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QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM --- FINEST OF ITS KIND IN ASIA
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THE FINEST SPORTS STADIUM OF ITS KIND IN ASIA IS RAPIDLY RISING IN HONG KONG, AND COULD BE READY FOR OPENING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IS BEING BUILT ON A 3,000-SQUARE METRE SITE BETWEEN OI KWAN ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE \$43 MILLION STADIUM BEGAN LAST MARCH AND ALREADY THE SHELL OF THE 12-STOREY BUILDING HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO THE AREA --- NINE FLOORS ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE.

+THE STADIUM WILL PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTING FACILITIES FOR BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, AS WELL AS FACILITATING OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES,+ SAID A PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS CONTRIBUTED \$5.1 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROJECT, AND WHEN COMPLETED IT WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE COUNCIL FOR MANAGEMENT.

THE PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE STADIUM WOULD BE THE +FINEST OF ITS KIND IN ASIA+, AND WOULD BE A MAJOR SPORTING CENTRE FOR HONG KONG'S YOUNG SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN.

THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE FACILITIES FOR JUST ABOUT EVERY INDOOR SPORT, FROM TABLE TENNIS AND BADMINTON TO ATHLETICS AND GYMNASTICS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TRAINING ROOMS, LECTURE AND COMMITTEE ROOMS, A 40-ROOM HOSTEL, CANTEEN FACILITIES AND A MULTI-PURPOSE STADIUM WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF ABOUT 3,500.

IN THE BASEMENT THERE WILL BE THREE SQUASH COURTS AND A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS AND GAMES HALL.

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VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL SITES FOR SALE
ON LANTAU AND PENG CHAU ISLANDS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO AUCTION THREE PRESTIGE SITES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT LATER THIS MONTH FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE THREE LOTS --- ONE ON LANTAU ISLAND AND THE OTHERS ON PENG CHAU --- ARE IN VERY SCENIC SETTINGS COMMANDING PANORAMIC SEA VIEWS.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. KEITH HEALY SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE LAND WOULD BE ATTRACTIVE TO DEVELOPERS AS AN AREA FOR HIGH-QUALITY HOUSES.

+THEY ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE SITES OVERLOOKING THE ADJOINING HILLS AND SOME OF HONG KONG'S MOST PICTURESQUE BEACHES,+ HE ADDED.

THE AUCTION --- THE FIRST FOR LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THIS YEAR --- WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON JANUARY 23 AT 11.00 A.M.

THE LANTAU SITE, MEASURING 1,398 SQUARE METRES, IS WITHIN A MINOR RESIDENTIAL LAYOUT AT CHEUNG SHA, CLOSE TO THE COASTAL PROTECTION AREA AND THE COUNTRY PARK.

THE SECOND AND THIRD LOTS ARE ADJACENT SITES ON WAI TSAI PEAK ON PENG CHAU, EACH COVERING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 372 SQUARE METRES WITH SWEEPING VIEWS OVER THE NEIGHBOURING ISLANDS AND LANTAU.

MR. HEALY SAID: +THE SALE CONDITIONS OF THE FIRST LOT CARRY A PLOT RATIO OF 0.4, ALLOWING FOR TWO-STOREY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON NOT MORE THAN 559 SQUARE METRES OF THE LAND.

+THE PENG CHAU LOTS CARRY SIMILAR CONDITIONS WHICH ONLY ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO-STOREY BUILDINGS ON 30 PER CENT OF THE LOT AREA.+

THE PENG CHAU SITES ARE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME TO MAKE LAND AVAILABLE ON PENG CHAU FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.

+WE SOLD TWO LOTS IN 1976 AND ANOTHER TWO MAY BECOME AVAILABLE LATER THIS YEAR.+

MR. HEALY SAID QUITE A NUMBER OF SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR ON LANTAU.

+THREE LOTS WILL BE DISPOSED OF BY AUCTION IN APRIL AND EIGHT OTHERS BY TENDER TO LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS TO FIT IN WITH THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

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SPORTS PROMOTION IN NEW TERRITORIES
NEEDS GOVERNMENT-COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) HE LOOKED FORWARD TO A CONTINUATION OF THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IN PROMOTING SPORTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE FIRST ISLANDS DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET AT WONG CHUK HUNG SPORTS GROUND IN ABERDEEN, MR. TODD SAID THE EVENT WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF A SUCCESSFUL AND WORTHWHILE SPORTS PROJECT BEING ACHIEVED THROUGH CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

+AND I HOPE THAT THIS SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST,+ HE SAID.

THE PROGRAMME WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE EIGHT LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES AND THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE.

MR. TODD RECALLED THAT IN THE PAST YEARS, YOUNGSTERS FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ATHLETIC MEET ALTHOUGH NOT REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE.

+THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID, +I KNOW THAT YOU INTEND TO SELECT A LOCAL TEAM TO REPRESENT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT IN THE COMING NEW TERRITORIES ATHLETIC MEET AND TODAY'S EVENT WILL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL TALENTS TO PROVE THEMSELVES AND TO WIN THE HONOUR OF REPRESENTING THEIR DISTRICT.+

HOWEVER, HE SAID, IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE MAIN OBJECT OF THE MEET WAS TO PROMOTE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS SPORTS ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS OF THE EIGHT SUB-DISTRICTS.

MORE THAN 300 COMPETITORS, MOSTLY STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS FROM OUT-LYING ISLANDS TOOK PART IN THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES.

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PREVENTING WASTAGE OF WATER THROUGH LEAKING MAINS
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT WASTAGE OF WATER THROUGH LEAKING MAINS.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT OF PWD IS DETERMINED TO DETECT FAULTY AND LEAKING UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION MAINS AND TO FULLY MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM, ENSURING NORMAL SUPPLY TO RESIDENTS.

THIS TASK IS PERFORMED BY A SPECIAL UNIT WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

KNOWN AS THE WASTE DETECTION UNIT, THIS GROUP OF EXPERIENCED WATERWORKS STAFF ARE BEHIND THE SCENES WORKERS -- USUALLY WORKING FROM MIDNIGHT TO EARLY MORNING WHEN THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION ARE IN BED AND VERY FEW TAPS ARE IN USE.

MR. YEUNG ON-CHING, A SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT, EXPLAINED THAT ALL MAINS WERE THOROUGHLY TESTED BEFORE BEING LAID, BUT ADDED SOME COULD DETERIORATE AND BE DAMAGED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.

+THERE IS, OF COURSE, THE OCCASIONAL BURST MAIN, EASILY SPOTTED,+ HE SAID. +BUT IF A LEAK IS SLIGHT, IT FREQUENTLY CANNOT BE OBSERVED AND WATER IN CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY CAN DISSIPATE IN THE SUB-SOIL. THE BEST WAY OF PREVENTING THIS IS BY MAKING THOROUGH CHECKS REGULARLY.+

TO FACILITATE DETECTION WORK, SOME 360 FRESH WATER AND 40 SALT WATER (FOR FLUSHING) WASTE DETECTION AREAS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.

TESTS ARE CARRIED OUT BY ALLOWING WATER TO ENTER THROUGH THE INLET MAIN IN WHICH A WASTE DETECTION METER, TOGETHER WITH A PRESSURE RECORDER, ARE INSTALLED.

IF THE FLOW IS OF AN UNREASONABLY HIGH QUANTITY, A LEAKAGE TEST OF THE SYSTEM INVOLVED IS THEN REQUIRED.

THIS MAY INVOLVE THE SHUTTING OFF OF SUPPLY TO CONSUMERS AND CLOSING SOME BRANCH VALVES WITHIN THE AREA.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, VISUAL AND SOUNDING INSPECTION, INCLUDING THE USE OF SOME ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT TO DETECT AND LOCATE LEAKS WILL ALSO BE MADE.

+WE ARE, AT PRESENT, DOING ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE TESTS A NIGHT ON A ROTATION BASIS,+ SAID MR. YEUNG.

ALL DETECTION AREAS ARE TESTED REGULARLY AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS. ON THE AVERAGE, ABOUT 200 LEAKS ARE DETECTED EACH MONTH.

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WEATHER IN DECEMBER

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THE WEATHER LAST (DECEMBER) MONTH WAS MILD AND SUNNY WITH A MONTHLY MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 18.6 DEGREES CELSIUS, MAKING IT THE SECOND WARMEST DECEMBER SINCE 1968, THE WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE WARMEST DECEMBER IN THE LAST 10 YEARS WAS IN 1977 WHEN THE MEAN TEMPERATURE WAS 19.4 DEGREES CELSIUS.

DURING THE MONTH, NO BIG FALLS IN TEMPERATURE WERE EXPERIENCED ALTHOUGH THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED ON FOUR OCCASIONS TO WARN OF STRONG WINDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WINTER SEASON.

RAINFALL WAS BELOW NORMAL AS THERE WAS RAIN ON ONLY FIVE DAYS OF THE MONTH.

IT WAS FINE AND DRY DURING THE FIRST 17 DAYS. CONDITIONS WERE RATHER MILD AND ON DECEMBER 10 TEMPERATURES ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 26.6 DEGREES CELSIUS --- THE HIGHEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

A COLD FRONT PASSED THROUGH HONG KONG ON DECEMBER 10 AND STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED FROM THAT EVENING UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MORNING. STRONG NORTHERLY WINDS WERE AGAIN EXPERIENCED ON DECEMBER 14 AND 15 AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF A SURGE OF THE WINTER MONSOON ON DECEMBER 13.

THE WEATHER TURNED CLOUDY ON DECEMBER 18 AND RAIN WAS REPORTED ON DECEMBER 20 AND 21 WHEN HONG KONG WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A STRONG EASTERLY AIRSTREAM FROM THE TAIWAN STRAIT.

DRIER AIR FROM THE NORTH ARRIVED EARLY ON DECEMBER 22 AND THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AND SUNNY. HOWEVER, CLOUD AND RAIN RETURNED ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND PERSISTED UNTIL BOXING DAY AS A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE AT HIGHER LEVELS APPROACHED FROM THE WEST.

CONDITIONS WERE COOL FROM DECEMBER 20 TO 26 AND ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 24 TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 13.1 DEGREES CELSIUS --- THE LOWEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER WAS AGAIN EXPERIENCED ON DECEMBER 27 AND PERSISTED UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. DURING THIS PERIOD STRONG EASTERLY WINDS WERE AGAIN EXPERIENCED OVERNIGHT ON DECEMBER 29 AND THE FOLLOWING DAY.

DURING THE MONTH NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO THE WEATHER.

RED FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON NINE DAYS OF THE MONTH.

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+HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY+ PHOTO COMPETITION
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT ENTRIES FOR THE PHOTO COMPETITION ON +HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY+, WHICH IS AIMED AT AROUSING THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST IN CARING FOR OLD PEOPLE, ARE NOW OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 16.

THERE WILL BE TWO SECTIONS IN THE COMPETITION — AN OPEN SECTION FOR ADULTS AND ANOTHER SECTION FOR STUDENTS. WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES AND TROPHIES, THE FIRST PRIZE BEING \$1,000.

PICTURES CAN BE TAKEN IN COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE, AND THEY SHOULD EXPRESS THE HEALTH AND VIGOUR OF THE ELDERLY PEOPLE — THEIR FAMILY AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MORALE.

ENTRIES CAN BE FORWARDED TO THE MEDICAL HEADQUARTERS AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, OR ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CENTRES : CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST= HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE, LEE PO CHUN CHAMBERS, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL= KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE, KOWLOON HOSPITAL, ARGYLE STREET= AND NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON.

DETAILS AND REGULATIONS OF THE PHOTO COMPETITION CAN BE OBTAINED AT THESE CENTRES OR ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

WINNING PHOTOS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE +HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY+ EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE MAIN CONCOURSE OF THE OCEAN TERMINAL FROM FEBRUARY 24 - 26.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY, AN AGE GROUP THAT NEEDS CARE AND ATTENTION.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE :

- * TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON WHAT IS NORMAL HEALTH IN OLD AGE AND THE PROCESS OF AGEING=
- * TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE VARIOUS FACTORS LEADING TO ILL HEALTH IN THE ELDERLY=
- * TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO OBTAIN OPTIMAL PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION OF DISEASES IN THE ELDERLY GROUP=
- * TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ON THE AVAILABILITY AND THE USE OF THE VARIOUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CAMPAIGN IS AIMED AT AROUSING THE INTEREST OF NOT ONLY THE ELDERLY BUT ALSO ALL OTHER AGE GROUPS.

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EIGHTH OPEN DANCE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

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A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCES OF THE EIGHTH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND TUESDAY EVENING IN THE CONCERT HALL, CITY HALL.

THE TERRITORY-WIDE DANCE CONTEST WAS HELD LAST DECEMBER WITH 111 TEAMS COMPRISING OVER 300 STUDENTS AND YOUTHS TAKING PART.

THE CONTEST WAS GROUPED INTO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND OPEN DIVISIONS AND THE COMPETITION EVENTS INCLUDED A VARIETY OF ORIENTAL AND WESTERN FOLK AND CLASSICAL DANCES.

A TOTAL OF 42 TEAMS WON IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS AND THEY WILL REPEAT THEIR WINNING PERFORMANCES DURING THE TWO PRIZE-PRESENTATION SESSIONS.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE OCCASION, A 20-MINUTE VARIETY SHOW HOSTED BY RTV ARTISTS AND DANCERS WILL FOLLOW THE PERFORMANCES BY 19 WINNING TEAMS TOMORROW EVENING.

MR. WONG LAM AND MISS JOYCE BENNETT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONIES.

THE CONTEST WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG), THE RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICE (KWUN TONG) AND THE KWUN TONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCES OF THE EIGHTH OPEN DANCE CONTEST TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND TUESDAY (JANUARY 9) AT 7 P.M. IN THE CONCERT HALL OF CITY HALL.

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WATER CUT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 9) TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 10) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY HYSAN AVENUE, SUNNING ROAD, HOI PING ROAD, SUN WUI ROAD, IRVING STREET, KESWICK STREET, LINK ROAD, CAROLINE HILL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD FROM YEE WO STREET TO CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND THE HONG KONG STADIUM.

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