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NEW NAME FOR PRISONS DEPARTMENT

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL BE RENAMED CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM MONDAY +TO GIVE A MORE BALANCED IMPRESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK WHICH IS PARTLY TO PUNISH, PARTLY TO PREVENT AND PARTLY TO REHABILITATE,+ THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL PARADE OF THE DEPARTMENT AT STANLEY, SIR MURRAY SAID THE CUSTODIAL ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT REMAINED VERY IMPORTANT SINCE PUNISHMENT OF CONVICTED CRIMINALS WAS LARGELY BY PRISON SENTENCES.

+BUT ONCE THE SENTENCE HAS BEEN SERVED,+ HE ADDED, +SOCIETY'S PRIME CONCERN IS THAT THE EX-CRIMINALS SHOULD NOT REVERT TO CRIME. HENCE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EDUCATIONAL, COUNSELLING, AND AFTER-CARE SERVICES, AND OF THE OCCUPATION PROVIDED FOR INMATES WHILE SERVING THEIR SENTENCES.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE CHANGE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S NAME WAS +TIMELY AND DOES JUSTICE TO THE MANY-SIDED WORK OF THIS REMARKABLE DEPARTMENT.+

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, SIR MURRAY INSPECTED THE PARADE FORMED BY 205 MEN AND WOMEN OF THE SERVICE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

HE ALSO PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 16 MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WHO HAVE COMPLETED 18 YEARS EXEMPLARY SERVICE. THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDED A CHIEF OFFICER, AN OFFICER, 11 ASSISTANT OFFICERS, A SENIOR CLERICAL OFFICER, AN OFFICE ASSISTANT AND A WORKMAN.

THE BAND, PIPES AND DRUMS OF CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR BOYS PROVIDED MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

ON PARADE BEFORE THE GOVERNOR FOR THE FIRST TIME WAS THE TAI TAM GIRL PIPERS WHO ARE FORMED BY YOUNG INMATES OF THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS. THEY PROVIDED MUSIC FOR THE INSTITUTION'S GIRL-MARCHING TEAM AT A PERFORMANCE.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

I CONGRATULATE ALL ON PARADE ON THEIR SMART BEARING.

I SHOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED YOUR COMMISSIONER'S INVITATION TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND FROM NEXT MONDAY IT WILL BE KNOWN AS THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND YOUR COMMISSIONER WILL BECOME THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES. THIS WILL GIVE A MORE BALANCED IMPRESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK WHICH IS PARTLY TO PUNISH, PARTLY TO PREVENT, AND PARTLY TO REHABILITATE.

THE CUSTODIAL ROLE OF THE DEPARTMENT REMAINS VERY IMPORTANT. THE PUNISHMENT OF CONVICTED CRIMINALS IS LARGELY BY PRISON SENTENCES AND IT IS THE DUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY THESE OUT.

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BUT ONCE THE SENTENCE HAS BEEN SERVED, SOCIETY'S PRIME CONCERN IS THAT THE EX-CRIMINAL SHOULD NOT REVERT TO CRIME. HENCE THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR EDUCATIONAL, COUNSELLING, AND AFTER-CARE SERVICES, AND OF THE OCCUPATION PROVIDED FOR INMATES WHILE SERVING THEIR SENTENCES.

OF COURSE A LARGE PART OF YOUR WORK IS NOT CONCERNED WITH PRISONS AT ALL. YOU HAVE HAD REMARKABLE SUCCESS IN THE DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME WHICH IS CURATIVE IN CONCEPT. IT PREVENTS YOUNGSTERS FROM BECOMING CRIMINALS.

YOUR TRAINING CENTRES HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE THOUGH THE TECHNIQUES ARE DIFFERENT.

SIMILARLY, THE OBJECTIVE OF YOUR DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES IS NOT PUNISHMENT BUT TREATMENT, AND THEIR RECORD OF SUCCESS IS HIGH BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT AN EXPERT PSYCHOLOGIST WITH WIDE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IS BEING RECRUITED TO GUIDE THE EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS THIS CHANGE IN NAME IS TIMELY AND DOES JUSTICE TO THE MANY-SIDED WORK OF THIS REMARKABLE DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I WILL MEET THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE MY DEPARTURE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO RECORD MY ADMIRATION OF ITS VERY HIGH STANDARDS, OF ITS FLEXIBILITY IN CONFRONTING THE VERY DIFFERENT PROBLEMS OF OUR SOCIETY THAT IT EXISTS TO DEAL WITH, AND OF THE CONSTANT AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS MADE TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES. I AM PROUD TO NOTE THAT THEIR EXCELLENCE HAS RECEIVED WIDE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. THIS REFLECTS THE GREATEST CREDIT ON THE COMMISSIONER, HIS OFFICERS AND ALL RANKS.

I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU ON PARADE, AND TO WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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SIR PHILIP LEAVING FOR LONDON

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY) FOR A VISIT TO LONDON ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

HE WILL BE DELIVERING A SPEECH AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE OVERSEAS BANKERS' CLUB AT GUILDHALL ON THE EVENING OF MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1) AND WILL BE MAKING VARIOUS OFFICIAL CALLS IN WHITEHALL BEFORE RETURNING ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

MR D.C. BRAY, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, WILL ACT AS CHIEF SECRETARY FOR THIS PERIOD.

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PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1981
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL TRADE FIGURES FOR HONG KONG'S VISIBLE TRADE IN DECEMBER 1981. THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS FOR DECEMBER WAS \$11 700 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AT \$7 798 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS AT \$3 902 MILLION. WITH IMPORTS AT \$13 017 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR DECEMBER WAS \$1 317 MILLION.

FOR THE YEAR 1981 AS A WHOLE, THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS \$122 181 MILLION, MADE UP OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF \$80 439 MILLION AND RE-EXPORTS OF \$41 742 MILLION. WITH IMPORTS AT \$138 393 MILLION, THE VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT FOR 1981 WAS \$16 212 MILLION.

COMPARED WITH 1980, THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE: \$12 269 MILLION OR 18 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$11 670 MILLION OR 38.8 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, \$23 939 MILLION OR 24.4 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND \$26 743 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS. THE VISIBLE TRADE GAP, THAT IS THE PROPORTION OF THE VALUE OF IMPORTS NOT COVERED BY THE VALUE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS 11.7 PER CENT (\$16 212 MILLION) IN 1981, SLIGHTLY LESS THAN THE 12 PER CENT (\$13 409 MILLION) RECORDED IN 1980.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE OVERALL PICTURE PAINTED BY THE VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT IN 1981 AS A WHOLE IS IMPRESSIVE ON FOUR COUNTS.

FIRSTLY, THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS RAPID DESPITE THE GENERALLY UNFAVOURABLE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG'S MAIN MARKETS.

SECONDLY, THE RE-EXPORT TRADE HAS CONTINUED TO EXPAND, CONFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS AN ENTREPOT FOR THE REGION AS A WHOLE AND FOR CHINA IN PARTICULAR. THIRDLY, THE GROWTH RATE OF TOTAL EXPORTS WAS FASTER THAN THAT OF IMPORTS AND SO FOURTHLY, THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ NARROWED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE VISIBLE TRADE ACCOUNT SHOWED IMPROVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IN THE FOURTH QUARTER IN PARTICULAR, THE GROWTH RATE OF TOTAL EXPORTS, AT 24.6 PER CENT, WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS, AT 18.3 PER CENT. THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1981 AT 9.7 PER CENT WAS MUCH SMALLER THAN IN THE CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF 1980, AT 14.3 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SHARP SLOWING DOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1981 INCLUDED A SLOWING DOWN IN THE GROWTH RATE OF IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES, WHICH MAY HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG'S EXPORT PERFORMANCE IN THE COMING MONTHS.

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1981 WITH THOSE FOR DECEMBER 1980, THERE WERE THE FOLLOWING INCREASES BY VALUE: \$1 528 MILLION OR 24.4 PER CENT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, \$782 MILLION OR 25.1 PER CENT FOR RE-EXPORTS, \$2 310 MILLION OR 24.6 PER CENT FOR TOTAL EXPORTS AND \$1 711 MILLION OR 15.1 PER CENT FOR IMPORTS. THE VISIBLE TRADE +GAP+ WAS 10.1 PER CENT IN DECEMBER 1981, COMPARED WITH 16.9 PER CENT IN DECEMBER 1980.

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HONORARY COLONEL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT APPOINTED

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DR SOLOMON BARD HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO SUCCEED MR OSWALD CHEUNG AS HONORARY COLONEL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

MR CHEUNG RETIRES ON MARCH 1 AFTER A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE REGIMENT AND HAVING HELD THE COLONELCY FOR OVER FIVE YEARS.

DR BARD WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1940, FOUGHT AT THE FALL OF HONG KONG AND BECAME A PRISONER OF WAR. AFTER THE WAR HE SERVED IN THE REGIMENT FOR A FURTHER 26 YEARS AND DURING THIS TIME WAS AWARDED THE MBE FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE. HE WAS AWARDED AN OBE IN 1977.

HE IS AT PRESENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD AND IS A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE.

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APPOINTMENT TO MTRC BOARD

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MR W.C.L. BROWN, AREA GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CHARTERED BANK AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

HIS APPOINTMENT WILL BE UP TO APRIL 30, 1984.

MR BROWN TAKES THE PLACE OF MR JOHN BOYER, WHO LEFT HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY ALSO ANNOUNCES THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF SIR Y.K. PAO AS A MEMBER OF MTRC BOARD FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH EFFECT FROM MAY 1, 1982.

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HOUSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 GAZETTED
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A NUMBER OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IMPROVE CONTROL OVER THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE ALLIED PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME ARE CONTAINED IN THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

BECAUSE OF THE NEW PRICING POLICY UNDER WHICH LAND VALUES WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PRICES OF THE FLATS TO BE SOLD, THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION AIMS AT IMPOSING STRICTER RESTRICTIONS ON RESALE OF THE FLATS, AND GUARDING AGAINST ABUSES RELATING TO PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AND TO SUBSEQUENT OCCUPATION OF THE FLATS.

THE BILL PROPOSES TO DOUBLE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE OF MAKING A FALSE DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AN HOS FLAT, TO A FINE OF \$200 000 AND ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT, AND TO EXTEND THE TIME LIMIT FOR PROSECUTION OF A FLAT PURCHASER FROM SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR.

UPON CONVICTION OF AN HOS PURCHASER FOR MAKING A FALSE DECLARATION, THE COURT WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO ORDER FORFEITURE OF THE FLAT CONCERNED OR AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ORIGINAL PRICE OF THE FLAT AND ITS MARKET VALUE AT THE DATE OF CONVICTION.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE FLATS SOLD ARE ACTUALLY TO BE USED BY THE PURCHASERS AND OTHER MEMBERS LISTED IN THE APPLICATION, THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO EMPOWER THE STAFF OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF FLATS TO FURNISH INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR STATE OF OCCUPATION AND TO BE ABLE TO ENTER THE FLATS TO CHECK THEIR OCCUPATION POSITION AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.

THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR REFUSING OR NEGLECTING TO GIVE INFORMATION TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY WOULD BE \$10 000.

THE BILL ALSO DETAILS THE RESTRICTIONS ON RESALE OF THE FLATS. ANY FLAT OWNER WHO BREACHES THE RESTRICTIONS WOULD BE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$200 000 AND ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT.

FURTHER AMENDMENTS INCLUDED IN THE BILL ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE PROCEDURE IN RELATION TO APPEALS AGAINST THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S DECISIONS TO TERMINATE TENANCIES, AND TO PROVIDE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE CONTROL OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S ESTATES.

ANOTHER PROVISION IS THE REMOVAL OF THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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836 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST YEAR
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A TOTAL OF 836 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 789 IN 1980, A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR WAS \$7 248.46 MILLION AS AGAINST \$4 672.61 MILLION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED WAS ABOUT 3.2 MILLION SQUARE METRES. IN 1980 IT WAS 2.61 MILLION SQUARE METRES.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 77 NEW BUILDING PLANS, COMPARED WITH 68 FOR DECEMBER 1980.

OF THESE, 22 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE FOR KOWLOON AND 46 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A 21-STOREY CLUB HOUSE AND OFFICE AT THE HONG KONG CLUB SITE BOUNDED BY JACKSON ROAD, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD AND CLUB STREET, A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, A SINGLE-STOREY HALL AT YUK CHOI ROAD, A SWIMMING POOL AND FILTRATION PLANT ROOM AT LO WAI, TSUEN WAN, A CHURCH EXTENSION AT TAI KI LING, YUEN LONG AND A SQUASH COURT AND CARPARKS AT HONG LOK YUEN, TAI PO.

DURING THE MONTH, THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED AMOUNTED TO 396 281.4 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 267 165.2 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 129 116.2 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER AMOUNTED TO \$1 011.79 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$512.89 MILLION IN DECEMBER 1980.

THE OFFICE ALSO GAVE APPROVAL FOR WORK TO START ON 58 PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SPORT COMPLEX AT SANDY BAY, TWO HOTELS AT THE JUNCTION OF WANG TAK STREET AND PO SHIN STREET AND SA PO ROAD AND TWO SCHOOL EXTENSIONS AT SYCAMORE STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD.

ALTOGETHER, 67 NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN DECEMBER, INCLUDING A PATHOLOGY BUILDING AT DUNDAS STREET AND A PETROL FILLING STATION AT CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, SAI KUNG.

THE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 73 BUILDINGS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR PUBLIC WORKS

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PUMPING STATIONS, A SUBMARINE PUMPING MAIN AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE IN TAI O.

THE WORKS WILL COMPLETE THE TRUNK SEWERAGE SYSTEM CONNECTING THE EXISTING VILLAGE OF TAI O, INCLUDING THE NEW LUNG TIN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, TO THE SEWAGE-TREATMENT WORKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT KAU SAN TEI.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI O.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 15 MONTHS.

AT THE SAME TIME, TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE LINING OF FO TAN NULLAH AND DEMOLITION OF THE TAI PO ROAD BRIDGE ACROSS IT, WHICH IS NO LONGER USED.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE LINING WORK, TOGETHER WITH SOME FURTHER DREDGING OF THE SHING MUN RIVER AT ITS CONFLUENCE WITH THE NULLAH, WILL PROVIDE A FULL DESIGN CAPACITY OF THIS MAIN STORMWATER DRAIN NECESSARY TO HANDLE DISCHARGES FROM THE CATCHMENT AREA WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED.

THE WORK WILL START IN APRIL AND LAST ONE YEAR.

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FERRY FARE REVISION

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FERRY FARES WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$1.50 TO \$2.00 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY BETWEEN MA LIU SHUI AND MA ON SHAN FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE FOR CHILDREN AND FOR STUDENT MONTHLY TICKET HOLDERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FARE INCREASE IS DUE TO A RISE IN OPERATIONAL COSTS AND THE EXPECTED DROP IN PASSENGER VOLUME WHEN THE MA ON SHAN SQUATTER CLEARANCE TAKES PLACE IN MARCH.

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NEW AMBULANCE DEPOT

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A NEW AMBULANCE DEPOT IS TO BE BUILT AT CHEUNG SHA WAN TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE DENSELY-POPULATED AREAS, INCLUDING LAI CHI KOK, SHAM SHUI PO AND MONG KOK.

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

THE DEPOT WILL BE BUILT ON A 1 320-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT FAT TSEUNG STREET.

THE FOUR-STOREY DEPOT WILL COMPRISE BAYS FOR EIGHT AMBULANCES, OFFICES, A COMMUNICATION ROOM, A DINING AND RECREATIONAL ROOM, BARRACK ACCOMMODATION AND AN EXERCISE ROOM.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

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SUSPENSION OF CMB ROUTE 88 SERVICE

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CMB ROUTE 88 WILL SUSPEND ITS SERVICE FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE DECISION WAS REACHED WHEN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT REVEALED A LOW PATRONAGE FOR THIS SERVICE.

AT PRESENT, THE ROUTE OPERATES BETWEEN CHAI WAN (HING WAH) AND CHAI WAN FERRY.

AS FROM MONDAY, PEOPLE WISHING TO USE THE CHAI WAN FERRY PIER CAN MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY MAXICAB NO. 20 WHICH RUNS BETWEEN SAI WAN HO AND THE FERRY SERVICES.

THE SITUATION WILL BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW, THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED, AND THE BUS SERVICE MAY BE REINTRODUCED IF THE NEED ARISES.

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TAI PO HISTORY EXHIBITION
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A SEVEN-DAY EXHIBITION OF LOCAL HISTORY WILL OPEN AT TAI PO ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 2) AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM, AND WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SECTIONS: ONE SHOWING TAI PO BEFORE 1960 AND THE OTHER SHOWING THE TOWN FROM THE 1960'S ONWARDS, WHEN A GREAT DEAL OF DEVELOPMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE ANCIENT TOOLS, ANTIQUES, PLAQUES, COSTUMES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND MAPS, AS WELL AS ILLUSTRATIONS, STATISTICS, MODELS AND PAMPHLETS.

ITEMS ON LOCAL HOUSING, POPULATION, TRANSPORTATION, RECREATIONAL AND PUBLIC FACILITIES, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE INCLUDED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SLIDE SHOW ON CHANGES IN TAI PO IN RECENT YEARS AND THE PROBLEMS CREATED AS A RESULT OF SOME OF THESE CHANGES.

MANY OF THE RARELY-SEEN ITEMS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY COURTESY OF LOCAL VILLAGERS, RURAL LEADERS, THE URBAN COUNCIL'S MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, AND LOCAL LEADERS WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 8.

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ROAD SURFACING WORK
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A SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHAM TSENG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS BETWEEN 9 PM AND 5.30 AM, FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 1) FOR ROAD-SURFACING WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SUNDAY CLOSURE

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A LARGE PART OF THE MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.01 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 31) FOR AN EXHIBITION.

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ROAD SECTION CLOSED

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A SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY NEAR HAPPY VIEW TERRACE WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT WILL BE CUT OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 2) TO FACILITATE MAINS WORK.

AREAS AFFECTED WILL BE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, FROM AU TAU TO SAN TIN AND KAM TIN ROAD, FROM AU TAU TO SHEUNG TSUEN INCLUDING KAM SHEUNG ROAD IN YUEN LONG.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN AND CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR TEN DAYS NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE FIRING PRACTICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
FEBRUARY 3 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 4.30 PM
FEBRUARY 4 (THURSDAY)	9 AM - 4.30 PM
FEBRUARY 5 (FRIDAY)	9 AM - 4.30 PM
FEBRUARY 6 (SATURDAY)	9 AM - 4.30 PM
FEBRUARY 8 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 9 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 4.30 PM
FEBRUARY 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 11 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
FEBRUARY 12 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
FEBRUARY 26 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM

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SPEECH BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR AT THE
PRISONS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL INSPECTION
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I congratulate all on parade on their smart bearing.

I should like to announce that the Government has accepted your Commissioner's invitation to change the title of the Department and from next Monday it will be known as the Correctional Services Department, and your Commissioner will become the Commissioner of Correctional Services. This will give a more balanced impression of the Department's work which is partly to punish, partly to prevent, and partly to rehabilitate.

The custodial role of the Department remains very important. The punishment to convicted criminals is largely by prison sentences, and it is the duty of the Department to carry these out. But once the sentence has been served, society's prime concern is that the ex-criminal should not revert to crime. Hence the importance of your Educational, Counselling, and after-care services, and of the occupation provided for inmates while serving their sentences.

Of course a large part of your work is not concerned with prisons at all. You have had remarkable success in the Detention Centre programme which is curative in concept. It prevents youngsters from becoming criminals. Your Training Centres have the same objective though the techniques are different.

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Similarly, the objective of your Drug Addiction Treatment Centres is not punishment but treatment, and their record of success is remarkable by international standards.

It is also significant that an expert psychologist with wide international experience is being recruited to guide the expansion of the Department's psychological services and the development of its correctional programmes.

For all these reasons this change in name is therefore timely and does justice to the many-sided work in this remarkable Department.

This is the last time I will meet the Department before my departure, and I would like to record my admiration of its very high standards, of its flexibility in confronting the very different problems of our society that it exists to deal with, and of the constant and successful efforts made to improve its services. I am proud to note that their excellence has received wide international recognition.

I thank you again for giving me this opportunity to meet you on parade, and to wish you continued success in the years ahead.

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