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MAIN SHA TIN COMMERCIAL SITE FOR TENDER
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A MAJOR SITE IN THE HEART OF THE FUTURE SHA TIN NEW TOWN COMMERCIAL CENTRE IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

DETAILS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE SITE, SITUATED BETWEEN THE RAILWAY STATION AND SHING MUN RIVER, MEASURES 26 250 SQUARE METRES. DEVELOPMENT WILL FORM THE +CORE+ OF THE TOWN CENTRE IN THE SHAPE OF A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$163 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THE GROSS COMMERCIAL FLOOR AREA OF THE COMPLEX WILL BE 90 655 SQUARE METRES.

INCLUDED IN THE AREA OF THE COMPLEX WILL BE TWO BUS STATIONS FOR INTERNAL CITY AND EXTERNAL SERVICES. THERE WILL ALSO BE TWO CINEMAS.

THE COMPLEX WILL BE LINKED BY PASSENGER WALKWAYS TO THE RAILWAY STATION WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

MORE THAN 400 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PASS THROUGH THE TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE EACH DAY BY THE END OF THE DECADE WHEN THE NEW TOWN'S POPULATION IS PROJECTED TO REACH 750 000.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN CENTRE WILL BE IN FOUR PHASES.

PHASES I AND III WILL BE MAINLY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING HOMES FOR 40 000 TO 50 000 PEOPLE. A SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS TO GIVE THE TOWN CENTRE +LIFE+ AFTER OFFICE HOURS. +IT IS NOT THE INTENTION THAT THE TOWN CENTRE SHOULD DIE AFTER 5 PM,+ HE SAID.

PHASE IV WILL INCLUDE OFFICE BLOCKS, A MAGISTRACY, A CULTURAL COMPLEX AND A TOWN PARK FRONTING SHING MUN RIVER.

THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BECOME THE REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTRE FOR THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE THE SECOND PHASE DEVELOPMENT.

ALSO BEING TENDERED ARE FIVE OTHER SHA TIN SITES, THREE YUEN LONG SITES AND ONE TUEN MUN SITE.

THREE OF THE SHA TIN SITES, MEASURING 3 265, 23 170 AND 22 570 SQUARE METRES, ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE OTHER TWO ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL AND INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE YUEN LONG SITES ARE LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE NEW TOWN. THEY ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE SITE IN TUEN MUN OCCUPIES 1 450 SQUARE METRES AND IS FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN USE.

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GRAMMAR SCHOOLS URGED TO TEACH PRACTICAL SUBJECTS
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THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MRS LOUISE MOK TODAY CALLED ON ALL GRAMMAR SCHOOLS TO INCORPORATE A FEW TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL SUBJECTS INTO THEIR CURRICULUM TO PREPARE THEIR STUDENTS FOR LIFE IN HONG KONG'S RAPIDLY GROWING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY.

MRS MOK WAS SPEAKING ON +THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM+ AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT EVEN TODAY MANY STUDENTS NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO LEARN A PRACTICAL OR TECHNICAL SUBJECT IN SCHOOL AND THEREFORE COULD NOT APPRECIATE THE SIGNIFICANCE SUCH SUBJECTS CARRY.

OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM, MRS MOK SAID, SHOULD BE GEARED TO ACQUAINTING STUDENTS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEAL WITH EVERYDAY APPLIANCES AND TO PRODUCING CITIZENS WITH TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO COPE WITH HONG KONG'S RAPID INDUSTRIAL GROWTH.

+PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS PROPERLY TAUGHT WILL CERTAINLY ENHANCE A STUDENT'S SELF-RELIANCE, COMPETENCE, FORESIGHT, APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS MOK WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT THERE WAS NOW A GRADUAL CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AND PREJUDICE AGAINST WORK IN PRODUCTIVE TRADE OR INDUSTRY.

RECALLING THE 1974 WHITE PAPER ON JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION WHICH RECOMMENDED A COMMON CORE OR GENERAL COURSE OF EDUCATION FOR ALL IN FORM I TO III WITH BETWEEN 25 PER CENT TO 30 PER CENT OF TEACHING TIME ALLOCATED TO PRACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, MRS MOK SAID THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO ASSIST GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS LACKING SUCH FACILITIES AND RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THESE SUBJECTS WITH THE PROVISION OF SUBSIDIES.

THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION WAS REINSTATED IN THE 1978 WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION WITH AN OFFER TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES.

TURNING TO PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WHICH PROVIDE A 50 PER CENT TO 60 PER CENT GENERAL EDUCATION TOGETHER WITH BROAD-BASED BASIC SKILLS IN AT LEAST THREE MAJOR PRACTICAL/TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, MRS MOK SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT GRADUATES FROM THESE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL EMPLOYERS.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 13 FULLY SUBSIDISED PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WITH AN ENROLMENT OF ABOUT 10 000. THESE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

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+BECAUSE OF THE POPULARITY OF PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION, A FURTHER 12 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, MAINLY IN THE NEW TOWNS, ARE IN THE PIPELINE FOR DEVELOPMENT FROM 1982.

+THESE SCHOOLS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MODERN WORKSHOP FACILITIES FOR MORE ADVENTUROUS SUBJECTS LIKE MARINE ENGINEERING, HOTEL SERVICES AND HORTICULTURE,+ MRS MOK SAID.

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PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION REGULATIONS PUBLISHED
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REGULATIONS PRESCRIBING THE METHODS OF ASSESSING THE LEVY IMPOSED ON CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND THE QUARRY INDUSTRY FOR THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID PART II AND PART III OF THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION)(ASSESSMENT OF LEVY) REGULATIONS 1980 WERE CONCERNED WITH THE ASSESSMENT OF THE LEVY IN RESPECT OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS AND QUARRY PRODUCTS RESPECTIVELY. A SURCHARGE MIGHT BE IMPOSED IF CONTRACTORS OR QUARRY OPERATORS FAILED TO SUBMIT REQUIRED INFORMATION.

PART IV PRESCRIBED THE TIME WITHIN WHICH ANY LEVY OR SURCHARGE WAS TO BE PAID TO THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD, WHILE PART V WAS CONCERNED WITH OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS.

ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE WERE THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION)(COMPUTATION OF EARNINGS) REGULATIONS 1980.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REGULATIONS CONTAINED DETAILED PROVISIONS DEFINING +EARNING+ FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE 1980, AND PRESCRIBED THE METHODS OF COMPUTING THE AMOUNT OF EARNINGS.

WHERE PEOPLE WERE EITHER SELF-EMPLOYED OR UNEMPLOYED THEIR EARNINGS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE WERE DEEMED TO BE THE MONTHLY AGGREGATE OF THE DAILY WAGES OF WORKERS ENGAGED IN GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COPIES OF THESE REGULATIONS WERE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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PROJECTS MANAGER IN OIL STORAGE STUDIES APPOINTED
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THE BOARD OF OWENSBORD ENTERPRISES LIMITED HAS APPOINTED DENHOLM SHIP MANAGEMENT (OVERSEAS) LIMITED AS ITS PROJECTS MANAGER AND CHARTERER'S AGENT.

OWENSBORD ENTERPRISES LIMITED, A NEWLY FORMED COMPANY IN WHICH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS 96 PER CENT OF THE SHARES, IS INVESTIGATING PLANS FOR INCREASING THE SECURITY OF FUEL OIL SUPPLIES FOR HONG KONG BY MARINE STORAGE.

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AMENDING LAW COMMENCEMENT DATES
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IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE PUBLISHED TODAY, THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED SEPTEMBER 8, 1980 AS THE DAY ON WHICH SECTION 3 OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE WILL COME INTO OPERATION.

UNDER THIS SECTION, A DEALER IS REQUIRED TO ISSUE A CONTRACT NOTE AND PROVIDE CERTAIN ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TO A CLIENT IN RESPECT OF EVERY TRANSACTION UNDERTAKEN ON HIS BEHALF.

ALSO IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE THEFT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980, WHICH CLARIFIES THE LAW RELATING TO FRAUDULENT CONDUCT SUCH AS OBTAINING SERVICES AND EVADING LIABILITY BY DECEPTION, WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1981.

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LIBERATION DAY OBSERVED ON MONDAY
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HONG KONG WILL OBSERVE THIS YEAR'S LIBERATION DAY WITH A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 25).

DURING THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10.45 AM IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG BRITISH FORCES, HONG KONG PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) AND THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT WILL LAY WREATHS AT THE SHRINE IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS WHO DIED IN THE BATTLE OF HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1941 OR LATER AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL J.L. CHAPPLE WILL LAY A WREATH ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG BRITISH FORCES.

THE WREATH OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION WILL BE LAID BY ITS HON SECRETARY, MR F.M. CASTRO.

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REGIMENTAL WREATHS OF THE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE LAID BY THE HONORARY COLONEL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG AND ITS COMMANDING OFFICER LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E.J. PEPPER, AND THAT OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT BY WARRANT OFFICER J.A. FROST.

THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT AND THE VOLUNTEERS FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE IN THE BATTLE OF HONG KONG.

THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE SOUNDING OF THE LAST POST, A TWO-MINUTE SILENCE AND REVEILLE, AND THE FIRING OF THREE VOLLEYS OF SALUTE.

THE FIRING PARTY, BUGLER AND SENTRIES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE VOLUNTEERS.

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VETERAN MARINE OFFICER RETIRES

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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR P.E.J. DAVY THIS AFTERNOON PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO ASSISTANT MARINE OFFICER, MR BOBBY CASTRO AT A FAREWELL CEREMONY TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE.

MR CASTRO, WHOM MR DAVY DESCRIBED AS A MOST WORTHY MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT, JOINED IN 1955 AS AN ASSISTANT MARINE OFFICER AND HAS ACTED AS MARINE OFFICER ON MANY OCCASIONS.

FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE, HE WAS AWARDED A MERIT TRIP TO BRITAIN IN 1965. ON HIS RETURN HE HELPED TO SET UP THE DEPARTMENT'S CARGO HANDLING UNIT.

IN 1977, HE RECEIVED A PERSONAL COMMENDATION FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR HIS DEDICATED EFFORTS IN COMBATTING THE SERIOUS OIL POLLUTION RESULTING FROM THE STRANDING OF THE +ADRIAN MAERSK+.

IN HIS SPARE TIME, MR CASTRO WAS AN AUXILIARY FIREMAN AND WAS A SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER WHEN THE AUXILIARY FIRE SERVICE WAS DISBANDED IN 1975. FOR THESE SERVICES HE WON THE COLONIAL POLICE MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AND THE LONG SERVICE AND EFFICIENCY MEDAL.

A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS, MR CASTRO WAS A PRISONER-OF-WAR THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE OCCUPATION OF HONG KONG IN THE LAST WAR.

HIS WAR MEDALS INCLUDE THE PACIFIC STAR, THE 1939-45 STAR, DEFENCE MEDAL, GENERAL SERVICES MEDAL AS WELL AS THE LONG SERVICE AND EFFICIENCY MEDAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SUMMER YOUTH CARNIVAL

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THE 1980 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CARNIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY (AUGUST 24) FROM 3 PM TO 7.30 PM AT THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE.

THE SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, MR ALAN SCOTT AND MRS SCOTT WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE CARNIVAL WILL COMPRISE A FUN FAIR, TELEGAME MATCHES JOINED IN BY COMMUNITY LEADERS AND CELEBRITIES, AND A POP CONCERT FEATURING POPULAR LOCAL SINGER MISS JENNY YAN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER AT 3.30 PM.

THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE SHOULD ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 4.40 PM AND WOULD ONLY BE ADMITTED ON SHOWING SPECIAL PRESS BADGES, A LIMITED NUMBER OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS DUTY OFFICER.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR KWAI CHUNG SITE

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THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCY OF A SITE IN KWAI CHUNG FOR PARKING LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES. DETAILS ARE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE SITE, IN TAI PAK STREET NEAR LEI MUK ROAD, MEASURES 3 100 SQUARE METRES.

THE TENANCY IS FOR ONE YEAR CERTAIN AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

AN NTA SPOKESMAN SAID PARKING OF CONTAINERS OR CONTAINER TRAILERS WOULD BE PROHIBITED ON THE SITE. THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WOULD BE ABLE TO BUILD AN OFFICE AND A WATCHMAN'S STRUCTURE.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NTA HEADQUARTERS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON, BEFORE NOON ON SEPTEMBER 5.

DETAILS OF THE TENDER AND TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM NTA HEADQUARTERS AND ISLANDS, SAI KUNG, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICES.

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FIRING PRACTICE NEXT MONTH

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE EVERY DAY NEXT MONTH (SEPTEMBER) EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS AND ON SEPTEMBER 24, A PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

PRACTICE TIMES ON SEPTEMBER 1 (MONDAY) AND SEPTEMBER 18 (THURSDAY) ARE 8 AM TO 11 PM WHILE ON ALL OTHER DAYS PRACTICE WILL START AT 8 AM AND END AT 5 PM.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING TIMES OF PRACTICE.

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ON AUSTIN ROAD

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A 110 METRE STRETCH OF AUSTIN ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATHAM ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 26).

WITHIN THIS CLEARWAY, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY, ARE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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