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BRIGHTER TIMES AHEAD FOR VILLAGERS

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THOUSANDS OF VILLAGERS IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT AREA WILL BE GETTING LEGAL AND PROPERLY-WIRED ELECTRICITY BETWEEN THE END OF THIS MONTH AND DECEMBER, THROUGH EFFORTS OF THE AREA'S DISTRICT BOARD.

UNTIL NOW, THE ELECTRICITY THAT IS BEING USED IN THE VARIOUS SQUATTER VILLAGES CONCERNED, HAS BEEN ILLEGALLY TAPPED, AND THE WIRING USED FOR THIS HAS BEEN IMPROPERLY AND HAPHAZARDLY SET UP, POSING DANGER NOT ONLY THROUGH ELECTROCUTION, BUT ALSO THROUGH FIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD EXPLAINED THAT THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICITY THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS INVOLVED A NUMBER OF PRELIMINARY PROCEDURES, INCLUDING OFFICIAL GAZETTING OF THE AREAS CONCERNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING ELECTRICITY, AS WELL AS THE LAYING OF CABLES, AND, FOR THE BIGGER AREAS, ALSO THE SETTING UP OF POWER SUB-STATIONS.

+BUT WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY THAT ALL THIS HAS BEEN SETTLED AND WE EXPECT THE POWER TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE VARIOUS VILLAGES BETWEEN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND DECEMBER,+ HE SAID.

VILLAGES WHICH WILL BE GETTING THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BY THE END OF THIS MONTH ARE GOOD HOPE VILLAGE, HEUNG YEUNG VILLAGE AND NAM SHAN NEW VILLAGE, WHICH HAVE IN ALL SOME 2 500 PERSONS.

DUE TO RECEIVE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BY THE END OF DECEMBER ARE HONG LOK AND SEI HEI VILLAGES, WHICH HAVE 2 500 INHABITANTS, TAI HOM WOR VILLAGE, WHICH WAS PARTLY BURNT OUT IN A RECENT FIRE, AND THE NGAU CHI WAN UPPER EAST VILLAGE, WITH SOME 4 000 PEOPLE.

THE PROVISION OF A LEGAL SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO THE VILLAGES HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MANY TASKS UNDERTAKEN BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AIMED AT PROVIDING +A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, THROUGH MUTUAL COOPERATION AND JOINT EFFORTS OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SOME OF THE OTHER AMENITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED, AND ARE BEING OR WILL BE PROVIDED, INCLUDE A GREATER AMOUNT OF WATER SUPPLY, WORK ON IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIRS OF FOOTPATHS AND ROADS, REPROVISIONING OF PLAYGROUNDS, AS WELL AS TACKLING THE PROBLEMS OF FLOODING CREATED BY BLOCKED DRAINS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS.

FLOODING HAS BEEN A PROBLEM CAUSING MUCH INCONVENIENCE TO THE AREA. AS A RESULT, TWO DE-SILTING GATES WILL SOON BE INSTALLED AT THE ENTRANCE TO DRAINS TO PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE WHICH BLOCK THE FLOW OF WATER.

IN REVIEWING THE WORK OF THE BOARD IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN SUCH AREAS AS COMMUNITY-BUILDING PROJECTS, MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, AND IMPROVEMENTS AND BETTERING OF CONDITIONS IN THE SQUATTER AREAS.

AS PART OF ITS EFFORT, THE DISTRICT BOARD ARRANGED FOR A LOGO TO BE DESIGNED THROUGH OPEN COMPETITION, WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

OTHER WORK ON COMMUNITY-BUILDING INVOLVED THE HOLDING OF EXHIBITIONS AND SEMINARS ON THE INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA, ARRANGING YOUTH WORK CAMPS, AND THE PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

A NUMBER OF PROJECTS WERE ALSO UNDERTAKEN TO HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THESE INCLUDED CLEARANCE OPERATIONS, AND THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES WITH THE HELP OF THE POLICE + TO MAINTAIN A SMOOTH FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND TO TIDY UP THE AREA.+

WITH THE HELP OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, REPAIR WORKS WERE CARRIED OUT ON THE ROADWAY AND PAVEMENTS ON A NUMBER OF STREETS AND ROADS.

TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT MEASURES ARE ALSO BEING UNDERTAKEN, INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND FUNG TAK ROAD, AND INTRODUCTION OF IMPROVED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AT VARIOUS OTHER ROAD JUNCTIONS.

WORK WAS ALSO DONE TO IMPROVE THE PARKING SITUATION, INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF PARKING METERS ON ROADSIDES, REDESIGNATION OF PARKING SPACES IN SOME HOUSING DEPARTMENT FLATTED FACTORIES.

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SIR KEITH JOSEPH VISITS NT

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THE BRITISH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, SIR KEITH JOSEPH, WHO IS IN HONG KONG FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT, TOURED THE NEW TERRITORIES THIS MORNING (MONDAY).

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SIR KEITH FIRST WENT TO SHA TIN TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY.

HE WAS MET AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME SUI WO COURT BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO= ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM= THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE= AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH KWOK.

THEY VISITED A FAMILY IN HING WAN HOUSE, THE PO LEUNG KUK NG TOR TAI KINDERGARTEN AND A MARKET IN THE ESTATE.

LATER, THE GOVERNOR AND SIR KEITH LEFT FOR SHA TIN RACECOURSE WHERE THEY WERE JOINED BY THE SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER IN HONG KONG, MR D.M. MARCH, FOR A HELICOPTER TRIP OVER THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY FLEW OVER TAI PO, FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN AND YUEN LONG LOOKING AT PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS.

SIR KEITH WILL HOLD TALKS WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LEADING BUSINESSMEN BEFORE LEAVING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR LONDON.

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\$1 400 MILLION ON KOWLOON BAY DEVELOPMENT
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ABOUT \$1 400 MILLION WILL BE SPENT ON THE KOWLOON BAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WAS TOLD AT THE FIFTH MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

THE PROGRAMME, CONSISTING OF SITE FORMATION, ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS, WATER SUPPLY, A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, HOUSING AND FACTORY ESTATES, AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS, CLINICS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES, COOKED FOOD CENTRES AND OPEN SPACES, WILL SERVE 70 000 PEOPLE IN THE AREA WHEN COMPLETED BY 1990.

THE PRESENT POPULATION IS ABOUT 20 000.

SITE FORMATION WORK FOR KOWLOON BAY HAS BEEN NEARLY COMPLETED AND UP TO JUNE 1981, SOME 35 LOTS OF INDUSTRIAL LAND WERE SOLD.

A FURTHER 22 LOTS WILL BE SOLD BY THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

WHILE THE PLANNED USE OF THE RECLAMATION IS PREDOMINANTLY INDUSTRIAL, LARGE PARTS ARE AT PRESENT ALLOCATED FOR VARIOUS TEMPORARY USES, THE BOARD WAS TOLD IN A PAPER ON THE KOWLOON BAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME PREPARED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SOME 20 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT AREA IS AT PRESENT OCCUPIED BY TEMPORARY USES, WHICH INCLUDE THE KAI TAK REFUGEE CAMP, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE CENTRE, THE KOWLOON BAY TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND SOME WORKS AREA.

CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES AND WORKS TO ACHIEVE THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF KOWLOON BAY WAS CONSIDERED AS ONE OF THE PRIORITIES BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE BOARD WAS TOLD.

A WIDE RANGE OF MATTERS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD.

ON RECREATION, THE BOARD WAS TOLD THAT AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PLAN THE FIRST KWUN TONG SPORTS FESTIVAL IN NOVEMBER TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE HELD.

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FIRST COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE OPENED AT MUI WO
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THE FIRST COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE ON AN OUTLYING ISLAND AT MUI WO, LANTAU, WAS OPENED TODAY (MONDAY).

IT IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF GRANDVIEW MANSION IN SOUTH LANTAU ROAD AND IS ALSO THE FIRST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID THE NEW OFFICE, WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 77 SQUARE METRES, WOULD BE MANNED BY A LIAISON OFFICER AND OTHER STAFF.

THEIR DUTIES ARE TO DISTRIBUTE GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS AND FORMS, ADMINISTER STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, HANDLE COMPLAINTS AND ANSWER ENQUIRIES ABOUT GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

ALSO, THEY WILL LIAISE CLOSELY WITH LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND RESIDENTS AND REFLECT THEIR OPINION TO GOVERNMENT.

IN ADDITION, MR FUNG SAID, THEY WOULD ORGANISE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+I HOPE THE RESIDENTS WILL MAKE FULL USE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE+ HE ADDED.

THE OFFICE OPENS FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

+MORE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICES WILL BE OPENED ON OTHER OUTLYING ISLANDS IN THE FUTURE,+ MR FUNG SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR TSANG LIN= THE CHAIRMAN OF TUNG CHUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHONG CHU-CHOI= THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE, MR YU YUEN-HEI, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SOUTH LANTAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU YUNG-FUK.

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SCHOOLS COMMUNICATION SCHEME WORKING WELL
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THE PILOT SCHEME INTRODUCED IN JANUARY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN KOWLOON TO IMPROVE SERVICES AND COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE WORKING SMOOTHLY AND EFFECTIVELY FOR ALL PARTIES CONCERNED DURING THE PAST NINE MONTHS.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WAS TOLD OF THIS BY HIS AREA STAFF DURING A ROUTINE VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SUB-OFFICE IN KOWLOON THIS (MONDAY) MORNING.

MR HAYE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR T.L. LAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS).

UNDER THE SCHEME, EDUCATION OFFICERS ARE GRADUALLY RELIEVED OF THEIR ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK, THUS ENABLING THEM TO VISIT SCHOOLS MORE FREQUENTLY TO STRENGTHEN THEIR PERSONAL CONTACT WITH SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS AND TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. IT IS ALSO INTENDED AS A MEANS OF SUPPLEMENTING EXISTING CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION.

OTHER OBJECTIVES OF THE PILOT SCHEME ARE TO FACILITATE BETTER CO-ORDINATION AND PLANNING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WITHIN EACH CITY DISTRICT IN KOWLOON AND IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS RELATING TO EDUCATION.

MR HAYE SAID HE HAD ASKED FOR AN EVALUATION REPORT ON THE SCHEME AND IF IT PROVED FAVOURABLE, HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD BE SIMILARLY REORGANISED AND RE-DEMARCATED INTO AREAS TO COINCIDE WITH THE CITY DISTRICTS AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS.

AFTER SPENDING ABOUT TWO HOURS CHATTING WITH STAFF IN THE KOWLOON OFFICE, THE DIRECTOR THEN LEFT FOR A VISIT TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SUB-OFFICE AT MA TAU KOK.

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MORE DEVELOPMENT WORK AT TAI PO
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FURTHER WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN SOON ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF DUAL CARRIAGEWAYS ON RECLAIMED LAND, THE EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF PO HEUNG STREET AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE LAM TSUEN RIVER.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING TO PROVIDE A RIVERSIDE WALK AND SMALL PARKS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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CAS CADETS TO PUT ON VARIETY SHOW

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MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF THEIR PERFORMING TALENTS IN THE FIRST CAS CADET CORPS VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25).

IT WILL BE STAGED BETWEEN 7 AND 10 PM AT THE HONG KONG CARITAS COMMUNITY HALL, 2 CAINE ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE THREE-HOUR EVENT WILL CONSIST OF ENTERTAINMENT AND SHOWS ORGANISED AND PERFORMED BY THE CADETS THEMSELVES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AID SERVICES SAID THE VARIETY SHOW WILL GIVE THE CADETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR PERFORMING TALENTS AND ORGANISING ABILITY, AND AT THE SAME TIME ENTERTAIN PEOPLE, MADE UP LARGELY OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CAS VARIETY SHOW, TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) AT THE CARITAS COMMUNITY HALL, 2 CAINE ROAD, STARTING 7 PM.

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PUMPING STATION

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A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION IS TO BE BUILT IN FANLING AS PART OF THE FANLING/SHEK WU HUI DEVELOPMENT.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUMPING STATION AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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