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NORTH LANTAU TO GET WATER AND GAS SUPPLY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED PLAN TO CONSTRUCT SUBMARINE PIPELINES FOR SUPPLYING WATER AND GAS TO NORTH LANTAU TO COPE WITH DEMANDS ARISING FROM THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE AREA.

A 4.4-KILOMETRE-LONG STEEL WATER PIPE MEASURING 1,800 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER WILL BE LAID FROM THE NULLAH AT TAI LAM CHUNG TO TA PANG PO ON NORTH LANTAU, WHILE 1.5 KILOMETRES OF GAS PIPELINES WITH A DIAMETER OF 750 MILLIMETRES WILL ALSO RUN FROM TAI LAM CHUNG TO A GAS PIGGING STATION AT SIU LAM KOK, WHICH WILL OCCUPY ABOUT 0.18 HECTARE OF FORESHORE TO BE RECLAIMED.

TWO GAS PIPES OF 300 MILLIMETRES DIAMETER AND LENGTHS OF 4.2 KILOMETRES EACH WILL THEN RUN IN PARELLEL FROM SIU LAM KOK TO TA PANG PO.

TEMPORARY WORKING PLATFORMS HAVE TO BE ERECTED ALONG THE FORESHORE AT SIU LAM KOK AND TAI LAM KOK TO FACILITATE THE PIPE-LAYING WORKS.

ABOUT 227 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN TAI LAM CHUNG AND TA PANG PO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS.

THE LAYING OF BOTH WATER AND GAS PIPES IS ANTICIPATED TO BEGIN IN THE LATTER HALF OF NEXT YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN 1995 AND 1996 RESPECTIVELY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28.

THE GOVERNMENT NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH THE PROJECT'S PLAN, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG (WHERE COPIES CAN BE BOUGHT ON ORDER), AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES, AND AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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TSING YI DREDGING WORKS AUTHORISED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS AUTHORISED THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT DREDGING AND RECLAMATION WORKS WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 19.4 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ON THE SOUTH COAST OF TSING YI ISLAND.

THIS WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR BULK STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND PETROCHEMICALS AND CONSTRUCTION OF PIERS.

THE WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR (1993) AND WILL BE COMPLETED AROUND 1996.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION GAZETTED TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WORKS MAY SEND A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 30, 1993.

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE KWAI TSING PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

COPIES OF THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE BOUGHT FROM THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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CITY HALL TO GET FACE-LIFT

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THE CITY HALL AND MEMORIAL GARDEN IN CENTRAL WILL HAVE A NEW LOOK IN LATE 1994 WHEN REFURBISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS ARE COMPLETED.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING SUBMISSIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF TENDERS FOR RENOVATING THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK AND MEMORIAL GARDEN IN PHASES.

THE LOW BLOCK COMPRISES A CONCERT HALL, A THEATRE, FOYERS, EXHIBITION AREAS, OFFICES AND RESTAURANTS.

CONTRACT WORKS, WHICH INVOLVE UPGRADING THE FINISHES, SEATING, FITTINGS AND BUILDING SERVICES, ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT JULY FOR COMPLETION IN 15 MONTHS.

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CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST I IN GROUP C FOR BUILDING WORKS OR ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS FOR PUBLIC WORKS LIST II FOR BUILDING WORKS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS FROM:

SENIOR PROPERTY SERVICES MANAGER/URBAN COUNCIL,
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
SEVENTH FLOOR, APB CENTRE,
9 SUNG PING STREET,
TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE SCHEDULED TO BE INVITED NEXT MARCH FOR SELECTED CONTRACTORS ESTABLISHED BY THIS QUALIFICATION EXERCISE.

COMPLETED PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON JANUARY 15.

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GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT REVISED
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THE REVISED PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR UNDERGROUND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD AND ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THEY WERE INTENDED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD FOR UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENTS, SUCH AS COMMERCIAL OR CAR PARKING FACILITIES BENEATH OPEN SPACE, ROADS OR AREAS ZONED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OR COMMUNITY USES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTRODUCTION OF UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENT WAS TO ENCOURAGE A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF LAND WITHIN THE URBAN AREAS WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF ACTIVITIES.

"SUCH DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE IN AREAS WHERE THE PUBLIC WOULD EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT PLANNING GAINS, SUCH AS IMPROVEMENT TO TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATIONS, AS WELL AS ENHANCEMENT TO THE QUALITY OF THE SURROUNDING AREAS," HE SAID.

THE REVISED GUIDELINES INDICATE THE AREAS WHERE UNDERGROUND DEVELOPMENTS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SUITABLE.

IT ALSO SPECIFIES THE MAIN PLANNING CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING THE APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS THE EXTENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION WITH NEIGHBOURING USES AND IMPACT ON TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT.

THE GUIDELINES ALSO SET OUT THE TYPES OF SUPPORTING TECHNICAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

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THESE INCLUDE LAYOUT PLAN, MASTER DESIGN, MASTER LANDSCAPE PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION, AND ENGINEERING AND GEOLOGICAL FEASIBILITY OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT.

THE REVISED GUIDELINES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, 16TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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LUK KENG ROAD TO BE WIDENED

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO WIDEN TWO SECTIONS OF LUK KENG ROAD TO IMPROVE THE ALIGNMENT AT TWO SHARP BENDS OF THE ROAD.

THE ROAD, RUNNING FROM SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO BRIDE'S POOL ROAD, IS A SINGLE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY SERVING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BY PROVIDING SOME PASSING BAYS ALONG THE ROAD.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS UNSATISFACTORY AS THE ALIGNMENT AT THE TWO SHARP BENDS IS TORTUOUS AND THE SIGHT LINES ARE POOR.

PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE WIDENING OF TWO SECTIONS OF THE ONE-LANE LUK KENG ROAD; REALIGNMENT OF THE WESTERN SECTION OF LUK KENG ROAD; AND CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATHS, CUTTING OF SLOPE, FORMING OF COASTAL EMBANKMENT AND SOME MINOR DRAINAGE WORKS.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS IS GAZETTED TODAY (THURSDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE WORKS AND A SCHEME DESCRIPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, NORTH,, SIXTH FLOOR, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THIRD AND FOURTH FLOORS, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, IS REQUIRED TO SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 NEXT YEAR (1993).

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GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY GOES ON

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY DURING THE QUARTER FROM JANUARY TO MARCH TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT, AND THE GENERAL SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

THE SURVEY HAS BEEN CONDUCTED REGULARLY SINCE AUGUST 1981.

IN ADDITION, QUESTIONS ON RESIDENTS' EXPENDITURE ABROAD, DOMESTIC HELPERS, LABOUR MOBILITY, SICK LEAVE AND MATERNITY LEAVE PATTERN OF EMPLOYEES, EXPENDITURE ON LEGAL SERVICE AND HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE ON RENT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY.

EACH QUARTER, ABOUT 11,800 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY FROM EVERY DISTRICT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION, THE SURVEY ADOPTS AN OVERLAPPING SAMPLE DESIGN SUCH THAT ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS ENUMERATED IN A GIVEN QUARTER ARE THE SAME AS THOSE ENUMERATED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEY.

CENSUS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTACT THE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

DURING THE VISIT, THEY WILL CARRY THEIR GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS AND CERTIFICATES FOR CONDUCTING THE SURVEY.

THEY WILL MAKE SUCH DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY HOUSEHOLDS TO CONFIRM THEIR IDENTITIES.

THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IS CONDUCTED UNDER PART IIIA OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE WHICH WAS GAZETTED IN JANUARY 1990.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, DATA RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL PERSONS OR HOUSEHOLDS COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, ANY PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHEUNG SHUI WATER TREATMENT WORKS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS OF A PROJECT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS.

THE PROJECT IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR POTABLE WATER ARISING FROM THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWNS.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT, THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS WILL BE INCREASED FROM 100,000 CUBIC METRES TO 200,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY, WITH PROVISION FOR FURTHER EXPANSION TO AN ULTIMATE CAPACITY OF 250,000 CUBIC METRES.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF CLARIFIERS, FILTERS, WATER TANKS, ANCILLARY STRUCTURES AND BUILDINGS, AND MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING TREATMENT WORKS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO START NEXT APRIL FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT 21 MONTHS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, 44TH FLOOR, IMMIGRATION TOWER, 7 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

TENDER OFFER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON JANUARY 29.

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ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD LINE-UP

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THE GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED MR DAVID LUNG PING-YEE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (JANUARY 1).

HE HAS ALSO RE-APPOINTED 11 MEMBERS AND APPOINTED TWO NEW MEMBERS FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM STARTING TOMORROW.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, AS GAZETTED TODAY (THURSDAY):

MR DAVID LUNG PING-YEE (CHAIRMAN)

MR AU KA-FAT

MR STEVEN H K CHAN

MS JANE CHENG CHEE-HING

MR BOSCO H N HO

/MR DOUGLAS KING

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MR DOUGLAS KING
DR MICHAEL LAU WAI-MAI
MR GILBERT LEUNG KAM-HO
MR POON HUEN-WAI (NEW MEMBER)
MRS PAMELA ROGERS (NEW MEMBER)
DR ELIZABETH SINN
DR DERIC DANIEL WATERS
MR PAUL YOUNG
MR PAUL YU SHIU-TIN

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SEMINAR ON MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) INVITED RESIDENTS OF TUNG TAU ESTATE TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE NEXT THURSDAY (JANUARY 7) EVENING.

"THE SEMINAR IS PART OF OUR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AIMED AT FOSTERING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION DISTRIBUTED EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL DOOR-TO-DOOR TO THE TUNG TAU ESTATE RESIDENTS THIS MORNING.

THE MATERIAL INCLUDED A HANDOUT ON THE NEED TO SET UP A HOSTEL FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, A LETTER SEEKING SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT, AND AN INVITATION LETTER FOR THE SEMINAR AND A VISIT TO A HOSTEL FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE TUNG TAU AREA COMMITTEE WAS CONSULTED ON MARCH 9 THIS YEAR ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REHABILITATION SERVICE UNIT IN THE ESTATE.

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PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION OFFICE ON MOVE
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THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED TO THE 17TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

THE OFFICE HANDLES COMPENSATION CLAIMS FROM PNEUMOCONIOSIS SUFFERERS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 852 4822.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,000
REVERSAL OF LAF	-500
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-20
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,480
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER TWI 114.2 *+0.0* 31.12.1992	

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS			HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS			
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	3.57 PCT	14 MONTHS	2402	5.50	100.79	4.82
1 MONTH	3.68 PCT	17 MONTHS	2405	5.50	100.62	5.09
3 MONTHS	3.83 PCT	20 MONTHS	2408	4.375	98.83	5.33
6 MONTHS	4.04 PCT	23 MONTHS	2411	4.625	98.64	5.47
12 MONTHS	4.68 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 3,030 MN

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