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SIR MURRAY OPENS HK'S LONGEST HIKING TRAIL
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 100 KILOMETRE-LONG HIKING TRAIL, WHICH STRETCHES FROM THE BEACHES OF SAI KUNG TO THE EDGE OF TUEN MUN, WAS +A GREAT IDEA+.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL AT THE COUNTRY PARKS MANAGEMENT CENTRE AT ROUTE TWISK TODAY, SIR MURRAY SAID THE IDEA WOULD GIVE A LOT OF PEOPLE FUN AND FITNESS AND FRESH AIR, AND THE ADVANTAGE OF SEEING BEAUTIFUL PARTS OF HONG KONG THEY NEVER KNEW EXISTED.

+IT IS ALSO TYPICAL OF THE IMAGINATION AND DRIVE WITH WHICH THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY DOES HIS JOB,+ HE ADDED.

SIR MURRAY SAID: +THE ENERGY OF THE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO ME. OF COURSE IN THE URBAN AREAS WE MUST HAVE AS MANY FOOTBALL FIELDS AND GAMES HALLS AND SWIMMING COMPLEXES AND PLAY AREAS AS WE CAN, BUT IN SO CROWDED A CITY THERE WILL NEVER BE SPACE FOR ENOUGH OPEN-AIR ACTIVITIES.

+SO WE MUST DEVELOP AND PRESERVE AND BEAUTIFY OUR GREAT TRACTS OF MOUNTAIN, VALLEY AND COAST.

+THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY WITH ITS LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC STAFF ARE DOING AND IN OPENING THE TRAIL, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR WORK.+

AFTER DECLARING OPEN THE TRAIL, SIR MURRAY MET MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, AND INSPECTED A CAMPSITE ALONG THE TRAIL.

THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL IS HONG KONG'S FIRST LONG DISTANCE HIKING ROUTE PASSING THROUGH THE FINEST SCENERY OF EIGHT COUNTRY PARKS.

THE TRAIL HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO 10 STAGES OF DIFFERENT LENGTHS, AND EACH STAGE HAS BEEN GRADED WITH A DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY SO THAT HIKERS CAN PREDETERMINE THEIR LIMITATIONS.

ONE OR TWO STAGES COULD BE ATTEMPTED FOR A LEISURELY DAY'S OUTING WHILE THE LONGER STAGES FOR A WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP- AND IF FIT AND WELL EQUIPPED, THE WHOLE TRAIL COULD BE ATTEMPTED IN THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

ALONG THE TRAIL THERE ARE WAYMARKS TO GUIDE HIKERS. IT HAS ALSO 10 CAMPSITES TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE STAYING OVERNIGHT.

A COLOUR INFORMATION LEAFLET ON THE TRAIL HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY. IN THE LEAFLET, THERE IS A ROUTE PLANNER EXPLAINING EACH STAGE OF THE TRAIL, THE DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY, THE DISTANCE AND ESTIMATED TIME TO WALK EACH STAGE, HOW TO REACH EACH STAGE AND SIMPLE CAMPING FACILITIES AVAILABLE ALONG THE TRAIL.

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ALSO INCLUDED IN THE LEAFLET ARE A LARGE DETAILED MAP OF THE TRAIL, HINTS FOR HIKERS, AND USEFUL READING MATERIAL AND MAPS RECOMMENDED.

COPIES OF THE LEAFLET ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE MARKETING OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE COUNTRY PARKS MANAGEMENT CENTRES.

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YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN SITES FOR SALE
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ELEVEN SITES IN YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN ARE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE NEXT MONTH TO REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

DETAILS OF THE SITES -- ONE IN YUEN LONG AND 10 IN SHA TIN -- ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE YUEN LONG SITE IS TO BE DEVELOPED AS A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK FOR 400 VEHICLES, A PETROL STATION AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES TO HELP ALLEVIATE A SHORTAGE OF PARKING SPACES AND OFFICES IN THE TOWN.

THE SITE, LOCATED BETWEEN ON NING AND CASTLE PEAK ROADS, COVERS AN AREA OF 3 287 SQUARE METRES. IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$18 350 000 TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN THREE YEARS AND HAS A 9.5 PLOT RATIO.

EIGHT OF THE SHA TIN SITES ARE EARMARKED FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

OF THE RESIDENTIAL SITES, SIX ARE LOCATED AT LOK LO HA WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE RACE COURSE WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE BETWEEN THE RACE COURSE AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY. RANGING BETWEEN 645 AND 3 861 SQUARE METRES, THE SITES ARE FOR FOUR-STOREY HOUSING BLOCKS OR TWO-STOREY TOWN HOUSES.

THE TWO INDUSTRIAL SITES, MEASURING 3 517 AND 5 544 SQUARE METRES, ARE LOCATED IN THE FAST EXPANDING FO TAN AREA. THEY ARE FOR MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT AND THE SALE CONDITIONS STIPULATE A 9.5 PLOT RATIO, AS WELL AS REQUIREMENTS TO TAKE POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES.

THE BUILDING COVENANT FOR THE SMALLER SITE IS \$5.68 MILLION AND FOR THE LARGER SITE \$8.95 MILLION, BOTH TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN THREE YEARS.

APPLICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH A CHEQUE OR BANKER'S ORDER FOR \$50 000 MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON NOVEMBER 23 WHEN THE TENDER CLOSES.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE ARE AVAILABLE FROM NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS OR FROM ANY OF THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES.

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HONG KONG-US TEXTILE TALKS RESUMED IN GENEVA

CONSULTATIONS ON TEXTILE EXPORTS FROM HONG KONG TO THE UNITED STATES WILL RESUME IN GENEVA ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 29).

BEFORE LEAVING FOR GENEVA THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. PETER TSAO, SAID: +THESE TALKS FIRST STARTED IN MANILA AND WERE FOLLOWED BY A FURTHER ROUND IN HONG KONG EARLIER THIS MONTH. WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS IN THE PAST, BUT OUR TRACK RECORD SHOWS THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATIONS TO PROBLEMS FACED BY OUR TRADING PARTNERS AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN UNFORTHCOMING IN CO-OPERATING WITH THEM.

+THE SITUATION WHICH WE NOW FACE IS A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT ONE, IN THAT FOR ALMOST A YEAR NOW, PRESSURES HAVE CONTINUALLY BEEN PUT ON US TO REVISE THE FIVE-YEAR HK/US TEXTILE AGREEMENT, WHICH ONLY CAME INTO EFFECT LAST YEAR.

+THE HONG KONG INDUSTRY HAS BECOME EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY THESE REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO INTRODUCE FURTHER RESTRICTIVE MEASURES, THE INDUSTRY IS ASKING HOW MANY MORE TIMES WILL THE UNITED STATES COME BACK TO US. THE AGREEMENT HAS BECOME IN EFFECT SIGNED AND SEALED, BUT NOT DELIVERED.

+WHAT IS MORE, THE LOCAL INDUSTRY ARE BEGINNING TO FEEL THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT ONLY ASKING FOR REVISIONS, BUT IS USING HARRASSING TACTICS TO PRESSURISE HONG KONG INTO AGREEING FOR SUCH REVISIONS. THEY POINTED TO THE RECENT SPATE OF REQUESTS FOR SUSPENSION OF EXPORT AUTHORISATIONS - 11 REQUESTS IN TWO WEEKS COMPARED WITH NINE IN THE WHOLE OF LAST YEAR - AS EVIDENCE.

+I EXPECT THESE TALKS TO BE DIFFICULT,+ MR. TSAO SAID.

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RESULTS OF LATEST TENDER FOR 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED PROCESSING THE LATEST TENDERS FOR 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES.

A TOTAL OF 933 TENDERS SEEKING 1 434 TAXI LICENCES HAD BEEN RECEIVED WHEN THE OFFER CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 28. THE HIGHEST TENDER WAS \$235 500 AND THE LOWEST ACCEPTABLE BID WAS \$230 788.

DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THE AMOUNTS OFFERED ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE AVERAGE PREMIUM IN THE LATEST TENDER EXERCISE WAS \$233 740 COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$219 900 IN THE PREVIOUS TENDER IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THAT THE AVERAGE PREMIUM OF PREVIOUS TENDERS WAS \$208 500 IN MARCH THIS YEAR- \$258 500 IN DECEMBER, \$244 000 IN AUGUST AND \$208 500 IN APRIL LAST YEAR- AND \$182 800 IN JUNE 1977.

/THE SPOKESMAN

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT LETTERS WOULD BE GOING OUT TODAY TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AND THAT THE FIRST OF THE 300 TAXIS WOULD BE INSPECTED NEXT MONTH.

ALL 300 TAXIS SHOULD BE ON THE ROAD BY THE END OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR, HE ADDED.

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GRAVEYARD VISITORS WARNED OF FIRE DANGER
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THOUSANDS OF VISITORS GOING TO GRAVEYARDS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE THIS WEEKEND ARE WARNED OF THE EXTREMELY HIGH RISK OF FIRE OUTBREAKS.

THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY HAS TAKEN SUCH A SERIOUS VIEW OF THE FIRE RISKS THAT IT APPEALS TO WORSHIPPERS TO REFRAIN, IF POSSIBLE, FROM BURNING TRADITIONAL JOSS-STICKS AND PAPER AT GRAVEYARDS.

+WORSHIPPERS ARE ALSO ADVISED TO TAKE PRE-COOKED FOOD WITH THEM INSTEAD OF PREPARING BARBECUES- TO CLEAR THE VEGETATION AWAY FROM THE GRAVEYARDS BY HAND- AND TO HAVE A CONTAINER OF WATER HANDY TO DOUCE ANY FIRE WHICH MAY OCCUR.

+EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL MOST OF THE COUNTRYSIDE FIRES HAVE BEEN STARTED BY UNATTENDED SMOULDERING JOSS-STICKS,+ THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S COUNTRY PARKS PROTECTION OFFICER, MR. CHONG SING-LAI, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THAT IN AN EFFORT TO MINIMISE THE FIRE RISKS IN THE HEAVILY WOODED AREAS, PICNICKERS WERE ASKED TO AVOID VISITING THE TAI LAM CHUNG, SHING MUN AND KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARKS AS WELL AS THE TAI PO KAU SPECIAL AREA.

+IF VISITORS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TAKE OUR ADVICE, OUR STAFF WILL BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON PATROLLING GRAVEYARDS,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHONG SAID THE BARRIER AT THE TAI LAM CHUNG COUNTRY PARK AT THE SHEK KONG/PAT HEUNG CATCHWATER NEAR THE ARMY CINEMA, AND THE BARRIER AT KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK AT THE FOUR-AND-A-HALF MILESTONE ON TAI PO ROAD WOULD ALSO BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES FROM ENTERING THE PARKS.

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GRAVEYARD VISITORS ADVISED TO TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT
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SEVERE CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON THE APPROACH ROADS TO CEMETERIES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL AND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID THESE AREAS WHERE POSSIBLE.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED GRAVE WORSHIPPERS TO VISIT CEMETERIES EARLY OR ON OTHER NON-FESTIVAL DAYS TO AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO APPEALED TO THEM TO TRAVEL BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL OPERATE SPECIAL SERVICES BETWEEN CENTRAL BUS STATION AND THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CEMETERY, AND BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CHAI WAN CEMETERY THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 28) AND ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 29).

THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL OPERATE A SPECIAL SERVICE BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND MAN KAM TO ON THESE TWO DAYS.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT MOTORISTS GOING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SHOULD USE ROUTE TWISK AND FAN KAM ROAD OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD AS ALTERNATIVE ROUTES IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE CONGESTION ON TAI PO ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP THROUGHOUT THE AREAS AFFECTED AND POLICE WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TSUEN WAN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION AND RECLAMATION OF THE WESTERN PORTION OF TSUEN WAN BAY, COUPLED WITH MAJOR SITE FORMATION WORKS ON TSING YI ISLAND.

A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THIS FIRST PHASE OF RECLAMATION WOULD CREATE ABOUT 19 HECTARES OF ADDITIONAL LAND AND WOULD BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE A NEW FERRY PIER AND TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE FOR THE NEW TOWN, AN EXTENSIVE PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREA AND A NEW SALT-WATER PUMPING STATION.

IT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE LAND FOR HOUSING, INDUSTRIAL AND RECREATIONAL USE, AND A FUTURE ELEVATED TRUNK ROAD WOULD TRAVERSE THE AREA PROVIDING A BYPASS FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC AND RELIEVING CONGESTION WITHIN THE TOWN, HE SAID.

THE FORMATION WORKS AT TSING YI WOULD PROVIDE THE MATERIAL FOR THE RECLAMATION AND WOULD CREATE LAND FOR HOUSING AND EDUCATION PURPOSES, HE ADDED.

THE WORKS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE, HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION ON BEHALF OF THE PWD'S TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

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STREET CLOSURES FOR MTR TSUEN WAN DEPOT

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A NUMBER OF STREETS IN MUK MIN HA WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY FROM NOVEMBER 26 TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TSUEN WAN DEPOT, ACCORDING TO A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO PROVIDE ACCESS FROM ROUTE TWISK TO THE REMAINING PART OF MUK MIN HA VILLAGE.

PLANS SHOWING THE AFFECTED AREAS MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE FU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD= CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL= AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

+CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE STREET OR FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HIGH BID FOR A COOKED-FOOD STALL IN THE NT

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THE MONTHLY RENT BID FOR A STALL IN HUNG CHEUNG COOKED-FOOD MARKET AT TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES REACHED A HIGH OF \$4 000 FROM AN UPSET RENTAL OF \$250 DURING A PUBLIC AUCTION THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING.

THE AUCTION FOR THE LETTING OF FOUR STALLS IN THE NEWLY COMPLETED COOKED-FOOD MARKET WAS HELD AT THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE WINNING BID FOR THE OTHER THREE STALLS WAS \$3 800, \$3 700 AND \$3 650 EACH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE RENT WAS RAISED AT A MINIMUM OF \$50 PER BID.

+BIDDING WAS BRISK. MORE THAN 400 BIDDERS FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AS WELL AS FROM THE URBAN AREAS TOOK PART IN THE AUCTION,+ HE SAID.

THE HUNG CHEUNG COOKED-FOOD MARKET IS SITUATED IN AREA 12, TUEN MUN, BETWEEN HUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND SAN LIK STREET AND HAS BEEN PURPOSE-BUILT TO SERVE THE INDUSTRIAL POPULATION IN THE AREA.

THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 11 STALLS AT THE MARKET, OF WHICH A NUMBER OF STALLS WERE ALREADY LET OUT DURING A RESTRICTED AUCTION HELD LATE LAST MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME COOKED-FOOD STALLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE OFFERED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BY PUBLIC AUCTION. THE COOKED FOOD STALLS WILL OPERATE FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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RECLAMATION PROPOSED OFF SIU CHAI WAN

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM AN AREA OF ABOUT 8.79 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT SIU CHAI WAN, NEAR CAPE COLLINSON ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AN OUTLET FOR EARTH DUMPING, WOULD EVENTUALLY FORM PART OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BEING PLANNED FOR SIU CHAI WAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

+PERSONS HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR OBJECTIONS AND/OR CLAIMS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM TODAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GAZETTE NOTICE, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN IS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING IN GARDEN ROAD, OR AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING.

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TUEN MUN TREATMENT WORKS TO BE EXTENDED

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIONS TO THE TUEN MUN TREATMENT WORKS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR WATER ARISING FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF ENGINEER (DESIGN), MR. LEE YEUNG-HIN, SAID THAT THE WORK WOULD INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLARIFIERS, TWO FILTERS, ONE WATER TANK AND AN EXTENSION TO THE CHEMICAL HOUSE.

ON COMPLETION, HE SAID, THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING TREATMENT WORKS WOULD BE INCREASED BY 100 PER CENT TO 182 000 CUBIC METRES A DAY.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 33 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR KOWLOON PARK CONSTRUCTION WORKS

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SITTING AREA, A THREE-STORY RESTAURANT BUILDING AND VIEWING ARCADES AT KOWLOON PARK.

IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD ALSO BE A GRAND STAIRCASE AS THE ENTRANCE GATEWAY TO THE PARK, A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROJECT, FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, WOULD MATCH IN STYLE WITH THE CHINESE GARDEN WHICH HAD RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED.

THE \$2.5 MILLION CHINESE GARDEN, CONSISTING OF PAVILIONS, LOTUS PONDS AND VIEWING ARCADES, WOULD BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (SATURDAY), HE ADDED.

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CAR PARK RENAMED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE HARBOUR ROAD VEHICLE PARK ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION WILL BE REDESIGNATED WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1.

THE VEHICLE PARK, SITUATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF FLEMING ROAD BETWEEN GLOUCESTER AND HARBOUR ROADS, WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS TO BE KNOWN AS THE HARBOUR ROAD LORRY PARK AND HARBOUR ROAD CAR PARK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE USE OF THE LORRY PARK WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO UNLADEN GOODS VEHICLES, AND PRIVATE AND PUBLIC BUSES WHILE THE CAR PARK WILL BE FOR PRIVATE CARS ONLY.

MEANWHILE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK IN GARDEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 A.M. TO 9 P.M. THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 28) IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SITE AVAILABLE FOR A CONCERT.

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SPEECH BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE
AT THE OPENING OF THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1979

Thank you (Mr. Nichols) for your kind words of welcome.

It is a great pleasure for me to open this trail.

It stretches over 60 miles, from the beaches of Sai Kung to the edge of Tuen Mun and its construction was a great idea, from which a lot of people will get fun and fitness and fresh air, and the advantage of seeing beautiful parts of Hong Kong they never knew existed. It is also typical of the imagination and drive with which the Country Parks Authority does his job. He started off as "Mr. Agriculture and Fisheries" but he has become "Mr. Recreation".

The energy of the Authority has been a great encouragement to me. Of course in the urban areas we must have as many football fields and games halls and swimming complexes and play areas as we can, but in so crowded a city there will never be space for enough open-air activities. So we must develop and preserve and beautify our great tracts of mountain, valley and coast. This is exactly what the Country Parks Authority with its large and enthusiastic staff are doing and in opening the trail I would like to congratulate them on their work.

I now have much pleasure in declaring open this trail.

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