADE, INDUSTRY, AND CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS.

MR. DORWARD FIRST JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1954 AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER. HE WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER IN 1957 IN THE THEN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. HE WAS THE FIRST OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT SELECTED FOR A PROGRAMME OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING AT THE GATT (GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE) SECRETARIAT IN GENEVA IN 1963.

IN 1968 MR. DORWARD WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AND IN 1972 WAS SECONDED TO THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AS ASSISTANT ECONOMIC SECRETARY.

IN 1974 HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND IN THE SAME YEAR WAS POSTED TO GENEVA AS COUNSELLOR (HONG KONG AFFAIRS) IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM MISSION FOR TWO YEARS. DURING HIS POSTING IN GENEVA MR. DORWARD WAS THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S NOMINEE ON THE TEXTILES SURVEILLANCE BODY, AND IN THIS CONTEXT HE MADE AN EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD.

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FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG AND THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN 1977, MR. DORWARD WAS PROMOTED TO BE THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS. WITH THE RECENT FURTHER RE-ORGANISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT, HE BECAME COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY.

HE HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. HE HAS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS IMPORTANT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND LED MANY TRADE DELEGATIONS.

MR. DORWARD, AGED 50, IS AN OFFICIAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS ONE CHILD. HE WAS MADE AN OFFICER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN 1976.

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NEW PARKING CHARGES EFFECTIVE THURSDAY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT NEW PARKING CHARGES FOR ALL GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY AND OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

UNDER THE NEW FEE STRUCTURE ALL MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS, EXCEPT THE ONES IN YAU MA TEI AND HUNG HOM, WILL BE CHARGING \$3 AN HOUR DURING WEEKDAY PEAK PERIODS FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

DIFFERENT PARKING FEES WILL BE CHARGED IN OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS AND MOTORISTS WILL ALSO HAVE TO PAY FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING AND ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE FEE FOR A MONTHLY PARKING TICKET FOR MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$400 TO \$600, WHILE A MONTHLY TICKET FOR OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS WILL COST BETWEEN \$100 AND \$300.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE INCREASE IN CAR PARK CHARGES WOULD IMPROVE OVERALL UTILISATION AND AVAILABILITY OF A REASONABLE NUMBER OF SPACES THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

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WALKWAY ON ABERDEEN RESERVOIR DAM TO BE REBUILT
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THE WALKWAY OF ABERDEEN RESERVOIR'S LOWER DAM ON THE SOUTH-WESTERN SIDE OF HONG KONG ISLAND, WILL BE REBUILT SHORTLY.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED AND THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A SUSPENDED WALKWAY OVER THE SPILLWAY SECTION AND THE RAISING OF THE EXISTING WALKWAY ON THE DAM CREST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE PURPOSE OF RECONSTRUCTING THE WALKWAY IS TO INCREASE THE WATERWAY AREA OVER THE SPILLWAY IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT RESERVOIR SAFETY STANDARDS.+

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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STUDY ROOMS FOR STUDENTS

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STUDENTS WHO NEED A QUIET PLACE TO STUDY CAN MAKE USE OF 90 TEMPORARY STUDY ROOMS TO BE SET UP IN THE EVENINGS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THESE ROOMS WILL BE OPERATED IN 40 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1979 TO FEBRUARY 29, 1980.

+THEY WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.+

STUDENTS WOULD BE ADMITTED TO THE STUDY ROOMS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS, HE SAID.

STUDY ROOM SUPERVISORS WILL BE IN CHARGE TO ENSURE THAT A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT IS MAINTAINED FOR STUDY.

NO PRIVATE TUITION WOULD BE GIVEN BY STUDY ROOM SUPERVISORS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HUNG HOM CAR PARK TO RE-OPEN

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THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE JULY 1 THIS YEAR, WILL BE PARTIALLY RE-OPENED TO PUBLIC USE FROM 8 A.M. ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVELY LOW ANTICIPATED DEMAND, ONLY THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE CAR PARK BUILDING WILL BE RE-OPENED AT THIS STAGE. THESE TWO FLOORS AND THE OPEN PARKING DECK WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 400 PARKING SPACES.

THE PARKING CHARGE FOR THE CAR PARK, INCLUDING THE OPEN DECK, IS \$1 AN HOUR ON ANY DAY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF ARGYLE STREET

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A SECTION OF ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN YIM PO FONG STREET AND PEACE AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 A.M. TO 5 A.M. BETWEEN OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 6 TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE, WESTBOUND MOTORISTS CAN USE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE VIA THE ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER AND WATERLOO ROAD, THEN RIGHT TURNING INTO YIM PO FONG STREET BEFORE REJOINING ARGYLE STREET.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO YIM PO FONG STREET, THEN LEFT TURN TO WATERLOO ROAD TO REJOIN ARGYLE STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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