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50 ILLEGAL ALTERATIONS IN BUILDINGS REMOVED BY PWD
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS COMPLETED A TOTAL OF 50 JOBS INVOLVING THE PHYSICAL REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORISED OR ILLEGAL ALTERATIONS TO BUILDINGS DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

THIS WAS STATED BY MR. TED KENNARD, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, EARLIER THIS WEEK WHEN HE SIGNED A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT VALUED AT \$4.8 MILLION WITH MR. FU CHI-HUNG OF FU HING CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

IT INCLUDES REMOVALS OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES FROM BUILDINGS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, DEMOLITION WORKS AND REPAIR OF DEFECTIVE BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

MR. KENNARD SAID THAT THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE CARRIES OUT SUCH WORKS WHEN AN OWNER IS IN DEFAULT OF AN ORDER MADE BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

THE COST OF DOING THE WORK IS THEN RECOVERED FROM THE OWNER.

+EMERGENCY WORKS, SUCH AS PARTIAL OR FULL DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS, SIGNS AND OTHER STRUCTURES, CAN BE UNDERTAKEN AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY OR NIGHT TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

MR. KENNARD ADDED THAT A NEW SECTION HAD RECENTLY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE TO CONCENTRATE EXCLUSIVELY ON ENFORCING COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS SERVED ON OWNERS IN RESPECT OF UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TOTAL VOLUME OF SUCH WORK UNDERTAKEN BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY WILL CONSIDERABLY INCREASE IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

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ANOTHER PHASE OF SHEK WUI HUI DEVELOPMENT STARTS
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO EMBARK SHORTLY ON YET ANOTHER PACKAGE OF THE SHEK WUI HUI DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES AND AN ESTATE UNDER THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

THE PROJECT, ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$441 MILLION, FORMS PART OF THE OVERALL PROGRAMME TO TURN FANLING-SHEUNG SHUI-SHEK WUI HUI AREAS INTO A MODERN NEW TOWN FOR ABOUT 170,000 PEOPLE BY THE MID 1980'S.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT COMPREHENSIVE PLANS HAD BEEN PREPARED TO COVER ALL THE THREE AREAS BUT EACH WOULD RETAIN ITS OWN INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY.

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UNDER THE PROJECT, SITES WILL ALSO BE RESERVED FOR VILLAGE TYPE HOUSING, OPEN SPACE AND OTHER FACILITIES.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE ASSOCIATED ROADS, DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND RIVER TRAINING WORKS ON THE RIVER SUTLEJ TO AVOID POSSIBLE FLOODING IS SCHEDULED TO START IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TO FACILITATE ENGINEERING WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME 37 HECTARES OF PRIVATE LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF SHEK WUI HUI IN A NUMBER OF STAGES OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

THE FIRST STAGE INVOLVING 68 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY 15 FAMILIES AND TWO TEMPORARY STRUCTURES USED AS SHOP AND WORKSHOP RESPECTIVELY WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.

+DISPLACED FAMILIES WILL BE OFFERED EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR SPACES IN THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA DEPENDING ON THEIR ELIGIBILITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+GENUINE CULTIVATOR FAMILIES MAY BE GRANTED AN EX-GRATIA REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE OF \$5,000 PER FAMILY BUT WILL FORFEIT THEIR PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING,+ HE ADDED.

AS THE LAND TO BE RESUMED LIES WITHIN THE FANLING-SHEUNG SHUI-SHEK WUI HUI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, LAND OWNERS CONCERNED WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVES OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS OR CASH COMPENSATION.

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CARE NEEDED FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN SAYS SNT
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) HONG KONG MUST AIM AT PROVIDING BASIC CARE AND ATTENTION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN AND THEN STEADILY IMPROVE OUR FACILITIES AND CARE.

THIS GOAL SHOULD APPLY TO THE SICK, THE DISABLED AND THOSE WITHOUT PARENTS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO WERE MORE FORTUNATE, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPEN DAY OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME AT TAI PO, ORGANISED TO COMMEMORATE THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT SINCE THE DECLARATION OF CHILD'S RIGHTS IN 1959, HONG KONG HAD TRAVELLED A LONG WAY FROM THE BASIC PROVISION OF PRIMARY EDUCATION TO NINE YEARS FREE EDUCATION FOR ALL.

IN ADDITION, A LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND A PROPER BASIC HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE CENTRES WHERE WORKING PARENTS CAN FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE IN SAFE HANDS WHILE THEY ARE AT WORK.

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+WE ARE NOW EXAMINING THE REQUIREMENT FOR PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS- AND, AS A COMMUNITY, ARE SHOWING MORE CONCERN FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

+OUR AIM MUST BE TO PROVIDE BASIC CARE AND ATTENTION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN, THE SICK, DISABLED AND THOSE WITHOUT PARENTS, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE MORE FORTUNATE, AND THEN STEADILY TO IMPROVE OUR FACILITIES AND CARE,+ HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES PRAISED ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME FOR HAVING SERVED A GREAT NEED IN HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN CARING FOR CHILDREN AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE FUTURE ROLE OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S IN RELATION TO THE GROWTH OF SHA TIN INTO A TOWN OF HALF A MILLION TO THE SOUTH AND TAI PO TO 200,000 TO THE NORTH.

+I AM SURE THE ORGANISATION, WITH ITS CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES OF LAND, CAN MAKE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE NEEDS OF THESE TWO GREAT COMMUNITIES,+ HE ADDED.

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38 CONTRACTS AWARDED BY PWD LAST MONTH
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED A TOTAL OF 38 CONTRACTS WORTH \$89.05 MILLION LAST MONTH (FEBRUARY).

THIRTEEN WERE AWARDED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND 25 ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PWD TENDER BOARD.

THE BIGGEST CONTRACT WAS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT IN FANLING AND SHEK WU HUI. THE PROJECT IS TO BE COMPLETED OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

AMONG OTHER CONTRACTS WERE THOSE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF VILLAGE HOUSES AT SAM TUNG UK, TSUEN WAN NORTH AND THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MACHINERY FOR PILLAR POINT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

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NO MAIL DELIVERY ON CHING MING FESTIVAL
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON THURSDAY, APRIL 5, WHICH IS THE CHING MING FESTIVAL AND A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

IN ADDITION, ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THAT DAY.

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SEMINAR ON ART EXAMINATIONS
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A SEMINAR ON ART EXAMINATIONS AT FORM/MIDDLE V LEVEL WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 11 BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 1 P.M. AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE ART SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ALL ART TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

+THE AIMS OF THE SEMINAR ARE TO REVIEW THE PRESENT EXAMINATIONS, TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AMONG ART TEACHERS AND CONCERNED EDUCATIONISTS, AND TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

PANELISTS FOR THE SEMINAR INCLUDE MR. KWOK CHIU-LEUNG AND MISS NG CHI-BING OF THE ART SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR. CHAN PING-TIM OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, DR. CHENG SHIU-CHING AND DR. SIU PING-KEE OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND MR. K.C. CHENG AND MR. K.W. CHAN OF THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
APRIL 2 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
APRIL 3 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
APRIL 4 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.

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WATER CUTS
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 10 HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON MONDAY TO 8 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS CONNECTION.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN WAI ON STREET AND FUK LEE STREET, LOK KWAN STREET, MAN ON STREET AND TUNG CHAU STREET BETWEEN TAI KOK TSUI ROAD AND WALNUT STREET.

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO HUNG HOM, KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON CITY, WANG TAU HOM AND WONG TAI SIN AREAS WILL ALSO BE STOPPED FROM 2 P.M. ON MONDAY TO 5 P.M. THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS DIVERSION.

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