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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OPENS TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TOMORROW

HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA BEGINS HER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (THURSDAY) WHEN SHE OPENS THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HON ANGUS OGILVY WILL ARRIVE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 3 PM.

ON ARRIVAL, THE ROYAL VISITORS WILL BE WELCOMED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES- THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD- AND THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR BRIAN WILSON.

THE PRINCESS WILL BE INVITED TO DOT THE EYES OF A LION AND A UNICORN. SHE WILL THEN UNVEIL A PLAQUE IN THE MAIN FOYER OF THE CONCERT HALL AND DECLARE THE TOWN HALL OPEN.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY THE PARTY WILL PROCEED TO THE CONCERT HALL TO WATCH A PERFORMANCE OF SINGING AND DANCING BY THE TSUEN WAN YOUTH DANCE GROUP.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL ALSO ATTEND A RECEPTION IN THE EXHIBITION HALL WHERE SHE WILL MEET TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITIES

THERE WILL BE A POSITION FOR ACCREDITED PRESS IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL TO COVER THE ARRIVAL OF HRH AND THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY. A SEPARATE POSITION WITHIN THE FOYER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE PLAQUE UNVEILING. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL THEN PROCEED INTO THE CONCERT HALL OPPOSITE THE ROYAL BOX TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS. THEY MUST LEAVE BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE BEGINS TO TAKE UP A POSITION IN THE EXHIBITION HALL.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE CGO CAR PARK AT 1.45 PM SHARP TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
FOR ADMIRALTY AND CHATER STATIONS

SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 12) WITH THE OPENING OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY'S CHATER AND ADMIRALTY STATIONS AT 2 PM ON THAT DAY.

PASSENGERS ON WESTBOUND JOURNEYS ON THE FOLLOWING CMB ROUTES - 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 10, 11, 15, 23, 23A, 23B, 25, 61, 260 AND 262 - CAN ALIGHT AT THE BUS STOP ON QUEENSWAY NEAR VICTORIA BARRACKS AND USE THE FOOTBRIDGE TO GO TO ADMIRALTY STATION.

BUS PASSENGERS ON EASTBOUND JOURNEYS ON ROUTES 5, 5A, 5B, 10, 10A, 17, 20, 22, 23A, 23B AND 24 CAN GET OFF AT CHATER ROAD FOR CHATER STATION.

THOSE ON THE FOLLOWING CMB ROUTES - 1, 2, 10A, 22, 24 AND 80 - ON WESTBOUND JOURNEYS CAN ALIGHT AT CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL OUTSIDE THE CITY HALL AND INTERCHANGE AT CHATER STATION.

IN ADDITION, FIVE NEW CMB ROUTES WILL BE PROVIDED AT TWO NEW BUS TERMINI AT ADMIRALTY STATION FROM 1 PM NEXT TUESDAY. OF THESE TWO ROUTES WILL TERMINATE AT THE STATION'S WESTERN BUS TERMINUS. THEY ARE ROUTE 5M - ADMIRALTY TO WESTERN DISTRICT AND KENNEDY TOWN (FARE 50 CENTS), AND ROUTE 70M - ADMIRALTY TO WESTERN DISTRICT, POKFULAM AND ABERDEEN (FARE \$1).

THREE OTHER ROUTES WILL TERMINATE AT THE STATION'S EASTERN BUS TERMINUS. THEY ARE ROUTE 10M - ADMIRALTY TO NORTH POINT (FARE 60 CENTS) - ROUTE 22M - ADMIRALTY TO QUARRY BAY (FARE 70 CENTS), AND ROUTE 20M - ADMIRALTY TO SHAU KEI WAN (FARE 80 CENTS). IN ADDITION BUS ROUTE 40 FROM WAH FU ESTATE WILL BE EXTENDED FROM CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS TO WAN CHAI FERRY VIA ADMIRALTY STATION. ROUTE 37 FROM CHI FU FA YUEN WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED FROM GILMAN STREET TO CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS WHICH HAS A FOOTBRIDGE LINK TO CHATER STATION.

WESTBOUND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES GOING TO CENTRAL DISTRICT ON QUEENSWAY WILL BE ABLE TO STOP IN THE WESTBOUND LOOP ROAD ON QUEENSWAY NEAR THE FOOTBRIDGE TO ADMIRALTY STATION.

EASTBOUND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES CAN USE THE PLB TERMINUS ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL NEXT TO THE CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS TO PICK UP MTR PASSENGERS ALIGHTING AT CHATER STATION.

TAXIS CAN REACH THE ADMIRALTY STATION VIA QUEENSWAY, WITH EXIT FROM COTTON TREE DRIVE. EXISTING TAXI STANDS AT JACKSON ROAD AND THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE WILL BE MAINTAINED.

TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW IN AREAS AROUND ADMIRALTY AND CHATER STATIONS, 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON COTTON TREE DRIVE SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN HARCOURT ROAD AND QUEENSWAY, AND ON QUEENSWAY FROM COTTON TREE DRIVE TO ADMIRALTY STATION EASTERN BUS TERMINUS.

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ONLY BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP ON QUEENSWAY WESTBOUND BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND COTTON TREE DRIVE. HOWEVER, THE WESTBOUND LOOP ROAD ON QUEENSWAY NEAR VICTORIA BARRACKS WILL BE OPENED AS A PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN BAY FOR PLBS AND FRANCHISED BUSES. WAITING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON THIS SECTION OF ROAD.

LIMITED ACCESS FOR PRIVATE CARS AND TAXIS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS WITHIN THE ADMIRALTY STATION COMPLEX. ENTRY WILL BE VIA THE APPROACH ROAD FROM QUEENSWAY EASTBOUND.

USE OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO ADMIRALTY STATION NEXT TO THE NEW RODNEY BLOCK WILL BE RESTRICTED TO FRANCHISED BUSES, CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES AND VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO NEW RODNEY BLOCK.

MORE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE WHEN THE TWO MTR STATIONS' ROAD NETWORK IS COMPLETED.

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HONG KONG'S MINI-DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, MR PETER TSAO SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR HONG KONG, AND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HONG KONG IN WORLD TRADE, REQUIRED THAT WE MUST SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTING OUR OWN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN RELATION WITH OUR MAIN TRADING PARTNERS.

ADDRESSING A GATHERING OF THE HONG KONG KNITWEAR EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, MR TSAO EXPLAINED HOW HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED IN WORLD TRADE, AND THE LIMITED DIPLOMATIC SERVICE THAT HONG KONG MAINTAINED OVERSEAS.

HE REFERRED TO A RECENT EDITORIAL IN A LEADING ENGLISH NEWSPAPER, IN WHICH THE WRITER LAMENTED THE FACT THAT, EXCEPT IN THE RECENT ROUND OF TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USA, HONG KONG HAD BEEN REPRESENTED BY BRITAIN.

+THE WRITER SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD SET UP FULL-TIME GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN GENEVA, BRUSSELS AND WASHINGTON, IN ADDITION TO LONDON. I DON'T BLAME THE WRITER FOR BEING SOMEWHAT CONFUSED, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A SLIGHTLY CONFUSING SITUATION.

+CONSTITUTIONALLY, BRITAIN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. THEREFORE BRITISH POSTS AROUND THE WORLD CAN BE, AND ARE, ASKED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON HONG KONG'S BEHALF, IN MATTERS RELATING TO OUR EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

+HOWEVER, IN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS HONG KONG HAS, OVER THE YEARS, ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM IN CONDUCTING ITS OWN BUSINESS VIS-A-VIS FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS,+ SAID MR TSAO.

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+THIS IS AN INEVITABLE EVOLUTION, ARISING CHIEFLY, ALTHOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVELY, FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM'S ENTRY INTO THE EEC.+

MR TSAO CONTINUED: +BUT EVEN BEFORE THE UNITED KINGDOM JOINED THE EEC, HONG KONG HAD FOR SOME YEARS BEEN CONDUCTING ITS OWN NEGOTIATIONS ON TEXTILES. INDEED, THE FIRST AGREEMENT WE EVER SIGNED WAS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM ITSELF. YOU WILL READILY APPRECIATE HOW IMPRACTICAL IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO NEGOTIATE WITH ITSELF, TO RESTRICT HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS.

+OUR NEGOTIATING EXPERIENCE AND HISTORY DATE BACK TO 1960= AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE NEGOTIATED, ON OUR OWN, NUMEROUS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, ALL OF WHICH COVERED TEXTILES.

+SO IT'S NOT CORRECT TO SAY THAT +UP TO NOW, HONG KONG HAS BEEN REPRESENTED BY BRITAIN,+ MR TSAO STRESSED. +FROM TIME TO TIME WE DO ASK HMG IN LONDON TO HELP US, IN THEIR CAPACITY AS OUR METROPOLITAN POWER AND, AS IN THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH USA, WE RECEIVED FULL SUPPORT FROM HMG. BUT HMG DID NOT CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR US. WE DID. I SAY THIS WITH SOME AUTHORITY BECAUSE I LED THE HONG KONG DELEGATION,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION TO BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, HONG KONG OFFICIALS ALSO SPEAK FOR HONG KONG IN SUCH MULTILATERAL FORUMS AS THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT), THE TEXTILE COMMITTEE, AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC (ESCAP).

+WHILE THE HONG KONG SPEAKERS WOULD NORMALLY PREFACE THEIR SPEECH WITH THE WORDS +THE UNITED KINGDOM SPEAKING FOR HONG KONG+, OUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN MANY INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS HAS LEFT NO DOUBT IN OUR MIND THAT NOWADAYS THE AUDIENCE ALMOST ALWAYS KNOW FULL WELL THAT THE SPEAKER IS DEFENDING AND/OR PROMOTING HONG KONG'S INTERESTS, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE SITS WITH, AND SPEAKS FROM, THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION,+ HE SAID.

ON THE CHOICE OF LOCATION OF HONG KONG'S OVERSEAS OFFICES, MR TSAO SAID BRUSSELS IS THE SEAT OF THE EEC AND HOUSES ITS COMMISSION, WHICH IS WHY THE HONG KONG OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED THERE IN 1965.

+WITH THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EEC TO NINE - AND EVENTUALLY TO 12, IF AND WHEN GREECE, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL JOIN IT - AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE COMMISSION AS EFFECTIVELY THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMUNITY, OUR WORK IN BRUSSELS HAS ALSO EXPANDED. SO WE NOW HAVE A MINISTER AND A FIRST SECRETARY IN BRUSSELS, IN ADDITION TO A TEAM OF SUPPORTING STAFF.

+OUR WASHINGTON DC OFFICE WAS OPENED IN 1966. THERE WE HAVE, IN TERMS OF DIPLOMATIC POSTS, A COUNSELLOR AND A SECOND SECRETARY.

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+OVER ONE THIRD OF HK'S EXPORTS GO TO THE UNITED STATES. IT FOLLOWS THAT EVEN MINOR ADJUSTMENTS IN US TRADE POLICIES CAN HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG. THE COMPLEXITY OF THE WASHINGTON SCENE IS SUCH THAT ONLY CONTINUING AND INFORMED OBSERVATION ON THE SPOT CAN ENSURE THAT WE BECOME AWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN TIME TO ADJUST TO THEM OR SEEK TO INFLUENCE THEM,+ MR TSAO EXPLAINED.

GENEVA WAS CHOSEN IN 1967 FOR THE LOCATION OF HONG KONG'S THIRD DIPLOMATIC POST BECAUSE IT CONTAINED THE HEADQUARTERS OF MANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, NOTABLY FOR HONG KONG THOSE CONCERNED WITH TRADE - THE MAIN ONE BEING THE GATT.

THE HONG KONG OFFICE IN GENEVA NOW HAS TWO COUNSELLORS AND A SECOND SECRETARY. THEY REPRESENT HK'S INTERESTS IN MANY IMPORTANT FORMAL AND INFORMAL DEBATES AND NEGOTIATIONS.

+BY FOCUSSING OUR EFFORTS THERE ON THOSE ISSUES WHERE WE HAVE DEVELOPED SOME EXPERTISE, AND BY CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH DELEGATIONS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE SHARE COMMON INTERESTS, I THINK WE CAN, WITH ALL DUE MODESTY, CLAIM TODAY TO EXERCISE A DEGREE OF INFLUENCE ON WORLD TRADE POLICIES GREATER THAN ONE MIGHT EXPECT FROM OUR SIZE AND STATUS,+ SAID MR TSAO

THE LONDON OFFICE WAS, FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REASONS, NOT A DIPLOMATIC POST. ORIGINALLY SET UP IN 1955 AS A BRANCH OFFICE OF THE THEN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, IT HAD GROWN TO ITS PRESENT ESTABLISHMENT OF ABOUT 90 PEOPLE UNDER A COMMISSIONER WHOSE FUNCTIONS EXTENDED WELL BEYOND TRADE RELATIONS.

+IN THAT OFFICE THERE ARE TWO MEMBERS OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WHO ARE CHARGED WITH LOOKING AFTER HONG KONG'S COMMERCIAL POLICY INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS THE UNITED KINGDOM. THIS ARRANGEMENT IS JUSTIFIED BY THE SPECIAL METROPOLITAN RELATIONSHIP, DESPITE THE UNITED KINGDOM'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE EEC,+ HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION TO HONG KONG'S MINI-DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, WHICH IS MODEST IN SCOPE AND ENTIRELY COMMERCIAL RATHER THAN POLITICALLY ORIENTED, HONG KONG IS ALSO REPRESENTED OVERSEAS BY THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

THE FORMER'S ACTIVITIES ARE GEARED TO ENCOURAGING BUSINESS GROUPS TO HOLD CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS IN HONG KONG, AN AREA WHERE THEY ARE HAVING ENCOURAGING RESULTS, SAID MR TSAO. THE TDC HAD 18 OFFICES ACROSS THE WORLD. THEIR NETWORK, WHICH IS DIRECTED AT THE PROMOTION OF TWO-WAY TRADE, HAS ALSO A GREAT POTENTIAL FOR CREATING A FAVOURABLE IMAGE OF HONG KONG AND CULTIVATING INFLUENTIAL CONTACTS WITH LEVELS IN MANY ORGANISATIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES.

+IN THE PAST HONG KONG HAS, INEVITABLY PERHAPS, BEEN ESSENTIALLY IN THE BUSINESS OF REACTING TO SITUATIONS AS THEY AROSE. THIS WILL ALWAYS BE THE CASE, BUT THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES OF WORLD TRADE WILL, IN MY VIEW, REQUIRE US TO PUT MORE EFFORT INTO IDENTIFYING LIKELY FUTURE THREATS TO HONG KONG'S TRADE AND PROSPERITY- SEEKING TO INFLUENCE THEM BEFORE THEY MATERIALISE- AND TACKLING THEM PROMPTLY AND FORCEFULLY WHEN THEY HAPPEN. FOR THAT WE WILL NEED TO EXAMINE AND UP-DATE OUR REPRESENTATIONS OVERSEAS, MR TSAO CONCLUDED.

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MANY GOVERNMENT JOBS OPEN TO POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES
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ABOUT ONE QUARTER OF THE VACANCIES WHICH ARISE EACH YEAR IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE APPROPRIATE FOR POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES.

THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR E.P. HO, SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE POLYTECHNIC TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE VACANCIES COVERED 111 RANKS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND INVOLVED MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF WORK, WITH THE GREAT MAJORITY AT THE TECHNICAL AND THE ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL LEVELS.

+SUBSEQUENT ADVANCEMENT IS MAINLY BASED ON MERIT,+ HE SAID, +AND MERITORIOUS OFFICERS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE SELECTED FOR TRANSFER TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CLASS WITH PROSPECTS OF RISING TO THE VERY TOP THROUGH PERSONAL EFFORT.+

AN AVERAGE OF 8 000 VACANCIES ARISE EACH YEAR FROM THE CREATION OF ADDITIONAL POSTS AND NORMAL WASTAGE THROUGH RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS.

WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE STUDENT AFFAIRS UNIT OF THE POLYTECHNIC ORGANISES THE CAREERS EXHIBITION ANNUALLY TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO FIND OUT WHAT THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS TO OFFER IN TERMS OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

MR HO HOPED THAT THE STUDENTS WOULD MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE COUNSELLING SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE UNIT OFFICE IN CHOOSING A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, PERSONAL INTEREST AND APTITUDES.

HE SAID:+CAREER COUNSELLING FOR STUDENTS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IS NOW GENERALLY AVAILABLE.

+THIS SERVICE PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EMPLOYMENT MARKET.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND THE GOVERNMENT SECTORS HAD INCREASED OVER THE YEARS.

IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ALONE, THE 48 DEPARTMENTS HAD A TOTAL STAFF ESTABLISHMENT OF 135 000- AND THIS FIGURE WAS GROWING AT THE RATE OF ABOUT 5 000 A YEAR.

+IF HONG KONG CONTINUES TO DIVERSIFY AND GROW -- AS IT MUST -- THIS NEED FOR TALENT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE SUSTAINABLE IN THE FUTURE,+ SAID MR HO.

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PUMPING EQUIPMENT FOR NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PUMPING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT SHEK WU HUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CONTRACT, COSTING JUST OVER \$5 MILLION, WAS SIGNED BY MR GEORGE CHIEN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF HITACHI PLANT ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FORMS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT IN FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI.

PHASE ONE OF THE PROJECT WILL SERVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 127 000 AND INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA. IT WILL TREAT SEWAGE BROUGHT BY A NEW SYSTEM OF SEWERS AND PUMPING STATIONS FROM URBAN AREAS IN FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI.

WORK ON THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1982. HOWEVER, PART OF THE WORKS WILL BE OPERATIONAL A FEW MONTHS EARLIER TO PROVIDE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN THE AREA NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA IN ASSOCIATION WITH WATSON (HONG KONG) ON BEHALF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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DSNT OPENS NEW VILLAGE IN SHA TIN

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A NEW VILLAGE BUILT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S VILLAGE REMOVAL SCHEME IN SHA TIN WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM.

THE VILLAGE, COMPRISING 10 THREE-STOREY HOUSES EACH COSTING \$185 000, IS TO REHOUSE INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS FROM PAT TZE WO WHICH IS TO BE CLEARED TO MAKE WAY FOR NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

IT IS THE SECOND SUCH VILLAGE TO BE BUILT IN THE DISTRICT AND IS LOCATED IN A RESITE AREA ABOVE FO TAN.

IN A BRIEF CEREMONY, MR CHUI HANDED OVER THE NEW HOUSES ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT BY PRESENTING THE KEYS TO THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR LAU SAM-YAU.

IN ADDITION TO THE NEW HOUSES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED THE VILLAGERS WITH A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE OF \$8 000 FOR EACH FAMILY TO HELP MEET REMOVAL AND DECORATION EXPENSES.

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ASSISTED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, AND A VILLAGE ELDER, MR LAU SUN-CHOY, MR CHUI ALSO PERFORMED A TRADITIONAL EARTH-BREAKING CEREMONY AT A NEARBY SITE WHICH IS ONE OF THE 12 GRANTED TO THE VILLAGERS BY PRIVATE TREATY. THESE ARE TO BE DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

TODAY'S HAND-OVER MARKS THE FINAL PHASE OF REMOVAL FROM THE AREA. UNDER AN EARLIER PHASE, RESIDENTS FROM FIVE NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES MOVED INTO SIMILAR HOUSES.

THE AREA VACATED BY THE VILLAGERS IS PART OF THE PLANNED EXTENSION OF FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA. TWO HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL SITES HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED, SERVICED AND SOLD AT FO TAN.

WORK ON THE EXTENSION IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS. ON COMPLETION IN 1982, IT WILL PROVIDE A FURTHER 18 HECTARES OF LAND.

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SAFETY TRAINING COURSE FOR CAISSON WORKERS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE HAS FOR THE FIRST TIME ORGANISED A SAFETY TRAINING COURSE FOR CAISSON WORKERS.

THE ONE-DAY COURSE WAS HELD TODAY (WEDNESDAY) AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE IN CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES WITH ABOUT 25 WORKERS FROM THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY ATTENDING.

THE COURSE WILL BE REPEATED FOR ANOTHER 25 WORKERS AT THE SAME PLACE TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

IT COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (CONFINED SPACES) REGULATIONS, HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH HAND DUG CAISSONS AND MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH RISKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CAISSON SAFETY TRAINING COURSE WAS IN ADDITION TO 13 DIFFERENT TYPES OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING OFFERED BY THE CENTRE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

LAST YEAR, THE CENTRE HELD 180 SAFETY TRAINING COURSES OF DIFFERENT NATURE TO 6 200 TECHNICIANS, FOREMEN, WORKER SUPERVISORS AND WORKERS. IN ADDITION 25 COURSES WERE ORGANISED FOR APPRENTICES DURING THE YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME FACTORY INSPECTORS GAVE 62 TALKS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES, SCHOOLS AND VARIOUS ASSOCIATIONS.

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STUDENTS GIVEN KNITTING MACHINE
IN PRACTICAL WORK

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STUDENTS OF KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S TEXTILE DEPARTMENT WILL SOON BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF A NEW KNITTING MACHINE WORTH ABOUT \$100 000 DONATED BY A LOCAL COMPANY.

+THE MACHINE IS A GERMAN MADE MAYER AND CIE SUPREME 11 CIRCULAR KNITTING MACHINE, AND WILL BE MOST PERTINENT AND VALUABLE FOR THE TRAINING OF STUDENTS IN PRACTICAL WORK,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

MR FOK YUN-TAI, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE K AND E COMPANY LTD AND MR WONG WING-KEUNG, THE SALES MANAGER, WILL OFFICIALLY PRESENT THE KNITTING MACHINE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO MR YUNG HO-KOON, ACTING PRINCIPAL OF KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE TEXTILE DEPARTMENT OF KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SPECIALISES IN KNITTING AND KNITWEAR TECHNOLOGY, AND OFFERS FULL-TIME, PART-TIME DAY RELEASE AND PART-TIME EVENING PROGRAMMES/ COURSES AT BOTH TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVEL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE HANDING-OVER CEREMONY OF THE KNITTING MACHINE WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 25 HIU MING STREET, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON. YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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TRAIN TO PENFOLD GARDEN SUSPENDED

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THE SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE TO PENFOLD GARDEN AT THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 10), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE SERVICE WILL BE BACK AS SOON AS THE WEATHER IMPROVES AND THE DEMAND GROWS.

THE SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN JULY LAST YEAR.

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