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COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL EXTENDED
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THE COMPUTERISED AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL - ATC - SYSTEM NOW COVERS THE WHOLE OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA WEST OF KAI TAK AIRPORT, AND THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND NORTH CORRIDOR.

IT HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM THE 120 JUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY COVERED IN WEST KOWLOON.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE ARE NOW 215 SIGNAL JUNCTIONS IN KOWLOON AND 62 SIGNAL JUNCTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL. THE ALTERATIONS OF SIGNAL TIMINGS AT THESE JUNCTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT AUTOMATICALLY BY THE COMPUTER.

+THE ROUTINE OF AUTOMATIC PLAN SELECTION CAN, IF NECESSARY, BE OVERRIDDEN BY THE COMPUTER OPERATOR, WHO CAN ADJUST TIMINGS TO CATER FOR ABNORMAL TRAFFIC CONDITIONS,+ HE SAID.

THE EXTENSION IN KOWLOON COSTS \$38 MILLION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALSO THAT A NEW ATC COMPUTER HAD BEEN MANUFACTURED AND INSTALLED IN THE KOWLOON TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN NATHAN ROAD, TO FACILITATE CONTROL OF AN ADDITIONAL 34 JUNCTIONS IN THE HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN AREA, AND UP TO 77 JUNCTIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE NEW COMPUTER TOOK 15 MONTHS TO DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND INSTALL AT A COST OF \$10 MILLION. THE CONTRACT FOR THE COMPUTER WORK, WHICH WAS UNDERTAKEN BY GEC TRAFFIC AUTOMATION LIMITED OF UK, WAS COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT COMPUTER CONTROL OF SIGNALS ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM THE KOWLOON CONTROL CENTRE WAS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO ALLEVIATE AN IMMEDIATE TRAFFIC CONTROL PROBLEM IN THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE ISLAND CORRIDOR, UNTIL AN INDEPENDENT SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

+A FULL ATC COMPUTER SYSTEM TO CONTROL ALL THE SIGNALS ON THE NORTH SHORE OF THE ISLAND IS PLANNED ALSO. IT WILL BE HOUSED IN A NEW COMPUTER CONTROL CENTRE ON HONG KONG ISLAND IN A BUILDING ADJACENT TO RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK,+ HE ADDED.

THE OLD TYPE TRAFFIC SIGNAL HEADS AT JUNCTIONS THAT ARE UNDER COMPUTER CONTROL ARE BEING REPLACED BY BRIGHTER TRAFFIC SIGNALS, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM INSTALLED IN WEST KOWLOON IN APRIL LAST YEAR IS BEING EXPANDED FROM ITS PRESENT 10 CAMERAS TO ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 20 CAMERAS. THIS WILL ENABLE THE CONTROL ROOM OPERATORS TO VISUALLY MONITOR THE SITUATION AT OVER 100 KEY JUNCTIONS IN KOWLOON PENINSULA AREA.

A SIMILAR CCTV SYSTEM IS ALSO PLANNED FOR HONG KONG ISLAND.

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MORE FIRE STATIONS FOR EASTERN DISTRICT
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TWO MORE FIRE STATIONS WOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR TO SERVE THE EASTERN DISTRICT, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND, MR BRIAN FENDER SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE NEW STATIONS ARE SITUATED IN SAI WAN HO AND QUARRY BAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CHAI WAN FIRE STATION, MR FENDER RECALLED THAT OVER 20 YEARS AGO THE FIRST PROMINENT BUILDINGS IN THE AREA WERE THE CHAI WAN RESETTLEMENT AND CHAI WAN FACTORY ESTATES.

+SINCE THEN AS LAND IN THE BAY HAS BEEN RECLAIMED, CHAI WAN HAS GROWN INTO A VERY BUSY, LIVELY TOWNSHIP IN ITS OWN RIGHT+.

+AT PRESENT CHAI WAN HAS A RESIDENTIAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 130 000 PEOPLE HOUSED IN SOME 46 HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATES, PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND COTTAGE AND SQUATTER AREAS, AND ITS WORK-FORCE IS APPROXIMATELY 21 000 PERSONS,+ MR FENDER SAID.

HE PREDICTED THAT THE POPULATION WOULD GROW WITH THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN CORRIDOR AND THE MTR ISLAND LINE EXTENSION.

+THE COMPLETION OF THE CHAI WAN FIRE STATION PROVIDES IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE FIRE COVER TO THE TOWNSHIP. I HAVE NO DOUBT IT WILL BE WELCOMED BY ALL WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THIS AREA,+ MR FENDER ADDED.

HE CALLED ON THE RESIDENTS OF CHAI WAN TO CONSIDER THE FIREMEN AS THEIR FRIENDS ON WHOM THEY COULD RELY FOR ASSISTANCE AT ALL TIMES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR PEKING SUNDAY
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOU'NG, AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING ON SUNDAY (JULY 24).

THE GOVERNOR'S PRESENT INTENTION IS TO RETURN ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 27).

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CLEAN-UP DRIVE SHOWS GOOD RESULTS
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AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, MR HO TZE-PING, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) CALLED ON BATHERS TO HELP KEEP THE BEACHES CLEAN.

HE MADE THE CALL DURING A VISIT TO THE GEMINI BEACH AS PART OF A TWO-HOUR TOUR OF TSUEN WAN.

MR HO WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS AND WITH THE GENERAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN IN TSUEN WAN.

MR HO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE TOUR WERE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN TELFORD, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MR CHAN YIU-CHEUNG.

AT THE GEMINI BEACH, THEY SAW NTSD WORKERS REMOVING MORE THAN 50 BASKETS OF REFUSE LEFT BEHIND BY BEACHGOERS.

EARLIER, THE PARTY VISITED SAM TUNG UK RESITE VILLAGE TO SEE THE CLEANSING SERVICES BEING PROVIDED THERE FOR 1 300 VILLAGERS.

NEXT THEY TOURED KWU HANG VILLAGE WHERE MR HO WAS BRIEFED OF A REFUSE COLLECTION PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT AT THE VILLAGE.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO HEUNG CHE STREET AND INSPECTED A NEWLY BUILT REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

MR HO WAS TOLD THAT SOME 110 TONNES OF REFUSE AND DISCARDED ARTICLES WERE BEING REMOVED DAILY IN TSUEN WAN.

HE ALSO LEARNED THAT MORE THAN 72 000 TREES, SHRUBS AND OTHER PLANTS HAD BEEN PLANTED IN TSUEN WAN DURING THE LATEST PLANTING SEASON.

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SEMINAR ARRANGED FOR MOBILE FOOD VAN OPERATORS
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PEOPLE INTERESTED IN OPERATING MOBILE FOOD VANS ARE BEING INVITED TO A SEMINAR ON JULY 28 DURING WHICH THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE NEW LICENSING CONDITIONS AND THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS IN LINE WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF MOBILE FOOD VAN SERVICE TO THE WONG CHUK HANG INDUSTRIAL AREA LATER THIS YEAR.

AT THE SEMINAR, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING UNIT WILL TALK ON THE LICENSING CONDITIONS FOR MOBILE FOOD VANS AS WELL AS FOR FACTORY CANTEENS AND FOOD FACTORIES, AND THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION-ANSWER SESSION.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SEMINAR SHOULD GIVE PARTICIPANTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON THE OPERATION OF MOBILE FOOD VANS.

LICENCES TO OPERATE FOUR MOBILE FOOD VANS IN WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY BY OPEN TENDER AND THESE VANS WILL BE IN OPERATION AT TONG BIN LANE, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD AND HEUNG YIP ROAD.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF MEI FUNG COURT IN ABERDEEN CENTRE.

PEOPLE WISHING TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR SHOULD CONTACT MR CHARLES CHAN AT 5-540271 BEFORE JULY 26.

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BOARD MEMBERS GOING ON STUDY TOUR

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FOURTEEN YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL LEAVE FOR EUROPE ON FRIDAY (JULY 22) NIGHT FOR A NINE-DAY STUDY TOUR.

MEMBERS WILL SPEND THE FIRST SIX DAYS IN ENGLAND, AND THEN GO ON TO HOLLAND. DURING THE VISIT THEY WILL LEARN ABOUT NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS, ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS MAJOR PUBLIC WORKS.

THE ITINERARY HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION IN LONDON AND THE NETHERLANDS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE VISIT IS TO ENRICH MEMBERS' KNOWLEDGE ON NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR JAMES WILSON, WHO IS NOW ON LEAVE IN LONDON, WILL JOIN THE MEMBERS THERE.

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MONG KOK PARKING METERS OPERATE FROM FRIDAY
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A TOTAL OF 130 TWO-HOUR, PRIVATE CAR PARKING METERS, WHICH CHARGE \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES, WILL BE INSTALLED IN MONG KOK DISTRICT, AND WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT 9 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 22).

THE METERS ARE LOCATED AT:

- * TAI NAN STREET - BETWEEN MAPLE STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST
- * KI LUNG STREET - BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND CEDAR STREET
- * CEDAR STREET - BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND YU CHAU STREET
- * PORTLAND STREET - BETWEEN BOUNDARY STREET AND YU CHAU STREET
- * TAI TSUN STREET - BETWEEN KOK CHEUNG STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND
- * IVY STREET - BETWEEN WONG TAI STREET AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS COMPLETE HOSPITAL COURSE
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SIXTEEN ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE COMPLETED AN IN-SERVICE HOSPITAL TRAINING COURSE AND PASSED THE FIRST AID AND HOME NURSING EXAMINATIONS, RECEIVED CERTIFICATES TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR STEPHEN NG PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATES TO THE OFFICERS.

THE SIX-MONTH COURSE, CONDUCTED BY THE ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INCLUDED THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TRAINING IN FIRST AID, HOME NURSING, AND PSYCHIATRIC NURSING, AS WELL AS PRACTICAL WORK IN THE FIELD AT THE SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE WHERE THE OFFICERS WILL ALSO BE POSTED FOR DUTY.

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CONTRACT ON SEWAGE PLANT SIGNED
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THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$6.95 MILLION CONTRACT TO GILMAN AND CO. LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHAI WAN SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON BY THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR G.J. OSBORNE, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GILMAN AND CO. LTD., MR T.P. BOWTLE.

THE SCREENING PLANT, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 7 000 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT SUN YIP STREET NEXT TO THE EXISTING REFUSE COMPOSTING PLANT.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK, WHICH STARTED EARLY THIS MONTH, IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PLANT WILL REMOVE GRIT AND SUSPENDED SOLIDS FROM THE SEWAGE COLLECTED FROM THE CHAI WAN AREA BEFORE DISCHARGING IT TO THE SEA VIA SUBMARINE OUTFALLS.

WHEN THE PLANT IS COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS, THE WATER CONDITION IN EASTERN VICTORIA HARBOUR SHOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED.

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TWO NT SITES FOR RENT
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF TWO SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE LARGER SITE MEASURES ABOUT 4 885 SQUARE METRES IN FUNG KAM STREET, YUEN LONG.

IT IS TO BE USED AS A FEE-PAYING PUBLIC CAR PARK.

THE TENANCY FOR THIS SITE IS FOR 18 MONTHS AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE OTHER SITE IS IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN NEAR CITY NO. 1. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 2 095 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR EITHER CONCRETE BATCHING OR OPEN STORAGE OF GOODS, VEHICLES, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS.

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THE TENANCY FOR THIS SITE IS FOR THREE YEARS AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR BOTH SITES IS 12 NOON ON AUGUST 5.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES, AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (YUEN LONG) FOR THE YUEN LONG SITE AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (SHA TIN) FOR THE SHA TIN SITE.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

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FROM FRIDAY (JULY 22), ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE NEW BUS TERMINUS IN SHEK PIK, LANTAU ISLAND.

FROM 10 AM THE SAME DAY, LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING MOUNT BUTLER DRIVE AND PRICE ROAD IN TAI HANG.

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