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4.9 MILLION POPULATION AT END OF JUNE 1979

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THE ESTIMATED POPULATION AT THE END OF JUNE 1979 WAS 4,900,000, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 179,807 PEOPLE OVER THE END-1978 ESTIMATE.

THE INCREASE WAS MADE UP OF A GAIN OF 101,271 THROUGH THE BALANCE OF MIGRATION, A +PLUS+ OF 24,526 THROUGH THE BALANCE OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, AND AN INCREASE OF 54,010 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AWAITING RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES AT THE END OF JUNE 1979.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1979 WAS 37,339- THIS IS 1,545 HIGHER THAN THE FIGURE FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE INCREASE IN BIRTHS WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE GRADUAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE CHILD-BEARING AGES OF 15-49.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1979 WAS 12,813, AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURE OF 12,279 RECORDED IN 1978. THE INCREASE IN DEATHS WAS ASSOCIATED DIRECTLY WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF OLD PEOPLE IN THE POPULATION.

THE FIGURES FOR BIRTHS AND DEATHS ARE BASED ON EVENTS OCCURRING DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 1979 RATHER THAN REGISTRATIONS MADE AND THEREFORE DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM THOSE RELEASED BY THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

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MAJOR CONTRACT FOR TSUEN WAN SIGNED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED A MAJOR ENGINEERING CONTRACT TO SHIMIZU CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR SITE FORMATION, ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN TSUEN WAN NORTH.

THE CONTRACT, WORTH MORE THAN \$61.2 MILLION, FORMS PART OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

IT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR. ROBIN SAUNDERS, CHIEF ENGINEER (NORTH) OF THE PWD'S TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, AND MR. RIJURO JOZAKI, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMPANY.

MR. SAUNDERS SAID THAT UNDER THE CONTRACT 19.5 HECTARES OF LAND WOULD BE FORMED.

+PART OF THIS WILL BE USED AS RESITE AREAS FOR SEVERAL OF THE VILLAGES, INCLUDING MUK MIN HA AND PAK TIN PA, DISPLACED BY MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WORK,+ HE SAID.

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+THESE RESITE AREAS WILL BE SITED IN THE FOOTHILL AREA OF TSUEN WAN NORTH.+

MR. SAUNDERS SAID THAT THE ROAD WORK WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF A MAJOR ROTARY INTERCHANGE AS WELL AS LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR ROADS.

HE ADDED THAT THE ROTARY INTERCHANGE WOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR THE FUTURE ROUTE 5 (SHA TIN - TSUEN WAN HIGHWAY) WHILE THE DISTRIBUTOR ROADS WOULD PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE RESITE AREAS AND OTHER PARTS OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WOULD BE THE RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE LOWER SECTION OF ROUTE TWISK.

REFERRING TO DRAINAGE WORK, MR. SAUNDERS SAID IT WOULD INVOLVE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR CULVERT TO DIVERT THE TAI LÉK HO STREAM.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START THIS WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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#### SHORT-TERM TENANCY TENDERS

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THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS NOW INVITING TENDERS BY WAY OF ANNUAL RENTAL FOR A SHORT-TERM TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KWUN TONG.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 290 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES, INCLUDING VEHICLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE TENANCY WAS FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AND THEREAFTER QUARTERLY.

TENDER FORMS, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD AND IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

THE TENDER PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE TWO OFFICES.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER IS NOON ON AUGUST 31, 1979.

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**DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED**

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMUTED TO 25 YEARS IMPRISONMENT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON WONG CHEUNG-HING, 33, ON APRIL 19, 1978.

WONG, UNEMPLOYED, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF HIS FATHER, WONG SAN-YAM, 53, AT A HOUSE AT HO TIN VILLAGE, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES, ON MAY 6, 1977.

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**NEW ROAD IN TIN WAN OPENS ON THURSDAY**

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A NEW ROAD LINKING SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE NEW ROAD WHILE THE ADJACENT SECTION OF SHEK PAI WAN ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY FOR EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

A NEW BUS BAY, SITUATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE NEW CARRIAGEWAY, WILL BE IN SERVICE FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE NEW ROAD.

TWO BUS STOPS, ONE LOCATED OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 48 ON SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AND SERVING BUS ROUTES 7, 70, 71, 170 AND 884, AND ANOTHER OUTSIDE HOUSE NO. 58 ON THE SAME ROAD SERVING ROUTES 41, 47, 48 AND 73, WILL BE RESITED TO THE NEW BUS BAY.

NOTICES WILL BE PLACED ON THE OLD BUS STOPS TO ADVISE PASSENGERS OF THE REMOVAL.

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**WATER CUT**

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ABERDEEN AND WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 A.M. ON THURSDAY TO 5 P.M. ON SATURDAY TO CARRY OUT SALT WATER MAIN CONNECTION WORK AT WONG CHUK HANG ROAD.

ALL PREMISES IN THESE TWO AREAS WILL BE AFFECTED.

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