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TRANSPORT FACILITIES TO SHA TIN RACE-COURSE
NEAR COMPLETION

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MANY OF THE TRANSPORT FACILITIES AT THE SHA TIN RACE-COURSE ARE NEARING COMPLETION AND WILL BE READY FOR ITS OPENING IN OCTOBER.

THE FACILITIES JOINTLY DEVELOPED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, INCLUDE SPACES FOR PARKING, LOADING AND UNLOADING OF VEHICLES OUTSIDE THE RACE-COURSE ADJACENT TO THE DUAL THREE-LANE TRUNK ROAD THROUGH SHA TIN.

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN AND PARKING AREAS FOR 80 FRANCHISED BUSES, 120 PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, 65 TAXIS, 50 PRIVATE COACHES, 50 HIRE CARS AND 909 PRIVATE CARS.

BUT, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT PEOPLE GOING TO THE RACE-COURSE SHOULD USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS THE CAR PARKS PROVIDED WOULD BE FOR MEMBERS OF THE JOCKEY CLUB ONLY.

ALL PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN AREAS INCLUDE GRADE SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN APPROACHES AND WAITING AREAS. THE SOUTH BOUND TERMINAL AND NORTH BOUND TERMINAL FOR FRANCHISED BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ARE SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER.

THE NEAR COMPLETION OF THE 5-KILOMETRE DUAL-LANE TRUNK ROAD FROM TAI WAI TO THE NEW RACE-COURSE HAS BEEN A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AT SHA TIN.

PART OF THIS NEW ROAD BEING DEVELOPED BY P.W.D. WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN APRIL, AND A FURTHER STRETCH IN AUGUST. THE ENTIRE ROAD IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER, PROVIDING A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY OF TWO LANES EACH. CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$65 MILLION ROAD STARTED IN MARCH 1976.

AN INTERESTING FEATURE OF THE ROAD HAS BEEN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY CROSSING NEAR THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE PLANNED ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

ALSO, TWO SUBWAYS AND TWO FOOT-BRIDGES ARE BEING BUILT TO AID MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE NEAR LEK YUEN AND WO CHE HOUSING ESTATES.

A RAILWAY STATION CAPABLE OF HANDLING 15,000 PASSENGERS AN HOUR, WITH A FOOT-BRIDGE APPROACH, IS ALSO NEAR COMPLETION.

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GOVERNOR CONTINUES HIS VISITS TO NEW TERRITORIES' DISTRICT
ADVISORY BOARDS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT THE SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) TO LISTEN TO THEIR PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR AND TO OFFER HIS HELP AND ADVICE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SIR MURRAY WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AT 10 A.M.

FOLLOWING THE ONE-HOUR MEETING, SIR MURRAY WILL THEN GO TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD. THIS MEETING WILL START AT 11.30 A.M. AND WILL FINISH AT 12.30 P.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISITS. OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 9.15 A.M. SHARP ON SEPTEMBER 6 TO TAKE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS TO THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE. IT WILL LATER LEAVE FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE FOR ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE IN INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, CENTRAL. FOR NEWSMEN WISHING TO RETURN TO KOWLOON, THE VAN WILL TAKE THEM TO THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE BEFORE 1 P.M.

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STUDENT GUIDANCE SCHEME --
+BRIDGE BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL+
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A STUDENT GUIDANCE SCHEME SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SERVING ABOUT 250,000 PUPILS IN 341 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN EARLY DECEMBER WOULD PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT BRIDGE BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), MR. HO NGA-MING, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON, TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF A THREE-MONTH TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR 79 NON-GRADUATE GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO WILL SERVE AS STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS IN THESE SCHOOLS.

MR. HO SAID FEW PEOPLE WERE UNAWARE OF THE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN RECENT YEARS TO PROVIDE MORE SOCIAL WORK SERVICES.

+SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK IS AN INTRINSIC PART OF THIS SERVICE,+ HE SAID, +AND MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE A TRIAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED ON A SMALL SCALE IN NOVEMBER, 1974.+

MR. HO SAID THE BROAD OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SCHEME WERE TO HELP STUDENTS WITH PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THEIR STUDIES, BEHAVIOUR OR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, AND TO HELP THEM OVERCOME THESE STRESSES.

IN PLANNING THE STRUCTURE OF A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE AND THE PART TO BE PLAYED BY EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH THE EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO EMPHASISE THAT THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN MUST REMAIN VERY MUCH THE CONCERN OF TEACHERS.

IT THEREFORE FELL TO TEACHERS TO UNDERSTAND WHICH MODES OF CHILD BEHAVIOUR WERE LIKELY TO DEVELOP INTO UNFORTUNATE ADULT TRAITS AND WHICH WERE LIKELY TO GROW INTO DESIRABLE ATTRIBUTES.

TEACHERS MUST BE ABLE TO DISCERN THE FIRST SIGNS OF MALADJUSTMENT IN A CHILD AND REDIRECT HIM INTO MORE DESIRABLE FORMS OF CONDUCT.

+CASES OF ANTI-SOCIAL OR DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO A SINGLE CAUSE OR A MULTIPLICITY OF CAUSES,+ MR. HO SAID.

+MOREOVER, IT IS TRUE THAT SOME BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS ARE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE CHILD'S FAMILY BACKGROUND AND HIS PARENTS' SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, AND ARE LARGELY BEYOND SCHOOL CONTROL.

/+HOWEVER,

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+HOWEVER, I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THE PROBLEMS COULD BE RESOLVED WITH CLOSER CONTACT BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME.+

MR. HO SAID THE STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICER SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE THIS MEANS OF LIAISON.

IT ALSO WOULD HELP DEVELOP AN EFFICIENT SCHOOL SOCIAL SERVICE AND, IN TURN, HELP IMPROVE THE AVERAGE LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT IN SOCIETY.

ANOTHER SPEAKER, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SOCIAL WORK), MRS. EVELYN DOE, SAID PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY STUDENTS NOWADAYS WERE NO LONGER PURELY ACADEMIC.

+DURING THIS PERIOD OF RAPID PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL GROWTH, STUDENTS ARE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY, FEELINGS OF DISTURBANCE IN THEIR HANDLING OF COMPLEX HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS, AND A SENSE OF MALADJUSTMENT WITH REGARD TO THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT,+ SHE SAID.

+UNDER THE CURRENT EDUCATION SYSTEM, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR A TEACHER TO ATTEND TO THE INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS OR CATER FOR THE VARYING NEEDS OF EACH STUDENT.

+WITH THE APPLICATION OF SOCIAL WORK PRINCIPLES AND METHODS, PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS WILL HELP PUPILS MAKE THE MAXIMUM USE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL TO THE FULL AND PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR RESPONSIBLE ADULT LIVING.+

SHE POINTED OUT THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE PLACED EQUAL EMPHASIS ON PREVENTIVE AND REMEDIAL ASPECTS.

+THE PREVENTIVE ASPECT INCLUDES AROUSING THE STUDENT'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE, BRIDGING THE COMMUNICATION GAP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN, IMPARTING SOCIAL SKILLS, AND ENHANCING THE UNDERSTANDING OF CULTURAL PROGRESS,+ MRS. DOE SAID.

+THE REMEDIAL SIDE AIMS AT HELPING THOSE WHO HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES TO IDENTIFY AND SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. MATERIAL OR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TOGETHER WITH PERSONAL GUIDANCE, MIGHT HELP TO INSTIL IN THE STUDENTS DESIRABLE ATTITUDINAL CHANGES AND CONSEQUENTLY LEAD TO THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR LIVES.+

MRS. DOE REMINDED SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS TO CO-OPERATE AND KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH SCHOOL HEADS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS.

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OPENING OF RAILWAY LOOP LINE IN SHA TIN

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THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY TODAY OPENED THE NEW LOOP LINE BETWEEN SHA TIN AND UNIVERSITY STATIONS TO ALLOW THE MAIN LINE TO BE CLOSED FOR ESSENTIAL ENGINEERING WORKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR K.C.R. SAID THE NEW SIDE TRACK WAS BUILT TO SERVE THE SHA TIN RACE-COURSE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN NEXT MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT INITIALLY A SPEED RESTRICTION ON THE NEW LOOP LINE HAS BEEN IMPOSED AND THIS WILL RESULT IN A SLIGHT DELAY TO TRAINS.

+IT IS HOPED TO RAISE THE SPEED LIMIT FAIRLY SOON,+ HE SAID.

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REHABILITATION CENTRE TO CELEBRATE TENTH ANNIVERSARY

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE IN KWUN TONG WILL CELEBRATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WITH A THREE-TIER CAKE GOOD ENOUGH FOR ITS 500 GUESTS AND DISABLED TRAINEES.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, ALONG WITH A LEADING INDUSTRIALIST, MR. S.H. SUNG, AND TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY LEADER, MR. YEUNG CHUN-PUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

OTHER PROGRAMMES FOR THE DAY WILL INCLUDE SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES BY THE CENTRE'S TRAINEES, A FUN FAIR AND STALL GAMES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE DISABLED, AND AN EXHIBITION DISPLAYING THE TRAINEES' APPLIANCES AND WORK.

THE CENTRE IS AMONG THE 19 REHABILITATION CENTRES RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING PRE-VOCATIONAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF DISABLED PERSONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER 5) STARTING AT 10 A.M. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. IT WILL LEAVE AT 9.15 A.M. FROM THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF LEE GARDENS IN CAUSEWAY BAY FOR THE CENTRE WHICH IS AT 487 KWUN TONG ROAD, KWUN TONG.

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WATER CUTS
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE STOPPED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK ON PRESSURE REDUCING VALVES.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY BEACON HILL ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, EDE ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, WARWICK ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, FESSENDEN ROAD, MARCONI ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG COURT AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HOUSING SCHEME.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI AND THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN YAU MA TEI, PREMISES ALONG KANSU STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, SAIGON STREET AND NATHAN ROAD INCLUDING PAK HOI ROAD, TEMPLE STREET AND WOO SUNG STREET WILL HAVE THEIR WATER SUPPLY CUT OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

ANOTHER AREA OF YAU MA TEI BOUNDED BY KANSU STREET, NATHAN ROAD, WING SING LANE, RECLAMATION STREET, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND CANTON ROAD INCLUDING BATTERY STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, TEMPLE STREET AND MARKET STREET WILL HAVE NO WATER FROM MIDNIGHT THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

IN THE MID-LEVELS, PREMISES ALONG OLD PEAK ROAD, ROBINSON ROAD FROM GLENEALY TO ALBANY ROAD, CONDUIT ROAD FROM OLD PEAK ROAD TO CONDUIT APARTMENT WILL HAVE THEIR WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

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