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SHA TIN-TSUEN WAN CORRIDOR STUDY COMMISSIONED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY COMMISSIONED A \$7.8 MILLION FEASIBILITY STUDY ON TRANSPORT LINKS BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN NEW TOWNS.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN, AND MR A.C. LYONS ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT CONSULTANT GROUP COMPRISING HALCROW INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN ASSOCIATION WITH HALCROW FOX AND ASSOCIATES, PETER Y.S. PUN AND ASSOCIATES, AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND MARKET RESEARCH LTD. (TRANSMARK).

THE GOVERNMENT HAD IN THE PAST UNDERTAKEN SEVERAL TRANSPORT STUDIES CONCERNING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FUTURE TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AMONG THE ROUTES INVESTIGATED WERE ROUTE 5, LINKING SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN AND ROUTE 16, LINKING SHA TIN AND WEST KOWLOON.

ALTHOUGH PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDIES OF THESE TWO ROUTES WERE CARRIED OUT, THEY DID NOT INCLUDE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSES COMPREHENSIVE ENOUGH TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE TYPE, SCALE AND TIMING OF THE FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE CORRIDOR.

THE GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, HAS DECIDED TO ENGAGE CONSULTANTS TO UNDERTAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE MOST EFFICIENT MEANS TO MEET THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE SHA TIN-TSUEN WAN CORRIDOR.

COMMENTING ON THE LATEST STUDY COMMISSIONED, DR NIP SAID IT WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO TWO STAGES:

+STAGE I WILL CONSIST OF A TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC INVESTIGATION OF THE ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS.

+THIS WILL BE IN SUCH DETAIL AS TO PROVIDE A PRELIMINARY BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE RELATIVE ADVANTAGES OF VARIOUS SYSTEMS AND THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES TO BE STUDIED IN GREATER DETAIL IN STAGE II.

+THE STUDY WILL ALSO BE USED AS A CASE STUDY TO DEMONSTRATE THE APPLICATION OF APPROPRIATE ECONOMIC EVALUATION TECHNIQUES AND CRITERIA IN THE GOVERNMENT'S TRANSPORT PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING PROCESS.+

THE STUDY WILL START IMMEDIATELY AND A DRAFT FINAL REPORT ON ITS RESULT AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT IN TEN MONTHS.

THE STUDY WILL BE PARTLY FINANCED BY A LOAN FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

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RULES FOR ELECTRONIC GAMES CENTRES MAY BE RELAXED
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR NIGEL WATT SAID TODAY THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING TAKING A MORE LIBERAL APPROACH TO THE PROCEDURES FOR LICENSING ELECTRONIC GAMES MACHINES.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, MR WATT SAID HE MIGHT PERMIT THE LICENSING OF AUTOMATIC MACHINE CENTRES, WITHOUT SUCH CENTRES BEING NECESSARILY TIED TO OTHER FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT, PROVIDED THEY ARE RESTRICTED TO HEALTHY ELECTRONIC GAMES.

HE STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT CONTEMPLATING LICENSING GAMBLING MACHINES SUCH AS +ONE ARMED BANDITS+ OR +FRUIT MACHINES+.

BY ELECTRONIC GAMES MACHINES, MR WATT SAID HE WAS REFERRING TO THOSE PRODUCED AS A RESULT OF THE COMPUTER REVOLUTION IN RECENT YEARS WHICH PROVIDE, IN MANY CASES, ORIGINAL AND HEALTHY AVENUES FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION.

SOME OF THESE MACHINES, HE SAID, ARE SO COMPLEX AND LARGE THAT THEY LOOK LIKE INDOOR SPORTING CENTRES.

+WHETHER YOUR HOBBY BE GOLF, BASE-BALL, SHOOTING, MOTOR-CYCLING, OR MOTOR-RALLY DRIVING, THERE IS A MACHINE TO TEST YOUR SKILLS AND TO GIVE YOU OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRACTICE IN YOUR FAVOURITE SPORT,+ HE EXPLAINED.

IN THE PAST, THE MAJORITY OF MACHINES LICENSED IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN OF THE OLD STYLE PIN-BALL MACHINES WHICH MANY PEOPLE THINK ARE CONDUCTIVE TO GAMBLING AND ARE AN UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCE ON YOUNG PEOPLE.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 92 ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE MACHINES ARE PERMITTED AS AN ANCILLARY TO OTHER ENTERTAINMENT.

LICENCES ARE ISSUED FOR ABOUT 1 200 MACHINES OF WHICH ABOUT A THIRD ARE SMALL ELECTRONIC GAMES MACHINES WHICH ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO THE SAME LICENSING RESTRICTIONS SINCE THE LAW DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THEM, MR WATT SAID.

HE ENVISAGED THAT IF AUTOMATIC MACHINES CENTRES WERE TO BE LICENSED IN ISOLATION FROM OTHER ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES, THE PLACES WOULD HAVE TO BE IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OR IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTIONS OF MIXED USER BUILDINGS WHERE THE COMMERCIAL SECTION HAS ENTRANCES AND EXITS SEPARATE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

HE THOUGHT ADULT AMUSEMENT CENTRES SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO PEOPLE OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE AND SHOULD NOT BE HOUSED IN BUILDINGS CLOSE TO SCHOOLS OR ANY OTHER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES SO AS TO PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE AGAINST UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCE OR BULLYING BY OLDER PARTICIPANTS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, MR WATT THOUGHT THESE MACHINES SHOULD ALSO BE ALLOWED TO BE INCLUDED IN CHILDREN'S RECREATION CENTRES BECAUSE CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE DEPRIVED OF THE RIGHT TO TAKE PART IN THESE HEALTHY GAMES IN PROPERLY CONTROLLED PREMISES.

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IN THESE PLACES, NOBODY OVER 16 WOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE ADMITTED UNLESS THEY WERE LOOKING AFTER A CHILD, HE SAID.

MR WATT SAID THIS POSSIBLE LIBERALISATION OF POLICY WOULD BRING FORTH NEW ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AND COULD BE OF PARTICULAR VALUE TO SOME OF THE REMOTE AREAS WHERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENTERTAINMENT AND RELAXATION WERE LIMITED.

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO OPEN EXHIBITION
ON KWUN TONG DEVELOPMENT
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AN EXHIBITION ILLUSTRATING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KWUN TONG WILL BE HELD INSIDE THE MTR KWUN TONG STATION FROM SATURDAY (DECEMBER 6) TO DECEMBER 21.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY FOLLOWING WHICH HE WILL BE INTRODUCED TO MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF +KWUN TONG TODAY+ AT KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE.

+KWUN TONG TODAY+ IS A TWO-WEEK COMMUNITY FUNCTION ORGANISED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL BODIES.

JOINTLY SPONSORED BY ITS ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, THE EXHIBITION AT THE MTR STATION WILL FEATURE A DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE HISTORY OF KWUN TONG AND PAST EVENTS SUCH AS THE LANDSLIDE AT SAU MAU PING IN JUNE 1972 AND THE FIRE AT LEI YUE MUN LAST YEAR.

THE +PRESENT+ PART OF THE EXHIBITION WILL FOCUS ON PROBLEMS LIKE TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, SERVICE DEFICIENCIES, AS WELL AS THE ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS WILL ALSO SHOW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS IN SQUATTER AREAS SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND PUBLIC STAND PIPES.

THE +FUTURE+ PART WILL BE PRESENTED BY MODELS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - THE NGAU TAU KOK MARKET AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, EAST NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE, TSUI PING ROAD ESTATE REDEVELOPMENT AND TELFORD GARDEN.

ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7) +KWUN TONG TODAY+ WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND, TSUI PING ROAD.

THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS MR GRAHAM BARNES, WHO IS THE HONORARY PATRON OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, WILL DOT THE EYES OF A DRAGON AND PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE ORGANISERS AND SPONSORING AGENCIES.

AN ENTERTAINING PROGRAMME WILL THEN START. THERE WILL BE DRAGON AND LION DANCES, MUSIC PERFORMANCES BY SCHOOL BANDS AND THE ARMED FORCES, AND FOLK DANCES BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS.

THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CYCLING TEAM WILL DISPLAY THEIR SKILLS WHILE MEMBERS OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE WILL TAKE PART IN A PARADE.

ABOUT 3 000 LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION. FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG) AND ITS SUB-OFFICE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO HAVE BOTH EVENTS COVERED. SIR JACK CATER WILL OPEN THE EXHIBITION AT THE MTR KWUN TONG STATION AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 6), WHILE MR BARNES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF +KWUN TONG TODAY+ AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 7).

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ANALYSIS OF EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS
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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN SHOWED THAT FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1980, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, TEXTILES, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND METAL PRODUCTS.

THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 87 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THREE MONTHS.

THIS SERIES OF STATISTICS IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMMODITY ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED.

THE LARGEST INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUES OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1979 OCCURRED IN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$603 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (\$516 MILLION), TEXTILES (\$466 MILLION), METAL PRODUCTS (\$302 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL (\$239 MILLION), AND PLASTIC PRODUCTS (\$166 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE HIGHEST INCREASES WERE : TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (147%), TOBACCO (57%), NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (44%), BEVERAGES (43%), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (35%), AND METAL PRODUCTS (33%).

CONCURRENTLY, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED IN SEVERAL INDUSTRY GROUPS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING FOOD PRODUCTS (-\$20 MILLION) IN ABSOLUTE VALUES, AND MINING AND QUARRYING (-67%) AS WELL AS OCEAN AND COASTAL FISHING (-11%) IN PERCENTAGE TERMS.

FOR IMPORTS, PRODUCTS OF THE TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, PETROLEUM AND COAL, METALS, CHEMICALS, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, AND FOOD INDUSTRIES TOGETHER TOOK UP 64 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1980.

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INCREASES IN THE ABSOLUTE VALUE OF IMPORTS OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1979 WERE LARGEST WITH ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES (\$823 MILLION), TEXTILES (\$816 MILLION), PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (\$647 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (\$460 MILLION), AND METAL PRODUCTS (\$452 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE HIGHEST INCREASES WERE : FOOTWEAR (68%), WEARING APPAREL (61%), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (47%), TOBACCO (42%), AND PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (40%).

A DECREASE OF \$619 MILLION (OR -53%) WAS RECORDED IN THE IMPORTS OF MINING AND QUARRYING PRODUCTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1980 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, WHILE IMPORTS OF BEVERAGES DECLINED BY \$48 MILLION (OR -20%).

FURTHER DETAILS OF EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT TEL. NO. 5-274203).

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WATER SUPPLIES CHIEF OPENS SERVICE RESERVOIR * * * * *

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, TODAY OPENED THE NEWLY COMPLETED TUI MIN HOI SERVICE RESERVOIR BOOSTING THE CAPACITY OF WATER SUPPLY TO SAI KUNG TO 8 000 CUBIC METRES A DAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, HE SAID THE 1 200-CUBIC METRE RESERVOIR FORMED PART OF A SCHEME TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY TO SAI KUNG.

THE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING THE DUPLICATION OF SECTIONS OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTION MAIN FROM SAU MAU PING TO SAI KUNG SERVICE RESERVOIR, COST A TOTAL OF \$6.5 MILLION.

MR TUCKER RECALLED THAT IT WAS NOT UNTIL 1971 THAT FULLY TREATED WATER WAS SUPPLIED TO SAI KUNG TOWN AND VILLAGES ALONG HIRAMS HIGHWAY.

THE ORIGINAL PROPOSALS ENVISAGED A SYSTEM WITH A CAPACITY OF 2 700 CUBIC METRES A DAY. HOWEVER, THE SUPPLY CAPACITY WAS INCREASED TO 5 900 CUBIC METRES A DAY IN 1973 AS A RESULT OF FURTHER DEMANDS.

TO MEET THE INCREASING NEEDS OF THE AREA, WORK IS PROCEEDING AT PAK KONG TO BUILD A DRAW-OFF TUNNEL AND ASSOCIATED PIPE WORK TO TAKE WATER FROM THE HIGH ISLAND TUNNEL SYSTEM.

+A FILTER PLANT AND PUMP HOUSE WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY TO TWO AND A HALF TIMES THE PRESENT CAPACITY TO MEET THE ADDITIONAL DEMAND ARISING IN THE EXISTING SUPPLY AREAS IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND AT THE SAME TIME TO ALLOW FOR THE EXTENSION OF SUPPLIES TO A FURTHER 12 000 OF THE POPULATION,+ MR TUCKER SAID.

+WORK ON THIS \$15M PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE BY 1982 TO PERMIT EXTENSIONS OF THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND PLANNING OF THESE EXTENSIONS IS NOW IN HAND.+

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IN THE LONGER TERM, HE SAID, IT WAS PROPOSED TO BUILD A LARGE TREATMENT WORKS AT PAK KONG TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND FROM THE ENTIRE SAI KUNG PENINSULA, JUNK BAY AND THE EASTERN PART OF NEW KOWLOON.

MR TUCKER AND MR LEE YUN-SAU, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THEN JOINTLY OPENED A VALVE ALLOWING THE WATER TO FLOW INTO THE NEW RESERVOIR.

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EMPLOYERS LIABILITIES UNDER EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION LAW
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS TO INSURE THEMSELVES AGAINST THEIR LIABILITIES UNDER THE RECENTLY ENACTED EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

+THIS ALSO APPLIES TO ANYONE WHO HIRES A DOMESTIC SERVANT,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON NOVEMBER 1 PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM COMPENSATION OF \$192 000 FOR TOTAL PERMANENT INCAPACITY AND \$168 000 FOR DEATH.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN VIEW OF THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IT IS ESPECIALLY ESSENTIAL FOR SMALLER EMPLOYERS TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES BECAUSE THEY MIGHT FACE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IF THEY FAIL TO DO SO.

+EMPLOYERS MUST ENSURE THAT THE INSURANCE POLICY COVERS ALL THE LIABILITIES THEY WISH TO BE COVERED. A POLICY MAY SOMETIMES EXCLUDE CERTAIN LIABILITIES SUCH AS CIVIL DAMAGES, MEDICAL EXPENSES OR CERTAIN TYPES OF WORK. EMPLOYERS SHOULD THEREFORE EXAMINE THE INSURANCE POLICY CAREFULLY TO ASCERTAIN ITS COVERAGE.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION IS BASED ON THE +NO FAULT+ PRINCIPLE- IF AN ACCIDENT WHICH CAUSES INJURY TO AN EMPLOYEE IS DUE TO THE EMPLOYER'S NEGLIGENCE, THE EMPLOYER IS ALSO LIABLE TO CIVIL DAMAGES.

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LEGO MEETS TOMORROW
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UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS WILL RAISE 13 QUESTIONS ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AT TOMORROW'S COUNCIL MEETING.

THE HON LI FOOK-WO WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON HOW MUCH A DAY THE MACLENNAN ENQUIRY IS COSTING AND HOW MUCH LONGER IT IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

THE HON LYDIA DUNN WILL RAISE A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SECURITIES COMMISSION TO ALTER THE STATUS OF, OR THE GUIDELINES LAID DOWN IN THE TAKEOVER CODE.

REV THE HON JOYCE BENNETT WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED A VIGOROUS MEDIA CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS OF SMOKING.

THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN WILL RAISE TWO QUESTIONS ON ID CARDS - ONE ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER ADDING MORE ANTI-FORGERY FEATURES TO ID CARDS AND THE OTHER ON MEASURES TO PREVENT THE ILLICIT USE OF LOST ID CARDS.

OTHER QUESTIONS RELATE TO THE NUMBER OF RAPE CASES REPORTED- MEASURES TO PRESERVE HONG KONG'S HISTORICAL RELICS- TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT PING SHEK-CHOI HUNG ROUNDABOUT- THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME- EFFORTS TO INSULATE THE ROOFS OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES- PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING THE USE OF CHINESE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE- NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING TRAIN PASSENGERS AND FACTORY CANTEEN LICENCE APPLICATIONS.

SIX BILLS WILL BE TABLED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS AT TOMORROW'S MEETING.

THEY ARE THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS BILL 1980- THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1979-80) BILL 1980- THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980- THE TELEVISION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980- THE PUBLIC OFFICERS (ASSIGNMENT OF EMOLUMENTS) BILL 1980 AND THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1980.

THE NEWLY APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG WILL TAKE THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AT TOMORROW'S SITTING.

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DSW VISITS WELFARE INSTITUTIONS
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY (TUESDAY) WENT ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF THREE GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED WELFARE INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

HE VISITED THE LEE SEE PING HOSTEL FOR THE AGED AND THE HING WAH DAY NURSERY IN CHAI WAN, AND LATER CALLED ON THE TUNG WAH CARE AND ATTENTION HOME FOR THE ELDERLY IN WONG CHUK HANG.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR DAKHISON YIU, AND OFFICIALS OF THE HOSPITAL GROUP, HE INSPECTED THE FACILITIES AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE INSTITUTIONS.

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AT THE HOSTEL, HE SAW OLD PEOPLE ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING READING, RELAXING, PLAYING CHESS, ENJOYING TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AND DOING SIMPLE HANDICRAFT.

THE HOSTEL ACCOMMODATES 73 OLD PEOPLE, PROVIDING THEM WITH MEAL SERVICES AND HELP IN LAUNDRY AND CLEANING. SOCIAL WORKERS AND NURSES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR GUIDANCE AND ORGANISING GROUP ACTIVITIES.

AT THE HING WAH DAY NURSERY, ALSO IN CHAI WAN, MR ALLEYNE WAS BRIEFED ON THE DAILY PROGRAMMES FOR THE 100 CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SIX YEARS PUT IN ITS CARE BY WORKING PARENTS.

THE DIRECTOR WOUND UP THE DAY'S VISIT BY CALLING ON THE TUNG WAH CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN WONG CHUK HANG WHICH PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR OLD PEOPLE INCAPABLE OF SELF-CARE.

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2 400 LITTERBUGS BOOKED IN NT
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ABOUT 2 400 LITTERBUGS WERE BOOKED IN THE MONTH-LONG ANTI-LITTER DRIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS LAST MONTH.

ALL LITTERBUGS WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE ANTI-LITTER COURT THIS MONTH ON CHARGES UNDER THE PUBLIC CLEANSING AND PREVENTION OF NUISANCES BY-LAW, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE OFFENDERS WILL FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1 000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND \$2 000 ON THE SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION, HE ADDED.

OF THE LITTERBUGS, 497 WERE CAUGHT IN KWAI CHUNG, 450 IN TSUEN WAN AND 63 IN SHA TIN.

APART FROM BOOKING THE OFFENDERS, A TOTAL OF 1 800 NOTICES WERE SERVED ON RESIDENTS AND SHOP OPERATORS REQUIRING THEM TO CLEAN UP AND REMOVE REFUSE FROM THEIR SURROUNDING AREAS WITHIN SIX METRES OF THEIR PREMISES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE ENFORCEMENT EXERCISE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT SERVED THE PURPOSE OF AROUSING THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT AND HELPING TO RID HONG KONG OF REFUSE.

ON REFUSE COLLECTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT 1 000 TONNES OF REFUSE WERE REMOVED A DAY DURING THE MONTH.

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LOGO REQUIRED FOR CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL
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THE ORGANISERS OF THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL ARE LOOKING FOR A LOGO AND THEY ARE OFFERING PRIZES TOTALLING \$1 000 TO GET ONE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE, WHICH ORGANISES THE ANNUAL WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE RUN JOINTLY WITH THE ISLAND'S CULTURE AND RECREATION ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

CASH PRIZES OF \$700, \$200 AND \$100 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNER AND TWO RUNNERS-UP. HONG KONG RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ENTER.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL, HELD IN APRIL OR MAY, HAS MORE THAN 100 YEARS' HISTORY AND HAS BECOME A MAJOR ATTRACTION TO BOTH LOCAL RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS.

THE FESTIVAL TO BRING GOOD LUCK TO THE ISLAND INCLUDES A PARADE OF SHRINES FROM THE ISLAND'S TEMPLES, FLOATS, LION DANCES AND CHIU CHAU GONGS AND DRUM PERFORMANCES. DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD RESIDENTS DO NOT EAT MEAT OR FISH.

TO ENSURE THAT CELEBRATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN A MORE ORDERLY MANNER, THE TRADITIONAL BUN SCRAMBLE WAS CANCELLED LAST YEAR. INSTEAD, BUNS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION SHOULD REFLECT SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE FESTIVAL AND REACH CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE IN TUNG WAN BEFORE JANUARY 10, 1981.

RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ON SAI YEE STREET
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NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON SAI YEE STREET IN MONG KOK WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO BOUNDARY STREET WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 4) UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO AREAS OF SHAU KEI WAN AND LEI YUE MUN WILL BE INTERRUPTED OVERNIGHT ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 4).

SUPPLY TO PREMISES ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD FROM ALDRICH STREET TO SUN SING STREET, INCLUDING FU TAU WAT VILLAGE AND TSIN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGE, WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

IN LEI YUE MUN, WHERE SUPPLY WILL BE CUT FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM, LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE AND PREMISES ON SZE SHAN STREET AND CHO YUEN STREET WILL BE AFFECTED.

ALSO ON THURSDAY, FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY (FRIDAY), SALT WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF KWAI CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE INTERRUPTED.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY CHUNG ON STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND MA TAU PA ROAD AND COVERS TAI WO HAU ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, AND KWAI SHING ESTATE.

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