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AIRPORT PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY
WILL BE DOUBLED BY YEAR END
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THE PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY OF KAI TAK AIRPORT WILL BE MORE THAN DOUBLED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR WHEN A NEW EXTENSION TO THE EAST OF THE EXISTING TERMINAL BUILDING COMES INTO OPERATION.

THE EXTENSION IS PART OF THE $300 MILLION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME TO SPEED UP PASSENGER FLOW AT KAI TAK AIRPORT WHICH IS ALREADY ONE OF THE BUSIEST AND BEST EQUIPPED AIRPORTS IN THE FAR EAST.

AT PRESENT THE PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY IS 2,200 PERSONS AN HOUR, BUT WITH THE NEW EXTENSION COMING INTO FULL OPERATION BY THE YEAR'S END, IT WILL BE INCREASED TO ABOUT 4,500 PERSONS AN HOUR.

MEANWHILE, A NEW DEPARTURE CONCOURSE WILL BE OPENED FROM NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 15).

MR. R.E. DOWNING, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, SAID TODAY THAT THE PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY WOULD PROGRESSIVELY RISE TO 5,500 PERSONS AN HOUR WHEN MODIFICATION TO THE EXISTING TERMINAL BUILDING WAS COMPLETED.

+THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME HAS BEEN CAREFULLY PHASED AND FROM NEXT MONDAY, THE CHECK-IN AREAS IN THE EXTENSION ON THE FIRST-FLOOR LEVEL WILL BE PUT INTO USE AND THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE OPENING OF A PORTION OF THE GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION A LITTLE LATER,+ MR. DOWNING SAID.

+AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME, A FLYOVER FOR EAST-BOUND TRAFFIC FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD TO SERVICE THE AIRPORT AT THE DEPARTURES LEVEL WILL BE BUILT AND IT IS DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1979,+ HE SAID.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF A NEW BAGGAGE SYSTEM TO THE EXISTING TERMINAL BUILDING, FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRSIDE ARRIVALS PIER, A NEW AIRPORT RESTAURANT, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND AN EXTENSION OF THE WEST PODIUM AT THE FIRST-FLOOR LEVEL TO IMPROVE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

MR. DOWNING WENT ON THAT CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING AND THE AIRPORT FACILITIES WAS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID GROWTH IN AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC THROUGH HONG KONG.

+THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ENSURE THAT THE STANDARD OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE TERMINAL FACILITIES CAN MEET THE DEMANDS PLACED UPON THEM BY THE INCREASING PASSENGER TRAFFIC THROUGH THE AIRPORT,+ HE SAID.

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ON COMPLETION OF THE PRESENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE DEPARTURE PASSENGER PROCESSING AREA WILL BE INCREASED FROM 14,000 SQUARE METRES TO 25,000 SQUARE METRES.

THE NEW EXTENSION WILL HAVE TWO CHECK-IN ISLANDS PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 48 CHECK-IN POSITIONS EACH EQUIPPED WITH AN INTERCOM SYSTEM AND A BUILT-IN POSITION FOR THE SECURITY EXAMINATION OF PASSENGERS' CHECKED BAGGAGE. THEY ARE ALL LINKED TO A NEW SEMI-AUTOMATIC BAGGAGE SYSTEM FROM WHERE PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE WILL BE CHANNELLED TO A COMPUTERISED SORTING SYSTEM IN THE BASEMENT WHICH WILL DIRECT BAGS TO A LOCATION DESIGNATED FOR EACH FLIGHT.

THE DEPARTURE IMMIGRATION CONTROLS WILL HAVE 47 DESKS AS AGAINST 19 AT PRESENT TO COMPLEMENT THE EXTENDED DEPARTURE PASSENGER PROCESSING CONTROLS.

IN ADDITION, 12 SHOPS AND A NUMBER OF AIRLINE INFORMATION DESKS AND +HOSPITALITY LOUNGES+ WILL ALSO BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE NEW EXTENSION FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRAVELLERS.

THE ARRIVING PASSENGER PROCESSING AREA WILL INCREASE FROM 12,000 SQUARE METRES IN AREA TO 21,000 SQUARE METRES. THE ENLARGED CUSTOMS HALL WILL HAVE TWO NEW BAGGAGE RECLAIM UNITS WITH AUTOMATIC DISPLAYS TO INDICATE THE LOCATION OF ARRIVING PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE. ONE OF THESE WILL BE BROUGHT INTO USE LATER THIS MONTH.

TO MATCH THE EXPANSION, 44 ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION DESKS FOR PROCESSING ARRIVING PASSENGERS WILL BE PROVIDED TO SUPPLEMENT THE PRESENT 32 DESKS AND 22 MORE +CONVEYORISED CUSTOMS BENCHES+ WILL BE BROUGHT INTO USE.

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SAI KUNG PENINSULA TO BE PUT UNDER COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT

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SAI KUNG PENINSULA, WHICH HAS SOME OF HONG KONG'S MOST BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND PICNIC SPOTS AND COMPRISES AN EXTENSIVE AREA OF COUNTRYSIDE, IS PROPOSED FOR COUNTRY PARK DEVELOPMENT.

A GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NOTICE TODAY PUBLISHED TWO SITES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTRY PARKS ON THE PENINSULA -- SAI KUNG WEST WHICH LIES BETWEEN THREE FATHOMS COVE AND PAK TAM CHUNG-KO TONG ROAD, STRETCHING SOUTHWARDS FROM HOI HA TO TAI MONG TSAI= AND SAI KUNG EAST WHICH IS SITUATED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF PAK TAM CHUNG-KO TONG ROAD AND STRETCHES FROM LONG HARBOUR SOUTHWARDS TO HIGH ISLAND.

SAI KUNG WEST COUNTRY PARK IS BOUNDED WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,000 HECTARES AND INCLUDES 850 HECTARES OF FORESTRY PLANTATIONS AND NATURAL WOODLAND, GRASSLAND OF THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR CATCHMENT AREA AND THE ADJOINING HILLS. THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK EAST IS EVEN LARGER, COVERING AN AREA OF 4,470 HECTARES, INCLUDING 375 HECTARES OF NATURAL WOODLAND, GRASSLAND AND ADJOINING HILLS AND 710 HECTARES OF WATER SURFACE ON COMPLETION OF THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR.

THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY HAS PREPARED AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND A DRAFT MAP FOR BOTH PARKS WHICH MAY BE INSPECTED AT A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS.

THESE OFFICES ARE THE LAND REGISTRY AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT IN MURRAY BUILDING, THE DISTRICT OFFICES IN TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, SAI KUNG AND SHA TIN, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO AND WONG TAI SIN.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT MAPS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT $6 A COPY FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, AT 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE, NO NEW DEVELOPMENT IS ALLOWED IN THE AREA OF THE PROPOSED COUNTRY PARKS SHOWN IN THE DRAFT MAPS WITHOUT FIRST HAVING APPROVAL FROM THE AUTHORITY.

ANYONE WHO IS AGGRIEVED BY THE PROPOSED COUNTRY PARKS MAY WITHIN THE 60 DAYS SEND A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF HIS OBJECTIONS TO THE AUTHORITY AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

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NEW DRIVING TEST SYSTEM FOR PRIVATE CAR TO BE INTRODUCED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE DRIVING TEST SYSTEM FOR PRIVATE CAR WILL BE REVISED FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 15) TO ALLOW CANDIDATES TO TAKE THEIR TESTS IN THREE SEPARATE PARTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM COMPRISES A WRITTEN TEST ON THE HIGHWAY CODE (PART A) AND A COMBINED ROAD TEST WHICH INCLUDES BASIC MANOEUVRES (PART B) AND DRIVING IN TRAFFIC (PART C).

AT PRESENT CANDIDATES ARE GIVEN TESTING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE COMBINED ROAD TEST (PARTS B AND C) ONLY AFTER PASSING THE WRITTEN TEST (PART A). IF THEY FAIL IN EITHER PART OF THE COMBINED TEST, THEY WILL HAVE TO TAKE BOTH PARTS B AND C AGAIN IN ORDER TO QUALIFY THEMSELVES FOR THE ISSUE OF A FULL DRIVING LICENCE FOR PRIVATE CAR.

UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, IF A CANDIDATE PASSES PART B OF THE COMBINED TEST AND FAILS PART C, HE WILL ONLY HAVE TO TAKE PART C THE NEXT TIME.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE REVISED PROCEDURE WILL RESULT IN A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF SUCCESS WITHOUT LOWERING OF DRIVING STANDARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE PAST IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL FOR A CANDIDATE TO TAKE THE COMBINED TEST SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE GETTING A FULL LICENCE BECAUSE HE WAS UNABLE TO PASS BOTH PARTS AT THE SAME TIME.

HE SAID THAT THE PASS RATE FOR PART A HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY GOOD, RANGING FROM 93 PER CENT TO 96 PER CENT. HOWEVER, THE PASS RATE FOR THE COMBINED ROAD TEST, PARTS B AND C, WAS ALWAYS VERY LOW, VARYING BETWEEN 28 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT. OF THE 89,500 COMBINED ROAD TESTS ARRANGED FOR PRIVATE CAR LAST YEAR, 52 PER CENT WERE FOR REPEATERS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD REDUCE THE LENGTHY WAITING TIME FOR PRIVATE CAR DRIVING TESTS, WHICH IS AS LONG AS TEN MONTHS IN KOWLOON.

HE ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE PRESENT FEE FOR A DRIVING TEST FORM, WHICH IS $150.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR MAY

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY SHOW A SURPLUS OF $70.3 MILLION AS COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF $20.9 MILLION IN MAY LAST YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE AT $529.3 MILLION WAS $82.9 MILLION MORE THAN IN MAY 1976.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS AT $599.6 MILLION WAS $132.2 MILLION MORE THAN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

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LADY MAYORESS TOURS CHESHIRE HOME

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THE LADY MAYORESS OF LONDON, WHO ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY WITH THE LORD MAYOR, COMMANDER SIR ROBIN GILLETT FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT, SPENT THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING TOURING THE CHESHIRE HOME, AN INSTITUTION FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN CHUNG HOM KOK.

LADY GILLETT WAS GREETED ON HER ARRIVAL BY MR. KENNETH T.C. LO, CHAIRMAN OF THE CHESHIRE HOME COMMITTEE AND MISS S.C. KEN, THE HOME'S SUPERVISOR.

AFTER A BRIEFING BY MR. LO ON THE HISTORY OF CHESHIRE HOME, LADY GILLETT STARTED HER TOUR BY INSPECTING THE HANDICRAFT ROOM. HERE SOME OF THE RESIDENTS WERE BUSY SEWING GLOVES AND TROUSERS OR MAKING FEATHER FLAGS FOR A FLAG DAY TO BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE HOME.

SHE THEN TOURED THE MODERN FACILITIES OF THE HOME, WHICH COST $3 MILLION TO BUILD.

IT CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 90 RESIDENTS BUT AT PRESENT THERE ARE ONLY 52. TWELVE MORE RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ADMITTED LATER THIS MONTH.

THE CHESHIRE HOME WAS FORMALLY OPENED BY LADY MACLEHOSE IN MARCH THIS YEAR TO REPLACE THE OLD ONE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1961 ON THE SAME SITE.

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POSITIVE SIGNS OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN BRITAIN

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THE BRITISH ECONOMY IS AT LAST SHOWING POSITIVE SIGNS OF RECOVERY AND HER BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSTRAINT IS VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED, THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, COMMANDER SIR ROBIN GILLETT TOLD MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DURING LUNCH AT THE HILTON HOTEL TODAY.

SIR ROBIN SAID THIS WAS DUE TO THE CONTRIBUTION OF NORTH SEA OIL AND TO INCREASED EXPORTS WITH A SUSTAINED SURPLUS IN SIGHT FOR THE END OF THE YEAR.

CURRENCY RESERVES HAVE RISEN DRAMATICALLY BY 45 PER CENT SO FAR THIS YEAR OVER 1976 LEVELS, MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT HAS BEEN ON INCREASE FOR A YEAR AND CBI (CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY) INDUSTRIAL TRENDS SURVEYS POINT TO 20 PER CENT RISE IN 1978 OVER 1977, HE POINTED OUT.

HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WHETHER BRITAIN COULD SUCCEED IN GETTING INFLATION DOWN TO THE LEVEL OF HER CHIEF COMPETITORS NEXT YEAR WOULD DEPEND ON THE LEVEL OF FUTURE PAY SETTLEMENTS.

HE THOUGHT A RETURN TO FREE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WOULD NOT RESULT IN RUNAWAY WAGE SETTLEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED. THERE WOULD BE DEMANDS PERHAPS, HE SAID, BUT NOT SETTLEMENTS FOR TWO REASONS.

FIRST THE INABILITY OF FIRMS TO PAY AND THE THREAT OF FURTHER UNEMPLOYMENT IF CLAIMS WERE PRESSED, AND SECONDLY THE LESSON LEARNT FROM THE LAST WAVE OF INFLATION THAT INCREASES PAID IN CONFETTI MONEY ARE USELESS TO THE RECIPIENTS, HE SAID.

INVISIBLE EARNINGS TOO HAD MAINTAINED RECORD LEVELS AND WERE SET TO IMPROVE FURTHER THROUGH NEXT YEAR, SIR ROBIN SAID.

HE DISCLOSED THAT THESE EARNINGS, WHICH WERE THE PARTICULAR CONCERN OF THE CITY OF LONDON, CONTRIBUTED TO ONE THIRD OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S TOTAL FOREIGN EARNINGS AND WERE EQUAL TO NEARLY ONE HALF OF THE COUNTRY'S IMPORT BILL.

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GROUNDWORK TO BE LAID FOR TWO MORE HOUSING ESTATES

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS STARTED PREPARING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO MORE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN.

THE ESTATE AT SO KWUN WAT, TUEN MUN, WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR 50,000 PEOPLE WHILE THE MAI LAM ESTATE IN SHA TIN WILL HOUSE 17,000.

BOTH ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1981.

TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE PROJECT, THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME AREAS OF LAND TO ENABLE EARLY WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY.

AT SHA TIN, A TOTAL OF 62,286 SQUARE FEET OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF SHING MUN RIVER IS TO BE RESUMED TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRUNK SEWER WHICH WILL BE USED PRIMARILY TO SERVE THE NEW ESTATE.

THE TRUNK SYSTEM FORMS PART OF THE $175 MILLION SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A PROPER SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM TO SERVE THE NEW TOWN.

AT TUEN MUN, 116,946 SQUARE FEET OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 450 SQUARE FEET OF PRIVATE BUILDING LAND IS BEING RESUMED SO THAT AN ACCESS ROAD CAN BE BUILT TO A BORROW AREA WHICH IS BEING USED TO PROVIDE FILL FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

AT SHA TIN, THE OWNERS OF THE LAND WILL BE OFFERED CASH COMPENSATION OR LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS.

AS THE PRIVATE LAND INVOLVED AT TUEN MUN IS NOT COVERED BY A STATUTORY OR LAYOUT PLAN, THE OWNERS WILL NOT BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVE OF LAND EXCHANGE TO CASH COMPENSATION.

THE ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CULTIVATORS INVOLVED IN BOTH RESUMPTIONS WOULD BE OFFERED A WIDE RANGE OF STATUTORY AND EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION PAYMENTS.

FAMILIES WHO WILL BE CLEARED IN THE RESUMPTIONS WILL BE OFFERED LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSING, IF ELIGIBLE, OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA ACCOMMODATION, HE SAID.

ONE MONTH'S NOTICE OF BOTH RESUMPTIONS WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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TENDER CALLED FOR TAI KOK TSUI FLYOVER

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WORK WILL BEGIN SOON ON A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ELEVATED ROADWAY FROM TAI KOK TSUI TO SHAM SHUI PO AND THE ASSOCIATED GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH FORMS PHASE ONE OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE $300 MILLION WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR PROJECT, WERE INVITED TODAY.

WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL PROVIDE A VERY DESIRABLE BY-PASS FOR TRAFFIC TRAVELLING THROUGH THE HEAVILY CONGESTED TAI KOK TSUI AREA.

MR. T.S. NG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE SAID: +WORK WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.+

+THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ALONG TAI KOK TSUI ROAD FROM CHERRY STREET TO THE TUNG CHAU STREET JUNCTION, AND AN ELEVATED SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY WITH A SLIP ROAD LEADING TO TUNG CHAU STREET AND TERMINATING IN THE VICINITY OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD JUNCTION,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE ELEVATED STRUCTURE WITH THREE TRAFFIC LANES IN EACH DIRECTION WOULD BE ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE IN LENGTH.

MR. NG SAID THAT THE ASSOCIATED GROUND LEVEL ROADS AT TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET WOULD BE RECONSTRUCTED ON A NEW ALIGNMENT.

MR. NG POINTED OUT THAT THE ELEVATED ROADWAY WOULD BE EXTENDED IN STAGES TO LINK UP IN THE SOUTH WITH GASCOIGNE ROAD/FERRY STREET SECTION WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND IN THE NORTH WITH LAI CHI KOK ROAD TO COMPLETE THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

ON COMPLETION, THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR WILL PROVIDE A PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR HIGHWAY FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND WEST AS WELL AS NORTHWEST KOWLOON.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN DESIGNED, AND THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY CONSULTANT ENGINEERS, MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONG KOK
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE MONG KOK AREA FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 15) IN ORDER TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON BOTH SIDES OF NATHAN ROAD NEAR THE PRINCE EDWARD AND ARGYLE MTR STATIONS.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, SEVERAL SECTIONS OF NATHAN ROAD BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND DUNDAS STREET IN THE MONG KOK AREA WILL BE REDUCED FROM THREE-LANE TRAFFIC TO TWO-LANE TRAFFIC SOUTHBOUND.

IN ADDITION, CERTAIN CLASSES OF VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM NATHAN ROAD SO THAT ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC ON NATHAN ROAD CAN STILL RUN AT A REASONABLE SPEED AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT CAN BE MAINTAINED FOR THE MAJORITY OF COMMUTERS.

PRIVATE CARS, TAXIS AND PUBLIC HIRE CARS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM CERTAIN PARTS OF NATHAN ROAD BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 7 P.M. DAILY BECAUSE OF THEIR FLEXIBILITY IN ROUTE PLANNING AND BECAUSE OF THE SMALL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED BY THESE VEHICLES.

IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THIS EXCLUSION WILL NOT GREATLY AFFECT CARS AND TAXIS AS THEY ARE ALREADY NOT ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ALONG NATHAN ROAD DURING THE CLEARWAY HOURS OF 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY.

TWO NEW TAXI STANDS WILL BE PROVIDED IN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, SOUTH OF NULLAH ROAD AND SOUTH OF MONGKOK ROAD.

THE SECTIONS OF ROADS TO BE PROHIBITED TO CARS, TAXIS AND HIRE CARS ARE:

* NATHAN ROAD, BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND PLAYING FIELD ROAD=

* NATHAN ROAD, BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND DUNDAS STREET=

* NULLAH ROAD, BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND NATHAN ROAD=

* ARRAN STREET, BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD=

* LAI CHI KOK ROAD (SOUTHBOUND), BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND NATHAN ROAD=

* SHAN TUNG STREET, BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND PORTLAND STREET=

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* SOY STREET, BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND PORTLAND STREET.

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TRAFFIC SIGNS INDICATING THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS. MAPS SHOWING THE DIVERSIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND FROM PETROL FILLING STATIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

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PENG CHAU LAND TO BE SOLD FOR
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
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THE LEASES OF TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND ON PENG CHAU ISLAND, TOTALLING SOME 1,044 SQUARE METRES (11,238 SQUARE FEET) WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON AUGUST 30.

BOTH LOTS, SITUATED AT WAI TSAI PEAK WITH AN EXCELLENT SEA VIEW ARE RESTRICTED TO DEVELOPMENT FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE SALE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, ISLANDS, ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG, AT 10.30 A.M.

THE BUILDING COVENANTS ARE $100,000 AND $125,000 FOR THE TWO LOTS, TO BE FULFILLED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1980, AND THE ANNUAL RENTALS ARE $300.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON, OR FROM ANY OF THE SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

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$24 MILLION CONTRACT FOR FIRST TAI HING ESTATE BLOCK SIGNED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN WORK SHORTLY ON THE FIRST BLOCK OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TAI HING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE $24 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WAS AWARDED TO THE DICKSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, AT A CEREMONY IN P.W.D. OFFICES TODAY.

MR. JOSEPH LEI, CHIEF ARCHITECT, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND MR. YIK TAK-TSING, MANAGING DIRECTOR SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY.

THE CONTRACT COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE 30-STOREY CRUCIFORM BLOCK WHICH CONTAINS ABOUT 1,300 FLATS. THE WORK WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR. LEI SAID THAT TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE OF THE TWO REMAINING BLOCKS HAD BEEN CALLED AND THE CONTRACT WOULD BE SIGNED SHORTLY FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN. TENDERS FOR THE FINAL BLOCK WILL BE INVITED NEXT MONTH.

HE SAID THAT THE WHOLE OF STAGE TWO WAS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1979 AND WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS PART OF ITS 10-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME.

+LIKE STAGE ONE OF THE ESTATE, THERE WILL BE OPEN AND RECREATIONAL SPACE IN AND AROUND THE ESTATE WITH PLAYGROUNDS AND REST GARDENS FOR RESIDENTS,+ MR. LEI SAID.

+COMMERCIAL FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS. THESE INCLUDE SHOPS AND A CENTRALLY LOCATED MARKET CONSISTING OF ABOUT 50 STALLS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND A LARGE RESTAURANT.+

HE ADDED THAT THE RESTAURANT, MEASURING ABOUT 1,500 SQUARE METRES, WOULD BE LOCATED AT THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH PARKING FACILITIES.

MR. LEI SAID THAT, ON COMPLETION, THIS $200 MILLION HIGH QUALITY HOUSING ESTATE WOULD HOUSE A TOTAL OF 46,000 PEOPLE IN SOME 8,500 FLATS.

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EXPERT IN SIGN LANGUAGE RETIRES

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MR. CHAN SIK-FUNG, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DEAF CLUB, WILL BE RETIRING SHORTLY AFTER 17 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR. CHAN WAS EDUCATED AT THE SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY IN CANTON WHERE HE GRADUATED IN 1936 WITH A LAW DEGREE. BEFORE JOINING THE CIVIL SERVICE, HE WAS A TEACHER AT THE OVERSEAS CHINESE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB. HE JOINED THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN JUNE 1960 AS A SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER CLASS III AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RETITLED ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IN 1964.

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, HIS DEVOTION AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ESPECIALLY IN TEACHING SIGN LANGUAGE FOR THE DEAF HAD BEEN HIGHLY VALUED.

MR. CHAN HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE IN SETTING UP THE VARIOUS CLUBS WHICH PROVIDE INFORMAL EDUCATION FOR DEAF CHILDREN IN THE WONG TAI SIN, LI CHENG UK, TAI HANG TUNG AND SAU MAU PING DISTRICTS.

OVER THE YEARS, MR. CHAN HAS TAUGHT MORE THAN 400 DEAF CHILDREN AND HAS BEEN REGARDED AS A 'COUNSELLOR AND FRIEND' IN THE DEAF COMMUNITY. HE ALSO PIONEERED THE ORGANISING OF A NUMBER OF SCOUT TROOPS FOR DEAF CHILDREN.

IN 1962, HE WAS SWORN IN AS A COURT INTERPRETER AND SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY ASSISTING THE POLICE AND THE COURTS IN CASES WHERE DEAF PEOPLE ARE INVOLVED. MR. CHAN WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION IN THE COMPILATION OF A HAND-SIGN MANUAL OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MR. CHAN WAS AWARDED A B.E.M. LAST YEAR.

TO MARK THE OCCASION OF MR. CHAN'S RETIREMENT, A DINNER PARTY WILL BE HOSTED BY HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE REHABILITATION DIVISION TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES EXHIBITION

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A YOUTH ACTIVITIES EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY KOWLOON JAYCEES AND 12 OTHER ORGANISATIONS, WILL BE HELD AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 14).

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE, AND THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG JAYCEES, MR. Y.K. CHAN WILL JOINTLY OPEN THE ONE-DAY EXHIBITION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE AIM OF THIS EXHIBITION IS TO PROMOTE THE INTEREST OF YOUTHS IN HONG KONG TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY AND MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES.

THERE WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS, SLIDE AND FILM SHOWS, FIRST-AID DEMONSTRATIONS, KUNG-FU AND A BAND PARADE.

THE ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION ARE KOWLOON JAYCEES, JUNIOR POLICE CALL, CIVIL AID SERVICES, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE, GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, THE H.K. FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, H.K. AIR CADET CORPS, ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE, H.K. SEA CADET CORPS, Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., AND THE CENTRAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG ON SUNDAY AT 10 A.M. YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED.

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PWD ENGINEER RETIRES AFTER 24 YEARS' SERVICE

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MR. LAU FAT-YIP, AN ENGINEER IN THE P.W.D.'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE AFTER ABOUT 24 YEARS' IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR. LAU, WHO IS 58, FIRST JOINED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN 1953 AS AN ASSISTANT ENGINEER.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO ENGINEER IN 1963 AND LATER BECAME ENGINEER-IN-CHARGE OF THE P.W.D.'S MATERIALS TESTING LABORATORIES IN 1969. HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE LABORATORIES AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR TESTING TECHNIQUES AND SERVICE.

ON ACCOUNT OF HIS CREDITABLE SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT, HE WAS SENT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO VISIT VARIOUS MAJOR LABORATORIES UNDER THE MERIT TRIPS SCHEME IN 1974.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY (FRIDAY) TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR. H.C. BEATON, ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S NEW GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, PRESENTED MR. LAU WITH A RETIREMENT GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

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PWD SURVEYOR RETIRES AFTER 17 YEARS' SERVICE

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MR. KEN BOYCE, GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE SURVEYOR OF THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, WILL RETIRE LATER THIS MONTH AFTER 17 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. BOYCE, AGED 55, FIRST JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS A BUILDING SURVEYOR IN 1960 AND BECAME MAINTENANCE SURVEYOR IN 1964.

HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF MAINTENANCE SURVEYOR IN 1967 AND GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE SURVEYOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, MR. JACK STEAN, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, TODAY PRESENTED HIM WITH A GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR. STEAN SAID MR. BOYCE FIRST ARRIVED IN HONG KONG DURING THE WAR WHEN HE WAS AN OFFICER IN A SUBMARINE OPERATING IN THIS AREA.

AFTER LEAVING THE NAVY AND QUALIFYING AS A CHARTERED SURVEYOR, MR. BOYCE RETURNED HERE IN 1960 TO TAKE UP AN APPOINTMENT AS THE ONLY BUILDING SURVEYOR IN THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

MR. STEAN SAID THAT OUTSIDE HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES MR. BOYCE HAD MADE A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY.

THIS INCLUDED EIGHT YEARS SERVICE IN THE AUXILIARY POLICE, SERVICE ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ST. JAMES SETTLEMENT WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE BUILDINGS, AND FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE HAS ACTED AS AN ADVISER TO THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION AND BRIGADE ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR PREMISES.

IN THE SPORTING FIELD, MR. BOYCE WAS AN EARLY MEMBER OF THE HEBE HAVEN YACHT CLUB AND HE IS A KEEN YACHTSMAN AND PROMOTER OF YACHTING IN HONG KONG AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE H.K. YACHTING ASSOCIATION.

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