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\$62 MILLION FOR NEW TOWN PROJECTS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY SIGNED TWO CONTRACTS VALUED AT MORE THAN \$62 MILLION, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$51 MILLION, IS FOR SITE FORMATION AND ROAD WORKS IN THE WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN.

IT WAS SIGNED BY MR Y.Y. NG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF PWD'S TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF SANG LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE SAID THAT UNDER THE CONTRACT, ABOUT 5.3 HECTARES OF LAND WOULD BE FORMED AT HO TIN.

HE SAID, +TOGETHER WITH THE ADJACENT AREA NOW BEING DEVELOPED, THE LAND WILL ENABLE ACCOMMODATION TO BE PROVIDED FOR SOME 34 000 PEOPLE IN PUBLIC HOUSING.+

THIS CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF A SECTION OF MING KUM ROAD BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND SHEK PAI TAU ROAD TO A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FOOTBRIDGES FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

WORK ON THIS CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE SECOND CONTRACT, VALUED AT ABOUT \$11.9 MILLION, IS FOR SITE FORMATION, ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN TAI PO.

IT WAS SIGNED BY MR C.W.D. TAYLOR, CHIEF ENGINEER OF TAI PO AND FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF GAMMON (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

THE WORK WILL COMPRISE THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 5.7 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FACTORY BUILDINGS, AN AMBULANCE DEPOT, A LINK ROAD BETWEEN TING KOK ROAD AND KWONG FUK ROAD AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

WORK ON THIS CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG

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THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A FACT-FINDING SURVEY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY - WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM JUNE TILL AUGUST -- IS TO UP-DATE THE DIVISION'S STATISTICS OF INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH OVERSEAS INTERESTS IN TERMS OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND PRODUCTION.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL ALSO ASSIST IN AN EVALUATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE KNOWN TO CONTAIN OVERSEAS INTEREST WILL BE VISITED BY UNDERGRADUATES OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE DIVISION FOR THIS SURVEY.

THEY WILL BEAR AN AUTHORISATION CARD WITH THEIR PHOTOGRAPH ATTACHED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

ANY QUERIES REGARDING THIS SURVEY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: MR ALAN K.M. CHU, ASSISTANT TRADE OFFICER, TEL. NO. 3-7222426.

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+MARICULTURE+ INDUSTRY GROWING FAST
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HONG KONG'S FAST-GROWING +MARICULTURE INDUSTRY+ EMPLOYS 5 000 PEOPLE AND LAST YEAR PRODUCED 760 METRIC TONS OF CULTURED FISH -- MOSTLY GROUPERS, SEABREAMS AND SNAPPERS -- WORTH \$38 MILLION, MR PHILIP CHEUNG, SENIOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TOLD MEMBERS OF THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN TODAY (THURSDAY).

THIS WAS ABOUT 0.4 PER CENT BY WEIGHT AND 3.5 PER CENT BY VALUE OF TOTAL LANDINGS OF CAPTURED FISH, HE SAID. AND THERE WERE 1 550 LARGE AND SMALL CULTURE UNITS IN SOME 50 LOCATIONS IN HONG KONG.

WITH THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY, AND TO ENSURE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT AND SUITABLE CONTROL OF ITS ACTIVITIES, THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR PASSED A MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE, AND, MORE RECENTLY, SOME SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS.

+GOVERNMENT WAS WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT IF THE INDUSTRY WERE ALLOWED TO PROLIFERATE, IT WOULD DEVELOP IN A DISORDERLY MANNER TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE INDUSTRY,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

FOR INSTANCE, WITHOUT SUITABLE CONTROL, THE +MARICULTURISTS+ TENDED TO PUT THEIR CULTURE RAFTS IN ONE PLACE, THUS CAUSING WATER STAGNATION AND OXYGEN DEPLETION DUE TO OVERCROWDING, HE SAID. APART FROM THIS, IF THE MARICULTURISTS DID NOT EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE, THEIR RAFTS WOULD BECOME A NUISANCE, HE ADDED.

ALSO, A CERTAIN MEASURE OF PROTECTION FOR THE INDUSTRY WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY INSOFAR AS WATER POLLUTION AND INTERFERENCE OF THE CULTURE OPERATIONS WERE CONCERNED.

+IN THE ABSENCE OF LEGAL BACKING FOR THE INDUSTRY, THE GOVERNMENT OFTEN FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO RENDER SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE OPERATORS IN THEIR CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES,+ HE SAID.

THE ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO FULL EFFECT EARLY NEXT YEAR. THE SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS WERE MADE RECENTLY.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE SEA ARE TO BE SET ASIDE FOR FISH CULTURE PURPOSES, AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ALLOCATE SITES IN THESE AREAS FOR FISH CULTURE UNDER LICENCE. FISH CULTURE OUTSIDE DESIGNATED AREAS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. INITIALLY, 35 LOCATIONS WOULD BE GAZETTED AS MARINE FISH CULTURE ZONES.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAD AN ACTIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN PROMOTING THE GROWTH OF THE INDUSTRY, WITH ITS FISHERIES RESEARCH DIVISION CONDUCTING A SERIES OF RESEARCH PROJECTS WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING AND SAFEGUARDING THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF THE INDUSTRY, MR CHEUNG SAID.

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SAI KUNG TO HOLD 'FIGHT CRIME' SEMINAR

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS TO HOLD A SEMINAR ON CRIME FOR LOCAL STUDENTS.

A PUBLICITY PROGRAMME TO FIGHT JUVENILE CRIME WAS DISCUSSED AT A MEETING TODAY (THURSDAY), CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SAI KUNG, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG.

ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH, MRS ALICE LAI, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR PANG HANG-YIN, THE SUB-DIVISIONAL INSPECTOR, SAI KUNG, MR A.D. NEWTON, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL LEADERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL FORM PART OF THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, WILL GIVE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WAYS OF TACKLING CRIME PROBLEMS. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE ONCE THE DATE IS FIXED.

OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO POLICE CADET SCHOOL, ESSAY AND SPEECH COMPETITIONS AND A FUN FAIR.

THE MEETING ALSO DISCUSSED THE PROVISION OF VENUE FOR THE REGULAR GATHERING OF LOCAL JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THE CRIME SITUATION IN THE DISTRICT.

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HK/CANADA TEXTILE TALKS

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NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE TEXTILE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA BEGIN TOMORROW (JUNE 12).

THE CURRENT AGREEMENT, CONCLUDED IN 1979, EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE CANADIAN DELEGATION IS LED BY MR DOUGLAS ARTHUR, CHIEF TEXTILES NEGOTIATOR, AND THE HONG KONG DELEGATION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO.

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THE DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS.

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WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND EDUCATION
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A WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR CHEMISTRY TEACHERS WILL BE HELD ON JULY 11 AT THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON.

LIMITED TO 60 PARTICIPANTS, THE WORKSHOP IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CHEMICAL SOCIETY AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND IS AIMED AT PROMOTING AN AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOL SECTOR.

THE FIRST PART OF THE WORKSHOP WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FORM OF A PUBLIC LECTURE WITH DR DANIEL LAU OF THE POLYTECHNIC AND DR TING TAI-LUN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY LECTURING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF WATER AND AIR POLLUTION, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO LOCAL SITUATIONS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL SESSION IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE OPERATION OF ANALYTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE STUDY OF WATER AND AIR POLLUTION PARAMETERS.

+PARTICIPANTS WILL FIND THIS WORKSHOP PARTICULARLY USEFUL AS IT BEARS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYLLABUS CONTENT ON POLLUTION IN THE REVISED CDC CHEMISTRY SYLLABUS FOR FORMS 4-5,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (SCIENCE), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. ACCEPTANCE WILL BE ON A +FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED+ BASIS.

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REMINDER ON MATERNITY LEAVE
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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE THEY ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP A RECORD OF MATERNITY LEAVE TAKEN AND MATERNITY LEAVE PAYMENTS MADE TO THEIR WOMEN EMPLOYEES.

ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR DONALD CHAN, SAID THAT THE DETAILS SHOULD BE RECORDED IN A FORM SPECIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, AND PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JUNE 5.

THE FORM WILL BE PRINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PUT ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE FOR USE BY EMPLOYERS.

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LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR PAID MATERNITY LEAVE FOR WOMEN EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT ON JUNE 1.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A GUIDE EXPLAINING THE LAW ON PAID MATERNITY LEAVE AND COPIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE AT ALL OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CHANGES IN TSIM SHA TSUI
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SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM SALISBURY ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE TEMPORARILY PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO CHING HAY STREET BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI CENTRE AND EMPIRE CENTRE, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 13), AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY.

AT THE SAME TIME, TRAFFIC FROM CHING HAY STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO SALISBURY ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO ALLOW TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED AT THE JUNCTION OF THE TWO ROADS, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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OPENING OF SEA ACTIVITIES CENTRE
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THE LEUNG SING-TAK SEA ACTIVITIES CENTRE AT TAI LAM CHUNG, TUEN MUN, WILL BE OPENED ON SATURDAY (JUNE 13) AT 4 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MRS D. AKERS-JONES= MADAM LEUNG SING-TAK= TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM= CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR H.C. MA= AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION'S CAMP SITE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE, MR CHAU CHAM-SON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2.45 PM. OFFICERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL BE AT THE CENTRE TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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FRESH WATER LEAKAGE TESTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MID-NIGHT TO 6 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 13) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, WATERLOO ROAD, CORNWALL STREET, NAM CHEONG STREET INCLUDING TAI WO PING ROAD, BEACON HILL ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, EDE ROAD, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD, TAI WO PING ROAD TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, CORNWALL STREET TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, KAM MUN SAN TSUEN, TAI WO PING TSUEN, AI CHOI HANG TSUEN, YEUNG MUI HANG TSUEN, YEUNG MUN LING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER'S HOUSING SCHEMES, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO, RTV, TVB AND LION ROCK TUNNEL FIRE SERVICES.

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