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MORE NT LAND TO BE OFFERED FOR DEVELOPMENT

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THE AMOUNT OF NON-INDUSTRIAL LAND TO BE SOLD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IS TO BE 70 PER CENT HIGHER IN 1980/81 THAN DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE DEPARTMENT PLANNED TO SELL A TOTAL OF 357 525 SQUARE METRES OF LAND IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, OF WHICH 302 425 SQUARE METRES WOULD BE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE.

THIS COMPARED WITH A FIGURE OF 178 907 SQUARE METRES OF NON-INDUSTRIAL LAND SOLD DURING 1979/80.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SITES TO BE SOLD NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR IS 69, OF WHICH 52 WILL BE NON-INDUSTRIAL AND THE OTHER 17, MEASURING 55 100 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, INDUSTRIAL.

IN THE CURRENT YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, 75 SITES WERE BEING SOLD MEASURING TOTALLY 243 880 SQUARE METRES.

HE SAID THE NUMBER OF SITES TO BE SOLD WAS SMALLER IN NUMBER, BUT COMBINING INDUSTRIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL LAND THE AMOUNT WAS, OVERALL, NEARLY 47 PER CENT ABOVE THIS YEAR'S FIGURE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID 32 OF THE SITES TO BE SOLD UNDER NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMME WERE IN SHA TIN AND TOTALLED 212 360 SQUARE METRES IN AREA.

TWELVE OF THE SITES WERE IN TUEN MUN (51 759 SQUARE METRES), EIGHT IN YUEN LONG (11 908.7 SQUARE METRES), SEVEN IN ISLANDS DISTRICT (39 625 SQUARE METRES), FIVE IN SAI KUNG (9 872.3 SQUARE METRES), THREE IN TSUEN WAN (19 500 SQUARE METRES), AND THE REMAINING TWO IN TAI PO (12 500 SQUARE METRES).

ON THE RESIDENTIAL SIDE, HE SAID THE LARGEST PACKAGE OF SITES FOR SALE WOULD BE IN SHA TIN, WHERE SIX LOTS MEASURING 78 915 SQUARE METRES WOULD BE AVAILABLE.

HE SAID THE LARGEST SINGLE SITE WOULD ALSO BE IN SHA TIN MEASURING 12 700 SQUARE METRES FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

ON THE INDUSTRIAL SIDE, NINE SITES IN SHA TIN TALLING 32 000 SQUARE METRES ARE TO BE SOLD TOGETHER. THE LARGEST SINGLE SITE WILL BE IN TSUEN WAN, MEASURING 8 800 SQUARE METRES. AN 11 200 SQUARE METRE SITE AT CHEUNG SHA IS TO BE SOLD FOR HOTEL DEVELOPMENT.

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SWD PAYS OUT OVER \$8.8 MILLION UNDER TAVA SCHEME
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT MORE THAN \$8.8 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR PEOPLE APPLYING UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION LAST MAY.

ANOTHER \$300 000 HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT TO 71 CASES AND AWAIT COLLECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PAYMENTS ALREADY MADE WERE GRANTED TO 271 CASES INVOLVING DEATH AND 2 355 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAVE CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

MRS DIANA LEE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS FOR THE FATAL CASES TOTALLED \$1.83 MILLION AND THAT FOR THE INJURY CASES, OVER \$7 MILLION.

SHE SAID THE \$7 MILLION INJURY GRANTS INCLUDED FURTHER PAYMENTS OF \$1.4 MILLION IN 870 CASES WHEREBY THE APPLICANTS WERE MEDICALLY CERTIFIED TO REQUIRE EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

IN THE CASES ALREADY PROCESSED, SHE SAID, THE HIGHEST PAYMENT WAS \$21 100 MADE IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$20 100.

+AT PRESENT, 393 OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN A FAIRLY SHORT TIME,+ SHE SAID.

THE NON-MEANS TESTED SCHEME AIMS AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

MRS LEE SAID PEOPLE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AFTER MAY 1 LAST YEAR COULD APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE AT THE TAVA SECTION ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-222392 AND 5-223254).

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WORK ON NEW RAILWAY TUNNEL PROGRESSES SMOOTHLY

WORK ON THE \$78 MILLION NEW BEACON HILL RAILWAY TUNNEL IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

SO FAR, ABOUT 1 230 METRES OF TUNNELLING AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE TUNNEL HAS BEEN COMPLETED. OF THIS, SOME 830 METRES HAS BEEN LINED WITH CONCRETE OF 300 MM TO 550 MM THICK.

AT THE NORTHERN END, EXCAVATION WORK OF THE 750 METRES LONG PILOT TUNNEL HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND ABOUT 180 METRES OF IT HAS BEEN WIDENED TO FULL WIDTH.

MR LEUNG MIN-SUN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF PWD'S RAILWAY DIVISION SAID TODAY THAT THE BREAKTHROUGH OF THE NEW TUNNEL WAS EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN APRIL AS SCHEDULED.

THE 2.3 KM DOUBLE TRACK TUNNEL WILL BE ABOUT SEVEN METRES HIGH AND JUST OVER 10 METRES WIDE, ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE TWO LION ROCK TUNNELS.

ITS HEIGHT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

+ON COMPLETION IN EARLY 1981, THE NEW TUNNEL WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING SINGLE TRACK TUNNEL, WHICH HAS BEEN IN USE SINCE 1910,+ SAID MR LEUNG.

MEANWHILE, WORK IS UNDERWAY ON THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO THE TUNNEL.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT WORK ON THE SOUTHERN PORTAL OF THE TUNNEL AND THE RAILWAY EMBANKMENT HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

+CONTRACTORS ARE, AT PRESENT, LAYING TEMPORARY TRACKS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KCR AND MTR INTERCHANGE STATION AT KOWLOON TONG,+ HE SAID.

+AT THE NORTHERN APPROACH, WORK HAS JUST BEGUN ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW RAILWAY BRIDGE AND THE LAYING OF ABOUT 1 300 METRES OF RAILWAY TRACK.+

THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN APPROACHES ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME OPERATIONAL TOGETHER WITH THE TUNNEL ITSELF EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
HANDLES RECORD NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES

A RECORD 20 000 ENQUIRIES WERE MADE THROUGH THE POST OFFICE BOX FACILITY (GPO BOX 10161) OPERATED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE (YEAS) DURING THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 400 PER CENT OVER ENQUIRIES RECEIVED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE YEAS ALSO PROVIDED 246 CAREERS TALKS TO 37 973 STUDENTS IN 165 SCHOOLS LAST YEAR.

THESE SERVICES WERE SOME OF THE YEAS'S ACTIVITIES GEARED TO HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENTS, INTERESTS AND ABILITIES.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAS'S ACTIVITIES IN 1979 WERE:

- * CONDUCTING 16 REGIONAL CAREERS SEMINARS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG-
- * PARTICIPATING IN 25 OTHER ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE PROVISION OF CAREERS INFORMATION TO STUDENTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS-
- * STAGING 10 MINI CAREERS EXHIBITIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE EXHIBITION UNIT AT SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES, PUBLIC PARKS AND HOUSING ESTATES-
- * STAGING THE CAREERS '80 EXHIBITION IN HUNG HOM WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN 120 000 VISITORS- AND
- * CONDUCTING A TWO-DAY SEMINAR FOR CAREERS TEACHERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID SINCE THE INCEPTION OF YEAS IN 1968, IT HAD BEEN PROMOTING CAREERS EDUCATION AND DISSEMINATING CAREERS INFORMATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

IT HAS ADOPTED A DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH WHEREBY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ACQUAINTED WITH THE WORLD OF WORK THROUGH THREE STAGES -- CAREERS AWARENESS, CAREERS EXPLORATION AND CAREERS PREPARATION.

+IT IS AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED VIEW THAT CAREERS EDUCATION SHOULD START INITIALLY AT A JUNIOR LEVEL TO BE DEVELOPED THROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL AND TO CONTINUE FURTHER FOR THOSE REQUIRING ADVICE AFTER LEAVING SCHOOL,+ HE ADDED.

SUPPLYING UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION TO YOUNG PEOPLE IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE YEAS'S FUNCTIONS, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED.

THIS IS ACHIEVED MAINLY THROUGH THE PUBLICATION OF 37 DIFFERENT TYPES OF CAREERS PAMPHLETS ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES, 100 OCCUPATIONS LEAFLETS AND A MONTHLY CAREERS NEWSLETTER, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES AND THE STAGING OF ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITIONS.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES IS THE YEAS'S LATEST MAJOR EFFORTS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORK.

THE FIRST CENTRE SET UP IN SEPTEMBER 1978 IN KOWLOON ATTRACTED NEARLY 10 000 VISITORS LAST YEAR, HE SAID.

THE SECOND CENTRE WAS OPENED EARLIER THIS MONTH, ENCOURAGED BY THE SUCCESS OF ITS KOWLOON COUNTERPART.

BOTH CENTRES ARE COMPLETE WITH A VARIETY OF CAREERS FACILITIES, INCLUDING REFERENCE LIBRARIES AND AUDIO-VISUAL UNITS, AND VISITORS ARE ABLE TO BROWSE THROUGH BOOKS ON CAREERS, VIEW SLIDES AND LISTEN TO TAPE-RECORDINGS OF TALKS BY SPECIALISTS.

THEY ALSO HAVE INFORMATIVE DISPLAY MATERIALS, NOTABLY CHARTS SHOWING TRAINING AVENUES AND THE COURSES YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TO TAKE IN THE PURSUIT OF A CAREER.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER IMPORTANT YEAS ACTIVITY WAS ORGANISING TRAINING SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CAREERS TEACHERS.

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SNT TO OPEN MINI LIBRARY IN SHA TIN

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN SHA TIN'S NEWEST LIBRARY IN LEK YUEN ESTATE ON MARCH 17.

THE MINI LIBRARY, THE SIXTH IN THE NEW TOWN, OCCUPIES 56 SQUARE METRES (600 SQUARE FEET) ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF SAU CHUEN HOUSE IN THE ESTATE CENTRE.

SPONSORED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE \$30 000 PROJECT WILL COMPLEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FOUR SMALLER LIBRARIES OPERATED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

IT WILL BE KNOWN AS THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION LIBRARY. THIS ASSOCIATION IS BEING FORMED AS A PERMANENT BODY TO PROMOTE ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE NEW TOWN.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE NEED FOR EXPANDED LIBRARY FACILITIES TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID POPULATION GROWTH IN THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN RECOGNISED.

+THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD BY RESPONDING TO THIS NEED HAS SET AN EXAMPLE,+ HE SAID.

OPENING HOURS OF THE LIBRARY WILL BE FROM 5.30 PM TO 9.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS EXCEPT NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, AND CHRISTMAS AND BOXING DAYS, WHEN IT WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

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TWO PAID PART-TIME SUPERVISORS ARE BEING RECRUITED TO RUN THE LIBRARY.

SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WILL ALSO OFFICIATE AT THE LIBRARY'S OPENING.

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COURSE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS
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A COURSE ON THE ORGANISATION AND JUDGING OF PRIMARY SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEETS HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT THE COURSE IS OPEN TO ALL P.E. TEACHERS EXCEPT THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED SIMILAR COURSES BEFORE.

THE COURSE, FREE OF CHARGE, WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 8, 1980 FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS AT DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, MONG KOK.

PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE PART IN BOTH THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL SESSIONS. A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THEIR SCHOOL. APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE THE FORM AND RETURN IT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 17, 1980 TO PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION), (ATTN: MRS Y.C. LEUNG), PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7TH FLOOR, 405, NATHAN ROAD.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED THROUGH THEIR HEAD OF SCHOOL IN DUE COURSE.

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TALKS BY LABOUR OFFICERS
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OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT GAVE A TOTAL OF 19 TALKS TO PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS LAST MONTH (JANUARY).

THE LECTURES COVERING DIFFERENT TOPICS WERE GIVEN TO VARIOUS GROUPS, RANGING FROM TRADE UNIONS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES TO NURSES IN A GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.

TOPICS INCLUDED INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, LABOUR LEGISLATION, THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF WORK IN COMPRESSED AIR AND LAWS ON AIR POLLUTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS.

LAST YEAR A TOTAL OF 129 TALKS WERE GIVEN, OF WHICH 42 WERE GIVEN BY OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE AND 35 BY OFFICERS OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE. THE REMAINDER WAS GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S OTHER UNITS.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON TWO DAYS THIS 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>
FEBRUARY 21 (THURSDAY)	8 AM -- 10.30 PM
FEBRUARY 22 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM -- 4 PM

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