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\$100 MILLION INDUSTRIAL PLANT FOR TSING YI ISLAND

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI ISLAND AS A BASE FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY HAS RECEIVED ANOTHER BOOST WITH THE LEASE OF A LARGE AREA OF LAND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A \$100 MILLION INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PLANT.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG-OWNED COMPANY, TAI TUNG INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT LIMITED, MR. TANG KWAN, SIGNED THE CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT TODAY FOR A LEASE OF ABOUT 1.2 HECTARES OF LAND ON THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF THE ISLAND.

IT WAS THE FIFTH PRIVATE TREATY GRANT APPROVED FOR TSING YI BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL SINCE THE GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED ITS POLICY OF ENCOURAGING LAND-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGY.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID TAI TUNG PLANNED TO SET UP A PLANT TO PRODUCE REGULAR LINES OF MACHINE TOOLS ALONG WITH A TECHNICAL SERVICING CENTRE CAPABLE OF ASSEMBLING, MODIFYING AND RECONSTRUCTING EQUIPMENT FOR COMPLETE PLANTS.

TAI TUNG WOULD ALSO ESTABLISH A STORAGE DEPOT FOR SPARE PARTS OF CHINESE MACHINERY, ELECTRIC MOTORS AND EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY MARKETED IN HONG KONG, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES BY TWO ASSOCIATED COMPANIES, COSMO MACHINERY TRADING CO., LTD. AND ORIENTAL MACHINERY.

AFTER SIGNING THE DOCUMENTS AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TODAY, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT MOST OF THE LAND GRANTED TO THE COMPANY WOULD HAVE TO BE RECLAIMED.

+BUT WITH THE CONDITIONS NOW FINALISED AND SIGNED, WORK CAN BEGIN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ON RECLAMATION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS,+ HE SAID.

+THE GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THIS SIGNIFICANT NEW ADDITION TO OUR INDUSTRY AND THE INVESTMENT THAT GOES WITH IT.

+WHEN IT IS OPERATIONAL, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS PLANT WILL HELP BROADEN OUR INDUSTRIAL BASE AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTING SUBSTANTIALLY TO OUR EXPORTS.

+IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR ABOUT 500 PEOPLE.+

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE GRANT CARRIED A BUILDING COVENANT REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO SPEND \$4 MILLION ON BUILDINGS, PLANT AND INSTALLATIONS WITHIN FIVE YEARS.

THE COVENANT EXCLUDES THE COST OF FORMATION WORK, HE ADDED.

/MR. AKERS-JONES

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MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT TAI TUNG +JOINS A GROWING LIST OF COMPANIES WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED, OR WHO ARE TO ESTABLISH, IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES ON TSING YI ISLAND.+

THE OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INCLUDED THOSE BY DOW CHEMICAL, OUTBOARD MARINE, CHEMSYN, THE FEOSO OIL STORAGE DEPOT AND THE PROPOSAL BY HONGKONG UNITED DOCKYARD TO SET UP A \$250 MILLION SHIPYARD ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE ISLAND.

+THESE PROJECTS REPRESENT INVESTMENTS OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN HONG KONG AND SHOULD BE OF GREAT LONG-TERM BENEFIT,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI WAS BEING ACCOMPANIED BY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AS PART OF THE BALANCED OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN AS A NEW TOWN.

+THE INDUSTRIAL PLANTS ON THE ISLAND WILL PROVIDE MANY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO WILL LIVE THERE.

+IN FACT THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE ON TSING YI IS JUST ABOUT COMPLETED, AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL SOON BE ORGANISING THE FIRST INTAKE COMPRISING SOME 16,000 RESIDENTS.

+EVENTUALLY, THE ESTATE WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 75,000 PEOPLE.+

COMMENTING ON THE PROJECT, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ROY PORTER, SAID : +THIS INDUSTRY IS IN A FIELD WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES HAS A GOOD POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH IN HONG KONG.

+IT IS THE KIND OF DIVERSIFICATION IN OUR INDUSTRIAL BASE WE EXPECT TO SEE MORE OF IN THE FUTURE, PARTICULARLY WITH THE ADVENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES.

+NOT ONLY WILL THE PLANT MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, IT WILL PROVIDE PARTICULARLY GOOD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO THE GRADUATES OF OUR RAPIDLY-EXPANDING TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER SKILLED WORKERS.+

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C AND I DEPT. MOUNTS INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION MISSION TO U.S.

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THE FIRST OF THIS YEAR'S OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSIONS, UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, GETS UNDERWAY THIS WEEK WHEN AN ADVANCE PARTY OF C AND I OFFICERS LEAVES FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR A MAIN THREE-WEEK VISIT TO DALLAS, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO COMMENCING ON MARCH 7.

THE ADVANCE PARTY, LED BY PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER, MR. PETER LO, WILL MAKE THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MISSION TO CALL ON SOME 30 MANUFACTURING COMPANIES IN THE AREAS TO BE VISITED, INCLUDING SOME WHICH WERE CONTACTED BY A SIMILAR C AND I MISSION IN NOVEMBER, 1975, AND WHICH ARE STILL CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF INVESTING IN HONG KONG.

THE LEADER OF THE MAIN MISSION WILL BE MR. ROY PORTER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, WHO WILL JOIN THE ADVANCE PARTY IN LOS ANGELES IN THREE WEEKS' TIME.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN ORGANISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE US CONSULATE GENERAL, THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND LEADING BANKS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

AS IN PREVIOUS VENTURES, THE AIM OF THE MISSION WILL BE TO VISIT SELECTED FIRMS TO DISCUSS WITH TOP EXECUTIVES THE SPECIFIC ADVANTAGES WHICH WOULD ACCRUE TO THEIR COMPANIES FROM MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG. THE MISSION WILL ALSO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF PROMOTING THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

SAYS MR. PORTER: +AMERICAN INTERESTS AT PRESENT ACCOUNT FOR 53 PER CENT OF ALL DIRECT OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG INDUSTRY, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG. MANY AMERICAN INDUSTRIES HAVE PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO HONG KONG'S PRESENT STATE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. IN ELECTRONICS AND ENGINEERING PARTICULARLY, THEIR INDUSTRIAL KNOWLEDGE COULD BE MOST VALUABLE TO HONG KONG'S FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

+THE BENEFITS OF THIS TYPE OF INVESTMENT ARE TWO-WAY. BY COMPLEMENTING THEIR HOME PRODUCTION WITH A PLANT IN HONG KONG, AMERICAN COMPANIES WILL BE ABLE TO EXPORT GOOD QUALITY PRODUCTS AT COMPETITIVE COSTS AND ACHIEVE A HIGH RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT.+

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ORGANISE TWO OTHER MISSIONS LATER IN THE YEAR, ONE TO SWITZERLAND AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN MAY/JUNE AND THE OTHER TO CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND TORONTO IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER. THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH IS CONCENTRATING ITS PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS IN DIFFERENT AREAS, HAS PLANNED MISSIONS LATER THIS YEAR TO AUSTRALIA, JAPAN AND THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF THE U.S.A. CENTERING AROUND NEW YORK AND CLEVELAND.

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CRASH REMEDIAL PROGRAMME

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WORK WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR ON A CRASH PROGRAMME OF REMEDIAL WORKS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF FILL SLOPES IN PUBLIC HOUSING AREAS DURING THE COMING WET SEASON.

THE P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR. DAVID STEAD, SAID TODAY TENDERS HAD ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED FOR ALL THE WORKS NECESSARY TO BRING THE SLOPES INTO LINE WITH THE NEW SPECIFICATIONS FOUND NECESSARY IN THE LIGHT OF THE STUDY BY WORLD EXPERTS OF LAST YEAR'S SAU MAU PING LANDSLIDE.

CONTRACTS WOULD BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK.

HE ESTIMATED THAT THE COST OF THE CRASH PROGRAMME WOULD BE MORE THAN \$30 MILLION.

+REMEDIAL WORKS AT SAU MAU PING HAVE ALREADY BEGUN AND THE FULL PROGRAMME WILL SWING INTO HIGH GEAR RIGHT AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR,+ HE SAID.

+IN SOME CASES, WORK MAY HAVE TO CONTINUE AROUND THE CLOCK TO BEAT THE DEADLINE BEFORE THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON,+ HE ADDED.

MR. STEAD SAID THAT PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS WHO WERE SUITABLY QUALIFIED FOR THE JOB HAD BEEN BRIEFED WELL IN ADVANCE ON THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND NATURE OF THE WORKS SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS AHEAD OF TIME.

+ALL SELECTED CONTRACTORS WILL BE WORKING UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION TO ENSURE THAT THE WORKS ARE CARRIED OUT ON SCHEDULE AND IN KEEPING WITH THE RIGOROUS STANDARDS LAID DOWN IN THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF EXPERTS,+ HE SAID.

THE PANEL OF EXPERTS AND THE SPECIALIST FIRM OF GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, BINNIE AND PARTNERS, HAD MADE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF ALL FILL SLOPES IN ALL PUBLIC HOUSING AREAS.

THEY HAD DETERMINED THAT ONLY 11 FILL SLOPES AFFECTING TENANTS MIGHT BE AT RISK IF THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO MORE SEVERE RAINFALL CONDITIONS THAN HAD EVER FALLEN ON THEM BEFORE.

THESE SLOPES WERE AT LEI MUK SHUE, TAI WO HAU, KWAI SHING, SO UK, CHAI WAN, TSZ WAN SHAN, SAU MAU PING AND AT THE LAI CHI KOK AND CHAI WAN COTTAGE AREAS.

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+IN NEARLY ALL THE AREAS ONLY ONE PARTICULAR SLOPE IS INVOLVED, SO LUCKILY THE PROBLEM IS ACTUALLY A VERY LIMITED ONE,+ SAID MR. STEAD, +AND ALL THE NECESSARY PREVENTIVE AND REMEDIAL MEASURES WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE THIS YEAR'S WET SEASON.

+SO THE SMALL NUMBER OF ESTATE RESIDENTS INVOLVED CAN BE ASSURED THAT EVERY PRECAUTION IS NOW BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THEIR COMPLETE SAFETY, AND THAT THEY ARE NOT IN ANY DANGER,+ HE SAID.

IN SIMPLE TERMS, THE REMEDIAL WORKS WILL INVOLVE EXCAVATING THE TOP LAYER OF EACH SLOPE TO A DEPTH OF AT LEAST THREE METRES, AND THEN RECOMPACTING IT IN SOLID HORIZONTAL LAYERS TO THE VERY STRICT STANDARDS SET BY THE PANEL OF EXPERTS.

+SO AS TO GET THE NECESSARY WORK DONE BEFORE THE RAINS, COMPACTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE SLOPE RATHER THAN FROM THE TOP AS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY THE PANEL OF EXPERTS IN THEIR REPORT,+ SAID MR. STEAD.

+THIS MINOR VARIATION HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE PANEL AND WILL MEAN THAT A FASTER CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME WILL BE POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE ADDED, THE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN THE AREAS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND IN SOME CASES TOTALLY OVERHAULED FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY.

+EVERY STAGE WILL BE CLOSELY SUPERVISED AND EACH SLOPE WILL BE MONITORED BOTH DURING THE CONSTRUCTION WORK AND FOR SOME TIME AFTER THEIR COMPLETION JUST TO BE ABSOLUTELY ON THE SAFE SIDE,+ HE SAID.

MR. STEAD SAID HIS DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING OUT A COMPREHENSIVE TIME-TABLE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR AREAS WHERE ROUND-THE-CLOCK WORK MIGHT BE REQUIRED.

+WHERE NIGHT WORK BECOMES NECESSARY, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO CAUSE THE LEAST POSSIBLE INCONVENIENCE TO RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

MR. STEAD SAID A RANGE OF MINOR, MORE GENERAL WORKS WOULD ALSO BE CARRIED OUT ON A NUMBER OF OTHER SLOPES IN HOUSING AREAS AS A RESULT OF THE SPECIAL SURVEY BY THE CONSULTANTS, AND THESE TOO WOULD BE FINISHED BEFORE THIS YEAR'S WET SEASON.

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MEANWHILE, REMEDIAL MEASURES ARE PROGRESSING RAPIDLY ON THE FILL SLOPES AT SAU MAU PING WHICH FAILED DURING LAST AUGUST'S SEVERE RAINSTORMS.

SURPLUS MATERIAL HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE SLOPES AND WORK IS SHORTLY TO BEGIN ON RE-COMPACTING THE FILL MATERIAL TO THE NEW STANDARDS SET BY THE PANEL OF EXPERTS.

AS PART OF THE CONTRACT LET LAST DECEMBER FOR THESE WORKS, SOME 50,000 CUBIC METRES OF EXISTING FILL ARE BEING EXCAVATED FROM THE SLOPES AND ABOUT 40,000 CUBIC METRES OF NEW MATERIAL BROUGHT IN FOR THE RESTRUCTURING WORK.

THE SLOPES WILL BE COMPACTED TO A FLATTER ANGLE AND A COMPREHENSIVE NEW DRAINAGE SYSTEM INSTALLED.

LIKE ALL THE OTHER WORKS NOW IN HAND IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF EXPERTS, THE WORK HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED TO ENSURE THAT EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ESTATE RESIDENTS WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE COMING WET SEASON.

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LONDON AIR SERVICES TALKS
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR. BRIAN KEEP, HAS LEFT FOR LONDON TO ATTEND AIR SERVICES TALKS BETWEEN THE BRITISH AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS.

AT THE SIX-DAY MEETING, THE CONTINUATION OF A SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE TWO PARTIES WILL PROPOSE TO AGREE ON NEW AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

MR. KEEP WILL ALSO ATTEND THE FOURTH ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES TO NEGOTIATE A NEW UK/US AIR SERVICES ARRANGEMENT. THIS MEETING BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 28 IN LONDON.

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SPECIAL TEAM SET UP TO DEAL WITH LANDSLIDE CLAIMS
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A SPECIAL TEAM FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS AND LEGAL AID DEPARTMENTS HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE TO HELP ANYONE WHO WANTS TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE IN THE 1972 OR 1976 SAU MAU PING LANDSLIDES.

FREE LEGAL AID WILL BE GIVEN TO CLAIMANTS TO HELP THEM PRESENT THEIR CASES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR INCOME.

THE TEAM, COMPRISING ONE SENIOR LEGAL AID OFFICER, TWO LAW CLERKS AND FOUR STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KWUN TONG) WAS FORMED FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE LANDSLIDE REPORTS YESTERDAY.

THE TEAM ALREADY HAD A BUSY MORNING TODAY AND WITHIN THE FIRST TWO HOURS OF ITS OPERATION 15 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED. BY 5 P.M., THERE WERE 34 APPLICATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING, NEXT MONDAY, AND IF REQUIRED THE DAY FOLLOWING TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS.

CLAIMANTS, IF THEY PREFER, MAY ALSO GO DIRECTLY TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT IN SINCERE BUILDING ON HONG KONG ISLAND ANY TIME DURING NORMAL HOURS TO OBTAIN FREE LEGAL ADVICE.

TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF APPLICANTS, APPLICATION PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN SIMPLIFIED. TIME WILL BE ALLOWED FOR APPLICANTS TO GATHER EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS.

INITIALLY APPLICANTS ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES, LEAVE THEIR ADDRESS, AND INDICATE THEIR CLAIM. AN INTERVIEW AT A CONVENIENT TIME WILL BE ARRANGED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FOR THEM TO PRESENT THEIR CASE. THE INTERVIEW WILL BE HELD AT THE KWUN TONG CDO IN ORDER TO MINIMISE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO APPLICANTS, MOST OF WHOM LIVE IN THE NEARBY SAU MAU PING AREA.

MEANWHILE, THE CDO HAS SENT OUT LIAISON OFFICERS TO CONTACT FAMILIES OR CLOSE RELATIVES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE SUFFERED LOSS OR DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE 1972 AND 1976 LANDSLIDES.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO PUBLICITY THROUGH THE NEWS MEDIA ADVISING THEM OF THE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE CLAIMS AND THE FREE LEGAL AID AVAILABLE.

THE GOVERNMENT SAID IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO SETTLE CLAIMS FOR EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE TWO LANDSLIDES AND TO PAY THE LEGAL COSTS OF VICTIMS IN THE PREPARATION OF CLAIMS.

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THE AMOUNT OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO ANY CLAIMANT WOULD BE ASSESSED ON THE USUAL PRINCIPLES APPLIED TO COMMON LAW CLAIMS AND WOULD NOT BE REDUCED BY ANY SUMS RECEIVED BY HIM FROM VOLUNTARY PUBLIC DONATIONS.

IN THE EVENT OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN A CLAIMANT AND THE GOVERNMENT, THE CLAIM WOULD BE REFERRED TO AN INDEPENDENT BOARD OF ARBITRATION THE MEMBERS OF WHICH WILL BE SELECTED FROM A PANEL APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD REGARD ITSELF AS BOUND BY THE FINDING OF THE BOARD.

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SAFER INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR WORKERS
NEW REGULATIONS EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1

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THE NEW FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS 1976 WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE REGULATIONS AIM TO BRING ABOUT A SAFER INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR WORKERS AND GIVE GUIDANCE ON THE GUARDING OF DANGEROUS MACHINERY.

THE NEW REGULATIONS NOT ONLY SPECIFY THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY OR PLANT WHICH NEED EFFECTIVE GUARDING, BUT ALSO FIVE METHODS OF GUARDING.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +THESE REGULATIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN AUGUST LAST YEAR AND TIME WAS ALLOWED FOR PROPRIETORS TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THEIR MACHINES TO PROVIDE THEM WITH PROPER GUARDING.

+DURING THIS TIME OUR INSPECTORATE STAFF HAS BEEN HELPING TO EDUCATE EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS IN THE NEW LAW BY TRAINING AND PUBLICITY,+ HE ADDED.

AN EXPLANATORY HANDBOOK IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE ON THE NEW REGULATIONS IS BEING PRINTED AND WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION FREE OF CHARGE TO EMPLOYERS.

MEANWHILE, PREPARATIONS ARE WELL AHEAD FOR A FULL SCALE EXHIBITION ON MACHINERY GUARDING. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON RAILWAY TERMINUS IN HUNG HOM FROM MARCH 11 TO 20.

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TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND

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TWO PROMINENT RESIDENTS, SIR SHIU-KIN TANG AND MR. HO TIM, HAVE DONATED \$1 MILLION EACH TO FORM THE CAPITAL OF A FUND, THE INTEREST FROM WHICH WILL BE USED FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

THEY HAVE INVITED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, DR. CHARM HOI-SANG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF PO LEUNG KUK, MRS. MAXINE LI KWOK, AS THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE FUND.

THE 'TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND' WILL BENEFIT FAMILIES IN CRISES OR EMERGENCIES WHICH GIVE RISE TO SPECIAL AND IMMEDIATE NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF A WELFARE, EDUCATIONAL OR MEDICAL NATURE.

DETAILS ON PROCEDURES ARE NOW BEING WORKED OUT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND CAN BE MADE IN MAY THIS YEAR.

BOTH SIR SHIU-KIN AND MR. HO ARE NOW APPEALING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE FUND. ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO 'THE TANG SHIU KIN AND HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND' AND SENT TO THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, PO LEUNG KUK OR SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

UNDER THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE INCORPORATION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 1096 OF THE LAWS OF HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE INCORPORATED IS EMPOWERED TO ACT AS THE TRUSTEE OF ANY TRUST CREATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SIR SHIU-KIN AND MR. HO TIM HAVE APPOINTED THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE INCORPORATED TO ACT AS THE TRUSTEE OF THE FUND= AND A COMMITTEE TO MAKE RULES GOVERNING CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT, RANGE OF ASSISTANCE, INVESTMENTS, AND DISPOSAL OF TRUST PROPERTIES.

THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND CHAIRMAN OF PO LEUNG KUK AS CO-CHAIRMEN= THREE MEMBERS TO BE NOMINATED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS= THREE MEMBERS TO BE NOMINATED BY PO LEUNG KUK= A CO-OPTED MEMBER= A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT= A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT TRAINS MORE APPRENTICES
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CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED TODAY TO 51 CRAFT APPRENTICES WHO COMPLETED A FOUR-YEAR GOVERNMENT TRAINING COURSE.

THE COURSE, SPECIALLY DRAWN UP FOR APPRENTICES TO QUALIFY FOR JOBS AS ARTISANS -- PRIMARILY IN THE GOVERNMENT -- INCLUDED TRAINING AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, FAMILIARISATION WITH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND FIRST-AID PRACTICES, AND ON-JOB TRAINING WITH ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS.

APPRENTICES WHO COMPLETED THE RECENT COURSE, HAD OFF-JOB OR ACADEMIC TRAINING DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR, AND ON-JOB TRAINING FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS WORKING FOR ONE OF THE P.W.D. DIVISIONS -- WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT OR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, OR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION. MOST OF THE APPRENTICES, WHO COMPLETED THE COURSE, HAVE BEEN ABSORBED INTO THESE ORGANISATIONS.

SPEAKING AT A FUNCTION HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES, MR. T.H. TOMLINSON, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER, SAID THAT A CAREER WITH THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDED THE APPRENTICES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED ON INTERESTING PROJECTS OR WITH A WIDE RANGE OF INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED MAJOR ELECTRICAL OR MECHANICAL PLANT. PROSPECTS FOR ADVANCEMENT IN SERVICE WERE GOOD AND CONTINUED TO IMPROVE.

TOUCHING ON OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE MR. TOMLINSON SAID +AS MUCH AS WE MIGHT LIKE TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF THEM ALL, THERE ARE SOME FOR WHOM THE PRIVATE SECTOR WILL PRESENT THE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE TYPE OF CHALLENGE THEY WILL WISH TO MEET. WE MUST RECOGNISE THAT THE SCHEME, ALTHOUGH OPERATED BY GOVERNMENT TO MEET ITS OWN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS, IS ALSO DESIGNED TO MEET THE GENERAL NEEDS OF HONG KONG, AS ARE OTHER APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS. THE SKILLED MEN THAT THESE SCHEMES PRODUCE ARE REQUIRED IN INCREASING NUMBERS TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S BUOYANT ECONOMY.+

THE LAISHLEY CUP, GIVEN TO AN APPRENTICE FOR THE BEST ACADEMIC OR PRACTICAL PERFORMANCE DURING A YEAR, WAS AWARDED TO MR. TSE KAM-CHUNG.

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TRADE UNIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL
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A BILL TO AMEND THE TRADE UNIONS ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TRADE UNIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977, IF APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL EASE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS WHICH MAY TEND TO INHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT BY UNIONS OF COMPETENT EXECUTIVE STAFF AND WILL REMOVE CERTAIN OBSOLETE CLAUSES AND TIDY UP SOME WORDINGS IN THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

ACCORDING TO A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, THE AMENDMENT BILL IS BEING INTRODUCED AS A RESULT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRADE UNIONS ORDINANCE AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS.

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RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HEADQUARTERS
MOVE INTO NEW OFFICES
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THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE ARE MOVING THIS WEEKEND FROM WHITFIELD BARRACKS INTO THE FOURTH AND FIFTH FLOORS OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT NO. 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS AND ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO CONTACT THE HEADQUARTERS FROM NEXT MONDAY SHOULD DIAL 3-030111.

THE HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTER 17 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE SERVICE IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IS ALSO MANAGED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE. APPLICATIONS FOR THE USE OF ANY OF THE CAMP FACILITIES AT SAI KUNG FOR SPORTS PROJECTS SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SERVICE IN MA TAU KOK ROAD.

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ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE
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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN THE ONE YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHER'S COURSE BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR MATURE STUDENTS WITH SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION IN PASSING ON THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF THEIR OWN SPECIALISM TO STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ON THIS COURSE AT THE MINIMUM OF \$1,070 PER MONTH UP TO THE MAXIMUM OF \$1,640 PER MONTH, CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED A 2-YEAR FULL-TIME ORDINARY DIPLOMA/TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA COURSE, OR EQUIVALENT, IN THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE/POLYTECHNIC/TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR AN EQUIVALENT COLLEGE, IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, TEXTILES, PRINTING, MARINE AND FABRICATION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY MARCH 19, 1977.

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FIRING PRACTICE CANCELLED
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FIRING PRACTICE ON CASTLE PEAK RANGE, PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 28, HAS BEEN CANCELLED, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN LAI CHI KOK
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO FAT TSEUNG STREET OR U-TURNING TO PROCEED ONTO THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD WITH FAT TSEUNG STREET FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 14).

THE ARRANGEMENT AIMS TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT THE JUNCTION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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Friday, February 11, 1977

GOVERNOR GETS TOP-LEVEL BRIEFING ON PUBLIC HOUSING

Hong Kong's top housing officials today gave a detailed briefing on public housing to the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, at the Housing Authority Headquarters.

Sir Murray, who has always shown great interest in public housing, was brought up to date on the current building programme, and other aspects of public housing.

The Chairman of the Housing Authority, Mr I. M. Lightbody, who is also the Secretary for Housing and the Director of Housing, Mr Donald Liao, greeted the Governor on arrival and escorted him to the Authority's conference room for the briefing.

Points covered included the impressive growth-rate of public housing, rising expenditure on the huge public housing programme, the large number of estates under construction and contracts to be let in the coming financial year, mechanised building methods being used to speed up the housing programme, and the highly favourable level of rents charged for public housing compared with much higher rents for similar accommodation in the private sector.

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本港房屋首長
向港督麥理浩爵士
陳述公共房屋情形

港督麥理浩爵士，今日在房屋委員會總辦事處聆聽本港之房屋首長詳述公共房屋情形。

港督對於公共房屋問題常表示極大興趣，今日他聆悉有關現時之建屋計劃及公共房屋各方面之最新資料。

房屋司兼房屋委員會主席黎保德，及房屋首長廖本懷於麥理浩爵士蒞臨時在場迎迓，並陪同至房屋委員會之會議室，然後向港督陳述一切有關情形。

所述各點，包括令人讚嘆之公共房屋增長率，日漸增多之龐大公共房屋計劃開支，現正興建中之大量屋宇之準備在下一財政年度批出之合約，現在用以加速推行建屋計劃之機械化建築方法，及公共房屋之租金亦同樣私人樓宇之高昂租金相比，前者低廉得多。