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DRIVING HOME THE ANTI-SMOKING MESSAGE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN STEPS TO REINFORCE ITS PROGRAMME FOR EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE DANGERS OF SMOKING.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THIS EXPANDED PROGRAMME WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE RECENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECISION TO GIVE EDUCATION FIRST PRIORITY IN COMBATTING THE SMOKING PROBLEM.

+THIS SUBJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SYLLABUS, AND WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING OTHER MEASURES TO DRIVE THE MESSAGE HOME,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE RECALLED THAT THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CIGARETTE SMOKING HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE GREATEST EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE NEED TO DETER YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SMOKING.

JUDGING FROM THE RESULTS OF AN OPINION SURVEY WHICH FOLLOWED PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT, THIS VIEW WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL RECOMMENDED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, ENDORSED BY THE PUBLIC AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WAS CONCERNED WITH SMOKING IN ENCLOSED PUBLIC AREAS AND IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

PERSUASIVE MEASURES TO REDUCE THIS NUISANCE WERE NOW BEING EXAMINED.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE SEEKING THE CO-OPERATION OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY IN DRAWING UP A VOLUNTARY CODE OF ADVERTISING PRACTICE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES OVER LUNAR NEW YEAR

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THREE SPECIAL UPTRAINS AND FIVE DOWNTRAINS WILL BE RUN DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PICNICKERS AND VISITORS TO AND FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE THREE SPECIAL UPTRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON (HUNG HOM) STATION AT 12.40 P.M., 2.13 P.M. AND 3.43 P.M. ON THE FOUR DAYS FROM JANUARY 31 (NEW YEAR DAY) TO FEBRUARY 3.

THESE TRAINS, TOGETHER WITH 13 REGULAR TRAINS DEPARTING AT VARIOUS TIMES BETWEEN 6.30 A.M. AND 3.12 P.M., WILL NOT STOP FOR PASSENGERS AT MONG KOK STATION DURING THIS FOUR-DAY PERIOD.

ALL PASSENGERS FOR THESE TRAINS ARE REQUESTED TO GO TO KOWLOON STATION. MONTHLY TICKET HOLDERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BOARD THESE TRAINS WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGES.

THE FIVE SPECIAL DOWNTRAINS WILL START THEIR SOUTHBOUND JOURNEY FROM DIFFERENT STATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TWO WILL DEPART FROM FANLING AT 12.44 P.M. AND 3.51 P.M., TWO FROM LO WU AT 1.50 P.M. AND 5.12 P.M. AND ONE FROM TAI PO MARKET AT 1.57 P.M.

THE LAST SPECIAL TRAIN, LEAVING FROM LO WU, WILL ARRIVE AT KOWLOON AT 6.50 P.M.

TICKETS FOR TRAINS TO KOWLOON WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT MONG KOK STATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID THAT ON THESE FOUR DAYS, THE UPTRAINS WOULD PROBABLY BE FULL BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 3 P.M. WHILE THE DOWNTRAINS WOULD PROBABLY BE SO BETWEEN 3 P.M. AND 9 P.M.

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT FURTHER SPECIAL TRAINS WOULD BE RUN IN THE LATE EVENINGS IF THERE WAS PUBLIC DEMAND.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT MAKING +GOOD PROGRESS+ - GOVERNOR
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY THAT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WAS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS IN ITS EXPANSION PROGRAMME AND IN THE TRAINING OF ITS STAFF.

IN THIS WAY, HE SAID, PRISONS STAFF COULD BE EQUIPPED TO CARRY OUT THEIR PRIME FUNCTION OF +PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY FROM ITS OWN WORST ELEMENTS, WHILST ENSURING THAT EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO REFORM AND REHABILITATE WHEREVER POSSIBLE.+

SIR MURRAY WAS ADDRESSING THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL INSPECTION AT STANLEY THIS AFTERNOON AT WHICH TEN CONTINGENTS FROM 15 PENAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE TOOK PART.

THE GOVERNOR ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION TO PRESENT COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS TO 40 PRISON OFFICERS AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CIVILIAN STAFF.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF HIS SPEECH:

+WHEN I ADDRESSED YOU AT THE LAST ANNUAL INSPECTION IN DECEMBER, 1974, I SPOKE ABOUT THE STEPS BEING TAKEN TO DEAL WITH OVER-CROWDING IN THE PRISONS. SINCE THEN, PIK UK PRISON FOR 600 AND THE HEI LING CHAU DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE FOR 365 HAVE BEEN OPENED. TODAY, IN ADDITION, THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR 400 YOUNG OFFENDERS COMES INTO OPERATION. THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE FOR 960 WILL BE LET VERY SOON. WORK ON IMPROVING THE SECURITY OF STANLEY PRISON WILL CONTINUE. SO PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. CLEARLY YOU MUST HAVE THE BUILDINGS IN WHICH TO DO YOUR JOB.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT BEFORE CRIME IS BEATEN THE PRISON POPULATION WILL INCREASE. IN THE LAST YEAR IT ROSE FROM 8,000 TO OVER 8,500 AND THE NUMBER OF THOSE RECEIVING "AFTER CARE" FROM 2,900 TO 3,400. SO YOU MUST EXPECT THE DEMANDS ON YOUR DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

+TO MEET THESE DEMANDS YOU YOURSELVES MUST BE PROPERLY TRAINED= AND IT IS RELEVANT THAT YOU ARE A STRIKINGLY YOUNG SERVICE. I AM THEREFORE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO NOTE THE PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD. IT IS A REMARKABLE RECORD TO HAVE ORGANISED NO LESS THAN 83 COURSES IN THE PAST YEAR FOR AS MANY AS 1,750 STAFF. IN THIS WAY YOU CAN BE EQUIPPED TO CARRY OUT YOUR PRIME FUNCTION OF PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY FROM ITS OWN WORST ELEMENTS, WHILST ENSURING THAT EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO REFORM AND REHABILITATE WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

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+ I AM DELIGHTED TO NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING SUCH GOOD PROGRESS BOTH IN TERMS OF BRICKS AND MORTAR AND IN TERMS OF PRODUCING A PRISON SERVICE EDUCATED TO DISCHARGE ITS MANY-SIDED FUNCTIONS.

+ I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL ALL CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF YOUR VITAL ROLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME, AND I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR ADMIRABLE BEARING HERE TODAY.

+ I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS DURING THE COMING YEAR. +

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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR PWD KOWLOON OFFICES
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A NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, 3-045211, WILL COME INTO SERVICE ON MONDAY (JANUARY 26) AT THE GOVERNMENT BRANCH OFFICES AT FARM ROAD, KOWLOON.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED THROUGH THIS NUMBER TO THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING (MAINLAND) DIVISION, PWD, ON EXTENSION 88= THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION ON EXTENSION 08= AND THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION ON EXTENSION 59.

AFTER OFFICE HOURS, GENERAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE THROUGH 5-251111, THE MAIN EXCHANGE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN MURRAY BUILDING.

DURING EMERGENCIES, SUCH AS RAINSTORM AND TYPHOONS, THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION MAY BE CONTACTED AT ALL HOURS ON 3-045211 OR 3-045212.

THE EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION ARE 3-045221 AND 3-045222.

DRAINAGE COMPLAINTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION ON 3-045211 EXT. 16 OR ON 3-010920 DURING OFFICE HOURS, AND ON 3-045210 OR 3-010920 AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

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RECLAMATION AT LEI YUE MUN BAY

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START SHORTLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROCK BUND AND THE RECLAMATION OF THE SEABED BETWEEN THE NEW ROCK BUND AND THE EXISTING HIGH WATER MARK AT LEI YUE MUN BAY.

THE RECLAMATION IS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND WILL BE FORMED BY THE DUMPING OF SPOIL FROM M.T.R. EXCAVATIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE RECLAMATION WILL EVENTUALLY FORM PART OF THE FUTURE M.T.R. CHAI WAN DEPOT.

WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ROCK BUND IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND THE FIRST STAGE OF RECLAMATION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MAY.

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PIER TO BE BUILT AT TSING YI FOR TANKERS

THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO GRANT AN AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF TSING YI ISLAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PIER TO PERMIT THE BERTHING OF OCEAN-GOING TANKERS.

THE PIER WILL BE USED FOR THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARRIVING FROM CHINA BY SEA AND WILL BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OIL STORAGE DEPOT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND OWNED BY THE CHINA RESOURCES COMPANY.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTIFICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, CAN ALSO BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FOR WORKERS
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE FIRST AND SECOND DAYS OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR WHICH FALL ON JANUARY 31 AND FEBRUARY 1, 1976, ARE TWO OF THE SIX STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THIS YEAR THE SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FALLS ON A SUNDAY WHICH IS LIKELY ALSO TO BE A REST DAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE.

+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,+ SAID MR. PRICE, +AN EMPLOYER MUST GRANT HIS EMPLOYEES ANOTHER REST DAY BECAUSE THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT A REST DAY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY STATUTORY HOLIDAY.+

MR. PRICE EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED NOT ONLY TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO TO EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES, AND DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH AND ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS. AND THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE TWO DAYS OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

+AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED ON A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT --- FOR EXAMPLE, ONE WHO WORKS FOR LESS THAN SIX HOURS A DAY OR HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR LESS THAN THREE MONTHS --- IS STILL ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAYS, BUT HAS NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT TO BE PAID,+ MR. PRICE SAID.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIS EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THAT ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEES OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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NEW SHOPS FOR SAM SHING HUI BUSINESSMEN

CONTRACTORS ARE BUSY PUTTING UP ON A RESITE AREA 130 SHOPS AND WORKSHOPS FOR THE PRESENT OWNERS OF BUSINESS PREMISES IN SAM SHING HUI WHICH ARE DUE TO BE CLEARED IN A FEW MONTHS TO MAKE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

UNDER AN AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICER, TUEN MUN, THE BUSINESS OPERATORS ARE TO MOVE TO THE RESITE AREA BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND APRIL. ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF COMPENSATION TO HELP COVER EXPENSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE.

ALSO AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT, THE SAM SHING HUI SHOPKEEPERS WHOSE BUSINESSES CATER LARGELY FOR THE LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY, WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN A RESTRICTED TENDER FOR THE COMMERCIAL SITES, WHICH TOGETHER WITH HOUSING BLOCKS AND PART OF THE TUEN MUN-TSUEN WAN HIGHWAY, WILL BE ON THE LAND THEY ARE NOW LEAVING.

AS IT MAY BE SOME YEARS BEFORE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT IS COMPLETED, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, TUEN MUN, MR. TONY BENNETT, HAS URGED THAT THE RESITE AREA SHOPS BE CONSTRUCTED OF SUBSTANTIAL MATERIAL. SOME HAVE TAKEN HIS ADVICE AND ARE BUILDING WITH BRICK= OTHERS ARE USING WOOD AND TINSHEET. A HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF 13-1/2 FEET HAS BEEN WAIVED SO THAT THE SHOPOWNERS MAY BUILD A COCKLOFT OVER THEIR PREMISES IN WHICH TO LIVE. A NEW HEIGHT LIMIT OF 16 FEET HAS BEEN SET.

MR. BENNETT SAID: +A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION HAS GROWN UP BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SAM SHING HUI SHOPKEEPERS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE. THE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CONTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL IN THE WAY OF PRACTICAL PROPOSALS AND THIS HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES.+

COMPENSATION FOR THE SHOPKEEPERS IS BASED ON THE AREA AT PRESENT OCCUPIED AND VARIES FROM \$6,000 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$20,000. ADVANCE PAYMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THE BALANCE WILL BE PAID AFTER THE RESTRICTED TENDER HAS BEEN HELD.

MR. BENNETT SAID THE SHOPS ON THE RESITE AREA ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED BY THE SIDES OF A ROAD WHICH WILL VERY LIKELY BE NAMED SAM SHING HUI STREET. AN OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY WILL PROBABLY BE HELD WHEN ALL THE NEW SHOPS ARE READY TO OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

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