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HONG KONG FESTIVAL A SMASH HIT WITH BRITISH  
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MORE THAN 115 000 PEOPLE YESTERDAY (SATURDAY) FLOCKED TO LONDON'S BATTERSEA PARK TO SEE THE SPECTACULAR OPENING DAY OF THE +HONG KONG IN LONDON+ FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL TURNED UP TO BE A SMASH HIT WITH THE BRITISH PUBLIC WHO CAME SO THICK AND FAST THAT THE PARK GATE HAD TO CLOSE AT 2 PM FOR A SHORT WHILE TO ALLOW MORE SPACE FOR CARPARKING.

THE PARK BECAME VERY HONG KONG. IT WAS FESTOONED WITH CHINESE LANTERNS, FLAGS AND BUNTING AND IT WAS A DAY FULL OF COLOUR, EXCITEMENT AND GLAMOUR.

THE COLOUR WAS PROVIDED BY THREE HONG KONG DANCE TROUPES WHO ENCHANTED THEIR AUDIENCES AND BETWEEN PERFORMANCES, LION AND UNICORN DANCES AMUSED CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE.

AND, AS ALWAYS WITH CHINESE FESTIVALS, ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND MOST POPULAR ATTRACTIONS WAS THE 24 METRES LONG RED DRAGON DANCE WHICH SNAKED ITS WAY AMONG THE CROWD ALONG THE MAIN CONCOURSE OF THE PARK.

THERE WAS MUCH EXCITEMENT ON THE THAMES WITH DRAGON BOAT RACING SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE UK. THE RACES WERE KEENLY CONTESTED AND THE WINNER, THE RICHMOND CANOE CLUB, WON A HANDSOME TROPHY PRESENTED BY THE C.Y. TUNG SHIPPING GROUP.

THE CROWD ALSO FLOCKED TO KEYING II WHICH MADE A CEREMONIAL 'SAIL PAST' IN FULL SAIL UP AND DOWN THE THAMES.

MORE EXCITEMENT CAME FROM MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAYS IN THE PARK AND AMPHITHEATRE WHERE THERE WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY. SOME SPECTATORS EVEN CLIMBED UP CHAINS AND LIGHT POLES TO GET A LOOK.

RESTAURANT OWNERS OF GERARD STREET, SOHO, WHO SET UP ABOUT 50 FOOD STALLS IN THE PARK, WERE OVERWHELMED BY THE DEMAND FOR THEIR SNACKS.

OTHER STALLS IN THE MARKET PLACE ALSO THRIVED SELLING ALL KINDS OF HONG KONG CRAFT PRODUCTS. THE CRAFTSMEN FLOWN IN FOR THE OCCASION WERE ALMOST EXHAUSTED AT THE END OF THE DAY AS THE CROWDS KEPT UP THEIR CONTINUAL DEMANDS.

TOUR OPERATORS IN THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION TENT ALSO RECORDED MORE ENQUIRIES THAN THEY COULD HANDLE.

THE GLAMOUR EVENT OF THE DAY WAS THE CROWNING OF THE MISS FESTIVAL QUEEN CONTEST, JUDGED BY HONG KONG DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING MR AND MRS S.K. LI, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR LAU WONG-FAT AND MR DAVID FORD.

FROM THE 17 UNITED KINGDOM-BASED HONG KONG GIRLS, THEY CHOSE THE TALL AND SLIM MISS MABLE LIU, A 22-YEAR-OLD STUDENT FROM WOOLWICH IN SOUTHEAST LONDON.

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SHE WAS CROWNED BY MISS HONG KONG 1980, MISS WANDA TAI, WHOSE PRETTY FACE APPEARED IN MAJOR NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS PUBLICISING THE FESTIVAL.

THE FESTIVAL QUEEN CONTEST WAS FOLLOWED BY A 'LIVE' STAGE SHOW OF TVB'S '+ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT+'. IT WAS A CHANCE FOR MOST OF LONDON'S CHINESE POPULATION TO MILL AROUND THE STAGE AND SHARE THEIR FAVOURITES - ROMAN TAM, LYDIA SHUM, KWAN KUK-YING, ROWENA CORTES, LOUIE CASTRO, YUEN SHIU-FAI AND THE TVB DANCERS.

IT WAS ALL VERY NOSTALGIC FOR THE VAST HONG KONG CHINESE IN THE HUGE CROWD WHICH WAS SO DENSE AROUND THE STAGE, THAT THE POLICE STOPPED THE SHOW FOR A SHORT WHILE TO URGE THE PEOPLE BURSTING THROUGH THE SAFETY BARRIER TO MOVE BACK.

THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR DAVID FORD DESCRIBED RESPONSE TO THE FESTIVAL AS 'MARVELLOUS' AND SAID THE SIZE OF THE CROWD WAS WELL BEYOND EXPECTATION.

IT WAS REALLY HEART-WARMING, HE SAID, TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN A TRULY HONG KONG ATMOSPHERE AND DEMONSTRATING SUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR THEM.

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#### MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 TO FACILITATE THIS YEAR'S MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

BETWEEN 7 PM ON TUESDAY AND 2 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE SECTION OF GLOUCESTER ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN THE DOWN-RAMP OF VICTORIA PARK FLYOVER AND SUGAR STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG VICTORIA PARK FLYOVER WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF GLOUCESTER ROAD.

EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON GREAT GEORGE STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT TO CAUSEWAY ROAD VIA THE ROXY CAR PARK. SUGAR STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.

CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE NOS. 102 AND 106 ON LEAVING THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WATERFRONT ROAD, VICTORIA PARK ROAD, WING HING STREET AND KING'S ROAD.

CROSS HARBOUR EXPRESS COACH ROUTE NO. 200 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND, VICTORIA PARK FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND, O'BRIEN ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD.

ALL METERED PARKING SPACES AT THE ROXY CAR PARK ADJACENT TO SUGAR STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 5 PM ON TUESDAY AND 2 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE METERED PARKING SPACES IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE BUS STAND AT THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 2 PM ON TUESDAY AND 8 PM ON THURSDAY.

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ALL OTHER PARKING FACILITIES AT THE PEAK CAR PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 6 PM ON TUESDAY TO 2 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, ONLY FRANCHISED BUSES, MAXICABS AND TAXIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE THESE SPACES.

ONLY RESIDENTS' VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD BETWEEN 6 PM ON TUESDAY AND 2 AM ON THURSDAY.

ALL TRAFFIC PROCEEDING TO AND FROM THE PEAK AREA WILL BE DIVERTED FROM PEAK ROAD INTO THE UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS CAR PARK AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY POLICE OFFICERS.

DIVERSIONS IN PEAK ROAD AND MAGAZINE GAP ROAD MAY ALSO BE IMPOSED AT ANY TIME AS DIRECTED BY POLICE OFFICERS WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

AS PARKING FACILITIES IN THE VICTORIA PEAK GARDEN AREA WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE FULL USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AND TEMPORARY SIGNS WILL BE POSTED. ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES MAY BE TOWED BY THE POLICE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS WILL BE PROVIDED ON THAT DAY FROM 7 PM ONWARDS ON THE FOLLOWING BUS ROUTES SERVING HONG KONG ISLAND:

- \* ROUTE NO. 15 - CENTRAL/THE PEAK
- \* ROUTE NO. 15B - CAUSEWAY BAY/THE PEAK
- \* ROUTE NO. 41 - NORTH POINT/OCEAN PARK/WAH FU

THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL BUS ROUTES WILL ALSO BE OPERATED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PEOPLE GOING TO THE PEAK AREA:

- \* ROUTE NO. 15A - NORTH POINT FERRY/THE PEAK
- \* ROUTE NO. 15M - ADMIRALTY MTR STATION/THE PEAK

HONG KONG ISLAND MAXICAB ROUTE NOS. 2 AND 3 WILL CEASE OPERATION AT 7 PM ON TUESDAY TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS TO BE PROVIDED ON MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 1 BETWEEN CENTRAL AND THE PEAK FROM 7 PM ONWARDS.

ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE ON TUESDAY AND THE SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED UP TO 3 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE JUBILEE STREET TO KWUN TONG FERRY SERVICE WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 2 PM AND 7.35 PM ON TUESDAY TO RELEASE THE FERRY VESSELS ON THE SERVICE FOR REDEPLOYMENT ON THE OUTLYING DISTRICT FERRY SERVICES, AND THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL OPERATE ADDITIONAL SAILINGS TO THE OUTLYING DISTRICTS PARTICULARLY TO SILVERMINE BAY AND CHEUNG CHAU SHOULD DEMAND REQUIRE IT.

FOR MTR SERVICES, OPERATING HOURS WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED UP TO ABOUT 3 AM FOR THE FESTIVAL.

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REVIEW ON DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR ELDERLY

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THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE NOW REVIEWING WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY TO DETERMINE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE HING WAH SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN CHAI WAN.

SHE SAID THE REVIEW WOULD ASSESS FUTURE SUPPLY AND DEMAND AND SET OUT THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS IN THE VARIOUS SERVICES FOR OLD PEOPLE.

THE REVIEW IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE IN GREAT DEMAND AS MANY PEOPLE COULD HARDLY SPARE MORE TIME FOR THEIR ELDERLY PARENTS IN THIS COMPETITIVE SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

SHE SAID OLD PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE A HAPPY LIFE AFTER MANY YEARS OF SWEAT AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY.

TO THIS END, SHE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES OLD AGE ALLOWANCE AND OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT, AS WELL AS IMPROVES SERVICES IN MEDICAL CARE, HOUSING, INSTITUTIONAL CARE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE HING WAH SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IS RUN BY THE METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG METHODIST CHURCH, AND PROVIDES SUCH ACTIVITIES AS INTEREST AND FRATERNITY GROUPS, COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND COUNSELLING.

FINANCED BY GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE METHODIST CHURCH, MRS CHAN SAID THE PROJECT REPRESENTS THE JOINT EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN PROMOTING SERVICES FOR OLD PEOPLE IN CHAI WAN.

SHE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISERS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MORE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES COULD MAKE EVEN BIGGER CONTRIBUTIONS BY SETTING UP MORE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

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MASSIVE INCREASE IN AVAILABILITY OF NT LAND

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THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) A MASSIVE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF LAND IT IS PUTTING UP FOR DISPOSAL OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, WITH THE EMPHASIS BEING ON LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATION SAID MORE THAN 24 HECTARES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE BETWEEN OCTOBER, 1980, AND MARCH, 1981, COMPARED WITH 20 HECTARES DURING THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS AND 14 HECTARES DURING THE OCTOBER, 1979 - MARCH, 1980 PERIOD.

+THIS MEANS THAT OVER 71 PER CENT MORE NEW TERRITORIES LAND IS TO BE OFFERED DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS COMPARED WITH THE SAME SIX MONTHS LAST YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS ALSO 20 PER CENT HIGHER THAN FOR THE PERIOD MARCH - SEPTEMBER, 1980.

THE LAND TO BE SOLD WILL BE FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL, INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

A TOTAL OF 42 SITES ARE TO BE OFFERED, OF WHICH 10 (MEASURING 3.70 HECTARES) WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION, ONE (MEASURING FIVE HECTARES) WILL BE FOR TENDER IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME AND THE REMAINDER (MEASURING 15.66 HECTARES) WILL BE FOR HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. IN THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS 38 SITES WERE OFFERED AND THERE WERE FIVE LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS COMPARED WITH 32 SITES OFFERED IN THE NEW ALLOCATIONS.

MOST OF THE SITES - 24 - ARE IN SHA TIN= FOUR EACH IN SAI KUNG, YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN= THREE ARE IN ISLANDS, TWO IN TAI PO AND ONE IN TSUEN WAN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID 159 935.3 SQUARE METRES (OR 15.99 HECTARES) WOULD BE FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME DEVELOPMENT AT TUEN MUN, THE LAND FOR WHICH WOULD BE DISPOSED OF BY TENDER IN DECEMBER.

HE SAID RESIDENTIAL SITES WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN ISLANDS, SHA TIN, SAI KUNG, YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN DISTRICTS.

THREE OF THE RESIDENTIAL SITES (TOTALLING 13 273 SQUARE METRES) WILL BE AUCTIONED IN JANUARY, 1981. TWO ARE IN ISLANDS DISTRICT (LANTAU AND PENG CHAU) AND THE OTHER IN SHA TIN.

ALSO TO BE AUCTIONED IN JANUARY ARE A COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL SITE IN TAI PO, A SITE FOR A HOTEL IN SHA TIN MEASURING 4 602 SQUARE METRES, AND TWO INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN SITES IN SAI KUNG.

A RESIDENTIAL SITE AT CHEUNG SHA, LANTAU, AND ONE IN SAI KUNG, TOTALLING 6 718.3 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE AUCTIONED IN MARCH. ANOTHER INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN SITE IN SAI KUNG WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT THE SAME AUCTION.

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THERE WILL BE TWO TENDERS - IN DECEMBER AND MARCH - FOR LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS, TO WHOM 32 SITES WILL BE OFFERED. TWENTY OF THESE, TOTALLING 89 944 SQUARE METRES (8.99 HECTARES), ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES, 18 OF WHICH ARE IN SHA TIN, ONE IN YUEN LONG AND THE OTHER IN TUEN MUN.

AT THE DECEMBER TENDER, TWO SITES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SHA TIN AND THREE SITES FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN YUEN LONG WILL ALSO BE OFFERED.

AT THE MARCH TENDER, TWO COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL SITES - ONE IN TAI PO, THE OTHER IN TSUEN WAN - WILL BE AVAILABLE, IN ADDITION TO TWO FURTHER LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SITES IN SHA TIN, TWO INDUSTRIAL SITES IN TUEN MUN AND A TOWN CENTRE SITE IN TUEN MUN.

THIS LAST SITE MEASURING 18 880 SQUARE METRES IS THE LARGEST TO BE OFFERED DURING THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD. IT IS SITUATED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG HIGHWAY AND WILL BE LINKED BY A FIVE LEVEL PODIUM EXTENDING ACROSS THE HIGHWAY, CONTAINING SHOPPING AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES WITH RESIDENTIAL TOWERS ABOVE.

IT WILL ALSO BE THE MAJOR CAR PARKING AREA IN THE TOWN CENTRE, ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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#### NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR

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A NEW FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN WONG CHUK HANG TO COPE WITH INCREASED DEMAND FROM THE AREA.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ASSOCIATED 180-METRE LONG ACCESS ROAD, ARE NOW BEING CALLED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE RESERVOIR WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 15 200 CUBIC METRES AND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OF REINFORCED CONCRETE DECKING ON THE HILLSIDE TO THE SOUTH OF WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW PIER PLAN

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A NEW PIER WILL REPLACE A JETTY AT MONG TUNG WAN, SOUTH LANTAO.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

PEOPLE OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL OR CLAIMING PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN, HAS BEEN POSTED ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD- THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING- OR AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS), FOURTH FLOOR, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

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