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PROPERTY OWNERS REASSURED OVER M.T.R. RESUMPTIONS
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REASSURED ANXIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS THAT THE RESUMPTION OF EIGHT AREAS OF LAND IN KOWLOON FOR MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PURPOSES ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON AUGUST 31 WOULD NOT RESULT IN THE DEMOLITION OF THEIR PROPERTIES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +ALTHOUGH MANY PEOPLE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT WHOLESALE DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE THIS IS NOT THE CASE AND NOBODY WILL BE EVICTED.+

TWO OF THE BUILDINGS AFFECTED ARE THE FOOK YIU BUILDING AT 6-8 TAI PO ROAD AND THE KEUNG FU BUILDING IN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET WHICH ARE VERY SUBSTANTIAL, MODERN MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS OF FLATS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IN THESE TWO CASES, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION HAS CONSTRUCTED TUNNELS BENEATH THE REAR YARDS OF THE BUILDINGS. THIS ORIGINALLY NECESSITATED THE DEMOLITION OF SOME OUTBUILDINGS BUT THIS WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE OWNERS. NOW THAT THE CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED THESE OUTBUILDINGS HAVE BEEN REBUILT.+

+WHAT IS NOW BEING RESUMED BY GOVERNMENT IS A STRATUM OF LAND MANY FEET BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND THROUGH WHICH THE TUNNELS ACTUALLY PASS. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE OCCUPIERS OF THE FLATS ABOVE IN ANY WAY.+

OTHER PROPERTIES AFFECTED ARE THE MING YIN COLLEGE, THE HONG KONG SETTLERS HOUSING SOCIETY IN WOH CHAI STREET AND PEONY HOUSE IN KWUN TONG ROAD TOGETHER WITH THREE PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN SUFFOLK ROAD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IN THESE CASES STATION ENTRANCES OR SIMILAR WORKS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON VERY SMALL PARTS OF THE LOTS. AGAIN WHAT IS NOW BEING RESUMED BY GOVERNMENT IS THE PART OF THE LOT ACTUALLY OCCUPIED BY THE STRUCTURES WHICH IN MOST CASES ARE BELOW GROUND.

+ONLY VERY SMALL GROUND LEVEL PIECES OF THE LAND WILL BE RESUMED AND THESE ARE WHERE MASS TRANSIT STRUCTURES PROJECT ABOVE THE SURFACE.

+THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THIS IS AN AREA OF LAND AT NGAU CHI WAN OWNED BY THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR BENEATH WHICH PARTS OF CHOI HUNG STATION HAS BEEN BUILT.

+NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME WITH THE ORDER AND IT IS HOPED THAT AGREEMENT WILL SOON BE REACHED. AGAIN NO CLEARANCE WILL BE NECESSARY.+

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT AS THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WAS SHORTLY TO COME INTO OPERATION, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE CORPORATION HAD A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE LAND THROUGH WHICH THE RAILWAY RAN AND THAT IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBERS OF OWNERS AFFECTED RESUMPTION APPEARED TO BE THE EASIEST SOLUTION.

/HE SAID:.....

HE SAID: +THIS IS ONLY A LEGAL TECHNICALITY. NOBODY WILL BE EVICTED. THE WORST EFFECTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK ARE OVER BUT PEOPLE CAN STILL MAKE A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE RESUMPTION IF THEY FEEL THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO SUFFER A FINANCIAL LOSS.+

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VEHICLE EXAMINATION FEES TO BE CHARGED
FROM OCTOBER 1
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FROM OCTOBER 1 ALL VEHICLES PRESENTED FOR EXAMINATION PRIOR TO REGISTRATION, LICENSING OR RE-LICENSING AT ANY OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES WILL BE CHARGED AN EXAMINATION FEE.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE EXAMINATION FEE FOR PRIVATE CARS, LIGHT BUSES, TAXIS AND GOODS VEHICLES OF TWO TONS UNLADEN WEIGHT OR UNDER WILL BE \$60 AND FOR HEAVIER GOODS VEHICLES; PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OMNIBUSES IT WILL BE \$110.

AT THE MOMENT ALL VEHICLE EXAMINATIONS UNDERTAKEN AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRES AT TO KWA WAN, SOO KUN PO, TSUEN WAN AND THE AIRPORT, AND AT POLICE CENTRES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SHROFF FACILITIES ARE NOW BEING INSTALLED AT THESE CENTRES AND WHEN THESE FACILITIES ARE COMPLETED FEES CAN BE PAID AT ANY OF THE CENTRES WHERE THE VEHICLES ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT FOR AN EXAMINATION. IN THE MEANTIME ANY APPLICANT BOOKING A VEHICLE EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1 WILL BE ISSUED WITH AN APPOINTMENT LETTER SO THAT THE APPLICANT CAN PAY THE SPECIFIED EXAMINATION FEE EITHER AT THE TREASURY OR AT THE NEW KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE IN HOI BUN ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK, KOWLOON.

IF PAYMENT AT THE TREASURY IS PREFERRED, A DEMAND NOTE WILL BE ENCLOSED IN THE APPOINTMENT LETTER.

ON THE DAY OF APPOINTMENT FOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION, APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE RECEIPTED APPOINTMENT LETTERS OR DEMAND NOTES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A VEHICLE INSPECTION CARD.

VEHICLES PASSING THE EXAMINATION WILL BE ISSUED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF ROADWORTHINESS AND/OR CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS WHICH WILL ENABLE OWNERS TO HAVE THEIR VEHICLES REGISTERED, LICENSED OR RE-LICENSED.

ON THE CONTRARY, VEHICLES FOUND TO BE IN AN UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION ON INSPECTION, A SUSPENSION OF VEHICLE LICENCE ORDER OR A VEHICLE REPAIR ORDER WILL BE ISSUED. OWNERS CONCERNED SHOULD THEN COMPLY WITH THE RELATED ORDER BY PRESENTING THEIR VEHICLES IN QUESTION FOR FURTHER INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION CHARGES WILL THEN BE DECIDED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINER.

/IF REPAIRS.....

IF REPAIRS OR OTHER WORK REQUIRED BY THE ORDER HAVE BEEN FULFILLED SATISFACTORILY, THE ORDER WILL BE CANCELLED AND RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ISSUED TO OWNERS TO PROCEED WITH REGISTRATION, LICENSING OR RE-LICENSING.

HOWEVER, THESE DOCUMENTS WILL ONLY BE ISSUED AFTER PAYMENT OF EXAMINATION FEES.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT WHENEVER A SUSPENSION OF VEHICLE LICENCE ORDER IS IN FORCE, THE REGISTERED OWNER COULD BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT PLUS A FINE OF \$1 000 IF THE VEHICLE WAS FOUND ON THE ROAD EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDER.

IN THE CASE OF A VEHICLE REPAIR ORDER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A REGISTERED OWNER WHO FAILED TO PRESENT HIS VEHICLE FOR RE-EXAMINATION WOULD BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$1 000 UNLESS HE COULD PROVE THE VEHICLE CONCERNED HAD BEEN SCRAPPED OR SENT PERMANENTLY OUT OF HONG KONG OR ITS REGISTRATION BOOK HAD BEEN SUBMITTED FOR CANCELLATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE WHENEVER THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT REFUSES TO REGISTER OR TO LICENSE A VEHICLE OR REVOKES A VEHICLE LICENCE, THE APPLICANT WILL HAVE THE RIGHT, WITHIN 21 DAYS OF BEING NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION OF THE COMMISSIONER, TO APPLY TO THE TRANSPORT TRIBUNAL FOR A REVIEW OF THE DECISION.

HOWEVER, THERE SHALL BE NO RIGHT OF REVIEW IF A NOTICE IN RESPECT OF THE VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS WOULD TAKE SLIGHTLY MORE TIME THAN BEFORE TO PROCESS EACH APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE EXAMINATION AND ADVISED REGISTERED OWNERS OF VEHICLES CONCERNED TO MAKE ENQUIRY AT THE LICENSING OFFICES IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON IF THEY HAVE ANY DOUBT.

HE SAID: +RESPONSE TO SUCH EXAMINATIONS HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF EXAMINATION APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN BOOKED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.+

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE

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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 1979 SHOW A DEFICIT OF \$143.8 MILLION COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OF \$77.4 MILLION IN JUNE 1978.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS OF \$246.5 MILLION FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$370.7 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN JUNE 1979 AT \$987.2 MILLION, WAS \$192.6 MILLION MORE THAN IN JUNE 1978.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS AT \$843.4 MILLION WERE \$126.2 MILLION MORE THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH IN 1978.

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TOP POST FOR FORMER CLERK

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PROMOTIONS OF MR. CONAL O'KELLY TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES AND MR. CHIU SZE-HUNG TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

BOTH THE APPOINTMENTS TAKE EFFECT FROM FEBRUARY 2 THIS YEAR.

MR. CHIU, AGED 46, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A TEMPORARY CLERK IN 1952.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: +THE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT BY MR. CHIU CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THE SCOPE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR COMPETENT STAFF TO ACQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL PROMOTION IN THE SERVICE.+

MR. CHIU WAS FIRST POSTED IN 1952 TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS TEMPORARY CLERK. HE ROSE TO THE RANK OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER II IN 1957, TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER I IN 1963 AND TO SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER II IN 1968.

AS PART OF THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING, MR. CHIU ATTENDED A THREE-MONTH COURSE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION IN 1963 AND A SENIOR COURSE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN CANADA IN 1969.

THE TURNING POINT IN MR. CHIU'S CAREER WAS IN 1972 WHEN HE JOINED THE PROFESSIONAL GRADE AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT.

IN 1975, MR. CHIU WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT, TO CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1978 AND TO ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

MR. CHIU IS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS.

AS A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO JUNIOR STAFF IN GOVERNMENT, MR. CHIU SAID YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE PROPER MOTIVATION AND DETERMINATION TO DO THEIR JOB WELL.

+IF THEY HAVE THE WILL-POWER TO FOLLOW THEIR AIM, SOONER OR LATER THEIR EFFORTS WILL BE RECOGNISED AND REWARDED ACCORDINGLY,+ MR. CHIU SAID.

+MY ACHIEVEMENT AS A LOCAL OFFICER ALSO DEMONSTRATES THE GOVERNMENT'S SINCERE EFFORT IN THE LOCALISATION POLICY,+ HE ADDED.

MR. O'KELLY JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1967 AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROMOTED TO SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1973, TO CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1975, TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN 1978 AND TO ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

MR. O'KELLY, AGED 46, IS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS.

DURING HIS 12 YEARS' SERVICE, HE SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME IN THE TREASURY HEADQUARTERS, EXCEPT FOR TWO YEARS WHEN HE WAS POSTED TO THE EDUCATION AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

BOTH MR. O'KELLY AND MR. CHIU ARE MARRIED AND HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

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LOCAL TEACHERS ELIGIBLE FOR SURPLUS SAI KUNG FLATS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED THE SALE OF 26 VACANT FLATS IN THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME BLOCKS TO TEACHERS OF GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDISED SCHOOLS IN SAI KUNG, WHO ARE NOT ALREADY HOME OWNERS, TO MEET THEIR IMMEDIATE HOUSING NEED.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. MICHAEL STONE, SAID THAT THESE FLATS WERE AMONG THE 408 IN SAI KUNG TOWN BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1975 TO REHOUSE VILLAGERS AFFECTED BY THE WATER SCHEME.

AS SOME FAMILIES HAD CHOSEN TO ACCEPT CASH COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF RE-ACCOMMODATION, A NUMBER OF FLATS WAS LEFT VACANT.

+WHEN WE WERE CONSIDERING THE DISPOSAL OF THE SURPLUS FLATS, I RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS FROM LOCAL SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO WANTED TO LIVE IN THE DISTRICT, INSTEAD OF COMMUTING FROM TOWN, BUT WHO WERE UNABLE TO AFFORD ANY OF THE PROPERTIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE,+ MR. STONE SAID.

+THE DISTRICT HAS EXPERIENCED A BOOM IN THE MARKET FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, WHICH HAS PLACED IT BEYOND THE REACH OF MOST PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THOSE ACTUALLY WORKING LOCALLY.

+THE OPPORTUNITY THEREFORE EXISTED TO DISPOSE OF SOME OF THE FLATS AND TO SATISFY A GENUINE LOCAL HOUSING NEED AT THE SAME TIME.+

EACH FLAT MEASURES 64 SQUARE METRES AND WILL BE SOLD AT FULL MARKET VALUE OF BETWEEN \$165 000 AND \$200 000, DEPENDING ON WHICH FLOOR THE UNIT IS LOCATED.

+FULL-TIME TEACHERS WHO ARE WORKING IN GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDISED SCHOOLS SITUATED NORTH OF THE JUNCTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD IN SAI KUNG ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY,+ MR. STONE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

* HAVE TAUGHT IN THE SAI KUNG AREA FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS-

* BE UNDER 56 YEARS OF AGE- AND

* ARE NOT OWNERS OF ANY OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

+ONE OTHER CONDITION OF SALE IS THAT A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SELL HIS FLAT ON THE OPEN MARKET FOR FIVE YEARS,+ MR. STONE SAID.

+IF THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IS IN EXCESS OF THE AVAILABLE FLATS, SELECTION BY BALLOT WILL BE HELD.+

/APPLICATION FORMS.....

APPLICATION FORMS AND FULL PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE SAME DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 28 THIS YEAR.

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SEPTEMBER LABOUR FORCE SURVEY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT A LABOUR FORCE SURVEY DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE SURVEY WAS PART OF A SERIES OF SIX-MONTHLY LABOUR FORCE SURVEYS AIMED AT COLLECTING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

THE SURVEY WILL BE TAKEN ON A SAMPLE BASIS COVERING ABOUT 16 000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT ALL DISTRICTS.

BEFORE THE FIELD ENUMERATION COMMENCES, AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION IN PARTICIPATING.

CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ENUMERATORS WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS ON A DAY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 13 - 27. FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES, EACH ENUMERATOR WILL CARRY AN OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARD WITH HIS PHOTOGRAPH ON IT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDE AGE, SEX AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF INDIVIDUALS- ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, EARNINGS, HOURS OF WORK, AND LEAVE OF THOSE WORKING- AND TENURE AND RENT OF HOUSEHOLDS. INFORMATION WOULD ALSO BE SOUGHT ON EXPENDITURE ON TRIPS ABROAD AND ADDRESSES OF INDIVIDUALS FIVE YEARS AGO.

HE STRESSED THAT ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

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TENDERS FOR TENNIS COURTS SURFACING
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS CALLING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND LAYING OF SURFACING FOR 19 TENNIS COURTS AT WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE P.W.D. SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PROJECT INCLUDED THE SURFACING OF 17 MATCH COURTS AND TWO PRACTICE COURTS. THE TOTAL AREA TO BE SURFACED IS ABOUT 10 400 SQUARE METRES.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY APRIL 1980.

/THE P.W.D.

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THE P.W.D. WILL ALSO DEVELOP A TEMPORARY OPEN SPACE AT KING FUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE OPEN SPACE IS BEING INVITED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

SITUATED AT THE JUNCTION OF KING FUK STREET, KING TAI STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD THE AREA IS ABOUT 5 600 SQUARE METRES. THE PROJECT INCLUDES A GAMES AREA AND REST GARDEN WITH FLOWER BEDS, LAWN, PARK BENCHES AND ARBOURS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-OCTOBER 1979 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IN WAN CHAI
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AN INTENSIVE, MONTH-LONG ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH.

DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT THE HAPPY YEAR RESTAURANT IN CAUSEWAY BAY ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 10).

SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR. CHAM SIU-LUEN- COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. PETER LEE AND THE ACTING CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WAN CHAI), MR. POON PONG-HON.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS TAKEN MORE THAN THREE MONTHS TO ORGANISE, INVOLVES THE PARTICIPATION OF OVER 400 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS OF THE DISTRICT. IT WILL START OFF WITH A GRAND OPENING AT THE SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND THEREAFTER, ABOUT 80 EVENTS OF VARIOUS KINDS WILL BE HELD DURING THE MONTH TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO THE 230 000 RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN NEWS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) AT 2.30 P.M. AT THE HAPPY YEAR RESTAURANT, 1 SUGAR STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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NEW NUMBER FOR LABOUR RELATIONS HOT-LINE
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THE TELEPHONE HOT-LINE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE CHANGED FROM 5-755900 TO 3-373491.

THE HOT-LINE WAS SET UP TO RECEIVE URGENT CONSULTATIONS AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE CHANGE WILL TAKE EFFECT TOMORROW (SATURDAY). AT THE SAME TIME MR. LEUNG LIT-CHEONG, LABOUR OFFICER (LABOUR RELATIONS) WILL TAKE OVER THE LINE FROM MR. NG PING-TIM, LABOUR OFFICER, WHO HAS BEEN HANDLING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - LABOUR MATTERS SINCE JANUARY 1978.

MR. CHAN SIU-TUNG, CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE, SAID THE AFTER-OFFICE-HOUR SERVICE SHOULD BE USED ONLY FOR URGENT MATTERS.

+ORDINARY CONSULTATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MADE THROUGH DISTRICT LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICES DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS,+ HE ADVISED.

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NEW TIMETABLE FOR MA LIU SHUI AND
WU KAI SHA FERRY SERVICES
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A NEW TIMETABLE FOR THE FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN MA LIU SHUI AND WU KAI SHA IN SHA TIN WILL COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO COINCIDE WITH THE RECENTLY REVISED TIMETABLE OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TRAIN SCHEDULE.

THE FIRST FERRY WILL NOW LEAVE MA LIU SHUI AT 8.15 A.M. DAILY, INCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, WHILE THE FIRST SAILING FROM WU KAI SHA WILL BE AT 8.30 A.M.

ON WEEKDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THE LAST FERRY WILL DEPART MA LIU SHUI AT 5.15 P.M. AND AT 6.10 P.M. ON SATURDAYS. FROM WU KAI SHA, THE LAST FERRY HEADING FOR MA LIU SHUI WILL BE AT 5.40 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND AT 6.35 P.M. ON SATURDAYS.

TWO VESSELS, A WATER TAXI AND A WATER BUS ARE SERVING THE ROUTE WITH FREQUENCIES VARYING FROM 40 MINUTES TO TWO HOURS AND 10 MINUTES.

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CLOSURE OF STREET IN TSUEN WAN
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A NUMBER OF STREETS IN SAM TUNG UK, TSUEN WAN WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

THE STREET CLOSURE, ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), IS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE M.T.R. TSUEN WAN DEPOT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1982.

PLANS SHOWING THE AFFECTED AREAS MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN- CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL- AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE GAZETTED NOTICE ALSO STIPULATES THAT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CLAIMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE STREET CLOSURE OR FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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