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PLEA TO INDUSTRIALISTS TO SAVE WATER

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THE P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. WILLIAM TUCKER, TODAY MADE A SPECIAL APPEAL TO ALL INDUSTRIALISTS TO PLAY A FULL AND LEADING PART IN THE COMMUNITY'S EFFORT TO SAVE WATER.

+ALTHOUGH, AS IN PAST YEARS, STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ARE NOT AFFECTED, INDUSTRY AS A MAJOR CONSUMER OF WATER HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD,+ HE SAID.

MR. TUCKER EMPHASISED THAT EVEN THOUGH FACTORIES IN INDUSTRIAL ZONES WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE WATER RESTRICTIONS COMING INTO EFFECT ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 1), THIS DID NOT RELIEVE THEM OF THEIR DUTY TO ECONOMISE ON CONSUMPTION AND AVOID WASTE.

+INDEED, THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE. THE COMMUNITY WILL RIGHTLY EXPECT INDUSTRIALISTS TO DO THEIR BIT AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL,+ HE SAID.

MR. TUCKER SAID LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT TO ALL INDUSTRIAL BODIES ENLISTING THEIR CO-OPERATION AND SUGGESTING WAYS IN WHICH INDUSTRIALISTS COULD HELP CONSERVE WATER.

+WE HAVE ALSO SET UP A +HOT LINE+ ON WHICH INDUSTRIALISTS WHOSE PREMISES ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES CAN CONTACT US IF THEY EXPERIENCE ANY DIFFICULTY DURING THE HOURS OF RESTRICTION, EVEN THOUGH THERE SHOULD BE FEW, IF ANY, PROBLEMS SINCE MOST INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE AMPLE WATER STORAGE FACILITIES TO TIDE THEM OVER THE NIGHT.

+IN ANY EVENT, INDUSTRIALISTS MAY CALL 5-225011 EXT. 2808 IF THEY HAVE ANY QUERIES.+

MR. TUCKER SAID THERE WERE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH INDUSTRIALISTS COULD ECONOMISE ON THE USE OF WATER.

+THEY COULD FOR INSTANCE REDUCE WATER PRESSURES TO THE MINIMUM PRACTICAL LEVEL AND USE MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH ECONOMISE IN THE USE OF WATER.

+THEY SHOULD ALSO DETERMINE WATER REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH UNIT OF PRODUCTION AND INTRODUCE CONTROL CHECKS ON USAGE IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO,+ HE SAID.

+AND IN ALL CASES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT REGULAR LEAKAGE TESTS ARE MADE PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO CONCEALED PIPING TO AVOID WASTE. CHECKS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE FOR OVERFLOWING TANKS, WORN TAP WASHERS AND OTHER POSSIBLE DEFECTS.+

MR. TUCKER ALSO URGED FACTORY OWNERS TO EDUCATE THEIR EMPLOYEES IN SAVING WATER.

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IMPROVEMENTS TO RAILWAY TRACKS AT FO TAN
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HAS INTRODUCED THE USE OF HEAVIER RAILS AND CONCRETE SLEEPERS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EXISTING TRACKS AND REDUCE MAINTENANCE COSTS.

THIS MEASURE WILL NOT ONLY ENSURE BETTER TRAIN SAFETY BECAUSE OF THE MORE STABLE TRACKS, IT WILL ALSO ENABLE PASSENGERS TO HAVE A SMOOTHER AND MORE COMFORTABLE JOURNEY.

THE GENERAL MANAGER OF K.C.R., MR. REGINALD GREGORY, SAID TODAY THAT THE IMPROVED NEW TRACKS WOULD BE MADE UP OF RAILS OF 54 KG. PER METRE, PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE SLEEPERS AND A DOUBLE LAYER OF BALLAST.

THE NEW STANDARD HAS BEEN INITIALLY APPLIED TO THE RAILWAY SIDINGS IN FO TAN WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON FRIDAY (MAY 27), MR. GREGORY SAID. AT A COST OF \$2.5 MILLION, THE SIDINGS WILL ENABLE OIL FROM CHINA TO BE UNLOADED FROM FREIGHT TRAINS THROUGH A SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED GANTRY DIRECTLY INTO THE ADJACENT STORAGE TANKS.

MR. GREGORY POINTED OUT THAT THE CONCRETE SLEEPERS, TO BE CAST LOCALLY, COULD HAVE SIX TIMES THE LIFE OF WOODEN SLEEPERS AND THE HEAVIER RAILS WOULD LAST MORE THAN TWICE AS LONG AS THE EXISTING RAILS OF 43 KG. PER METRE.

BECAUSE OF THE LONGER LIFE OF SLEEPERS AND RAILS, THE MAINTENANCE COSTS IS ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED, HE ADDED.

+THE NEW TRACKS ARE BEING ADOPTED PROGRESSIVELY TO REPLACE EXISTING TRACKS WHEN THEY BECOME DUE FOR RENEWAL OR, IN SOME INSTANCES, WHEN IT IS FOUND THAT THEY CAN GIVE A BETTER SERVICE BEFORE DOUBLE TRACKING IS IMPLEMENTED,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX YEARS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING 33.5-KILOMETRE TRACK FROM HUNG HOM TO LOWU WITH THESE NEW RAILS AND SLEEPERS.

+ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT TO THE TRACKS IS TO DO AWAY WITH JOINTS AND INSTEAD TO HOLD THE SECTIONS TOGETHER BY WELDING. THIS REMOVES THE BUMPS ON THE TRACK AND LETS THE TRAIN GLIDE RATHER THAN JOLT ALONG.

+ALSO THE METHOD OF FASTENING THE TRACK TO THE SLEEPERS HAS BEEN IMPROVED BY A NEW SYSTEM WHICH IS FAR LESS EXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN.

+FLEXIBLE PLASTIC INSERTS ARE PLACED BETWEEN THE RAIL AND THE SLEEPERS AND BETWEEN THE RAIL AND THE FASTENER TO ACT AS SOME SORT OF SHOCK-ABSORBER, SO THAT PASSENGERS CAN HAVE A STILL BETTER RIDE AND THE PASSAGE OF THE TRAIN WILL BE QUIETER,+ HE SAID.

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THE BUILDING OF SHA TIN COMMUNITY
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY SPOKE OF THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT IN SHA TIN BUT SAID +THERE IS MORE TO DO THAN JUST TO BUILD THE TOWN AND FILL IT WITH PEOPLE.+

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON WHEN HE UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LEK YUEN, SHA TIN.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID STRANGERS HAD TO BE TURNED INTO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS AT EVERY STAGE IN THE GROWTH OF THE COMMUNITY OF SHA TIN.

+WE HAVE TO BRING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS INTO A COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE THOSE BONDS, WHICH TURN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS INTO A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF THEIR DAILY LIVES,+ HE SAID.

THE BUILDING OF A COMMUNITY IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR BOUGHT WITH MONEY, HE SAID.

+IT SPRINGS FROM A CONSCIOUS RECOGNITION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL HAVE FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR FELLOW MEN.

+I THEREFORE WELCOME THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN PROVIDING EDUCATION IN THE NEW TOWN, BUT BECAUSE IT IS A SIGN OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE WIDER OBJECTIVES OF BUILDING THE COMMUNITY IN SHA TIN,+ HE SAID.

EACH WEEK, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID, THE NEW TOWN GROWS AND WITHIN A SHORT TIME, THE BUILDINGS WHICH ARE GOING UP WILL BE FILLED WITH PEOPLE. IN EIGHT YEARS, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WILL RISE FROM 50,000 TO 500,000.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST
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IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS :-

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (MAY 30), VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER LUN FAT STREET FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. THE SECTION OF LUN FAT STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND JOHNSTON ROAD WILL BECOME A CUL-DE-SAC OPEN TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO AND FROM JOHNSTON ROAD.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. TUESDAY (MAY 31), VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER QUEEN'S ROAD EAST FROM SHIP STREET. THE SECTION OF SHIP STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST AND JOHNSTON ROAD WILL BECOME A CUL-DE-SAC OPEN TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO AND FROM JOHNSTON ROAD.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON JUNE 4, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER MCGREGOR STREET AND TAI YUEN STREET FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON JUNE 13, VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER LI CHIT STREET FROM QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL LAST UNTIL ABOUT THE END OF AUGUST.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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