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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY REGULATIONS AMENDED

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A REGULATION DATING BACK MORE THAN 70 YEARS, REQUIRING THE POWER COMPANIES TO CARRY OUT CHECKS ON WIRES AND FITTINGS AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS, HAS BEEN AMENDED.

UNDER THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984, PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, THE FIVE-YEAR TESTING REQUIREMENT WILL NO LONGER APPLY IN CASES WHERE THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES (DEMS) IS SATISFIED THAT A CONSUMER HAS MADE ADEQUATE TESTING ARRANGEMENTS HIMSELF, IN WHICH CASE A CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION WILL BE ISSUED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REQUIREMENT FOR TESTING EVERY FIVE YEARS WAS INTRODUCED IN 1911 WHEN THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ORDINANCE AND ITS REGULATIONS WERE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT.

HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS USED FOR INSTALLATIONS, THE REQUIREMENT IS NOW REGARDED AS OUT OF DATE.

HE SAID, HOWEVER, BEFORE A CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION IS GRANTED, THE CONSUMER CONCERNED WILL HAVE TO SATISFY DEMS THAT THE INSTALLATION FOR WHICH THE CERTIFICATE IS BEING SOUGHT HAD BEEN REGULARLY MAINTAINED, INSPECTED AND TESTED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION BY:

- (A) A FULLY QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL ENGINEER EMPLOYED BY THE CONSUMER APPLYING FOR THE CERTIFICATE;
- (B) A CONTRACTOR CURRENTLY ON THE GOVERNMENT LIST FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS; OR
- (C) ANY OTHER CONTRACTOR ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF DEMS THE POSSESSION OF SUITABLE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE IN THE ELECTRICAL FIELD AND WHO HAD BEEN IN BUSINESS AT LEAST THREE YEARS PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION.

EACH CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY DEMS WILL PROVIDE THAT THE INSTALLATION FOR WHICH THE CERTIFICATE HAD BEEN GRANTED SHOULD BE TESTED AT INTERVALS OF NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS BY THE CONTRACTOR SPECIFIED BY THE APPLICANT AND ACCEPTED BY DEMS AND THAT CERTIFIED RECORDS OF EACH TEST CARRIED OUT SHOULD BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS TO DEMS.

THE PROVISION NOT TO CARRY OUT THE TESTING WILL APPLY ONLY AS LONG AS DEMS DOES NOT WITHDRAW HIS CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ALSO PROVIDES THAT DEMS IS TO BE NOTIFIED BY THE RELEVANT POWER COMPANY IF THE COMPANY BECOMES AWARE THAT A DEFECT MIGHT EXIST IN A CONSUMER'S WIRES AND FITTING TO WHICH A DEMS CERTIFICATE RELATED.

FURTHERMORE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, DEMS IS TO NOTIFY THE CONSUMER AND THE POWER COMPANY IN WRITING IF HE WITHDRAWS HIS CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION AND IS TO SPECIFY THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE POWER COMPANY MUST TEST THE CONSUMER'S INSTALLATION.

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VALUE OF EXEMPT ADVERTISING SAMPLE RAISED
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THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984 GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) INTRODUCE MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE PROCESSING OF IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS.

THE AMENDED REGULATIONS RAISE FROM \$500 TO \$1 000 THE VALUE OF ADVERTISING SAMPLES FOR WHICH AN IMPORT OR EXPORT DECLARATION IS NOT REQUIRED. THEY ALSO EXEMPT SPORTING EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN SPORTS COMPETITIONS FROM THE NEED FOR SUCH DECLARATIONS.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO RAISE FROM \$200 TO \$1 000 THE VALUE OF CONSIGNMENTS OF IDENTICAL ARTICLES REGULARLY IMPORTED FROM OR EXPORTED TO THE SAME COUNTRY FOR WHICH MONTHLY DECLARATIONS ARE PERMITTED.

PROVISION HAS ALSO BEEN MADE FOR OBJECTIONS TO BE MADE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE AGAINST HIS ASSESSMENT OF CHARGES OR IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES IN RESPECT OF LODGEMENT OF IMPORT AND EXPORT DECLARATIONS BEFORE ULTIMATE APPEAL TO THE GOVERNOR.

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MORE THOUGHT NEEDED FOR RIGHT SYSTEM, YOUTHS TOLD
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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO GIVE MORE THOUGHT TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT HONG KONG SHOULD DEVELOP.

ADDRESSING A STUDENT ASSEMBLY AT THE NEW ASIA COLLEGE, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THERE HAD BEEN MUCH TALK OF DEMOCRACY AND OF ELECTIONS, BUT NOT MUCH TALK OF GOVERNMENT OR WHAT SORT OF INSTITUTION WAS NEEDED TO RUN THE DELICATE MACHINERY GOVERNING THIS HIGHLY PROSPEROUS AND COMPLEX SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

+CLEARLY MORE THOUGHT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT WE SHOULD DEVELOP WHICH WOULD AT THE SAME TIME ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO RECEIVE IN ITS HIGHER COUNCILS THE REQUISITE ADVICE AND COUNSEL FROM ALL THOSE COMPONENTS OF OUR SOCIETY WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO ITS CONTINUING PROSPERITY AND ORDER,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID PEOPLE WITH VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS AND ABILITY WERE NEEDED IN HIGHER COUNCILS -- THE EXECUTIVE AND THE LEGISLATURE -- AND THAT THE SYSTEM SHOULD CONTAIN THE RIGHT MIXTURE TO DO THE JOB EFFECTIVELY.

+IN THIS PROCESS WE MUST LOOK AT THE EFFECT INTRODUCING ELECTIONS HAS HAD ELSEWHERE, EXAMINE THE END RESULTS AND AVOID IF WE CAN THEIR SHORTCOMINGS.+

/MR AKERS-JONES

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MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE RECENTLY-PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ELECTED SEATS IN DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE SET UP OF A REGIONAL COUNCIL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD ENABLE A REASONABLY SYMMETRICAL STRUCTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT BOTH DISTRICT AND REGIONAL LEVELS.

+ELECTIONS AND THE GENERAL EXPERIENCE GAINED BY THOSE TAKING PART IN VARIOUS LEVELS IN THESE DISTRICT AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS WILL HAVE AN INCALCULABLE IMPACT ON THE LIFE OF HONG KONG IN THE YEARS TO COME.

+NO DOUBT MANY OF THOSE WHO FIRST GAIN THEIR EXPERIENCE OF POLITICAL LIFE IN THE DISTRICTS WILL ADVANCE TO HIGHER COUNCILS. THIS TREND HAS ALREADY BEGUN,+ HE SAID.

EVERYONE, HE SAID, COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG BY CASTING THEIR VOTES IN THESE ELECTIONS.

+A VOTE IS A SMALL THING BUT IT SHOWS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL VOICE, HOWEVER SMALL IS OF VALUE AND IN THE ACT OF VOTING THE VOTER HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO HONG KONG AND ITS WAY OF LIFE. IT IS A SMALL GESTURE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO US ALL.+

HE RECALLED THAT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION EVOLVED FROM A +DISTINGUISHED ANCESTRY+ - A SYSTEM APPLIED TO THE FARMING AND RURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE NT BASED ON LOCAL TRADITION AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY.

THE ADOPTION OF THIS SYSTEM GAVE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION +ITS CONTINUITY AND THE STRENGTH OF A TESTED METHOD.+

+IT ENABLED MODIFICATION TO BE MADE TO IT LATER ON WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE THAN BY INTRODUCING OTHER MODELS AND METHODS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM EUROPE OR ELSEWHERE,+ HE SAID.

THE GRADUAL CREATION OF RURAL COMMITTEES AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK IN THE NT, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS IN BOTH RURAL AND URBAN AREAS WERE ALL FORERUNNERS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

+THE HISTORICAL ROOTS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CAN BE TRACED TO SYSTEMS DEVELOPED IN OTHER COLONIAL TERRITORIES, BUT THE ESSENTIAL ADAPTATIONS OF ITS BUREAUCRATIC ELEMENTS TO SERVE BOTH A RURAL AND URBAN SITUATION WERE MADE IN HONG KONG.

+THE EVOLUTION OF PARTLY ELECTED DISTRICT BOARDS TO ASSIST IN SOLVING THE DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS OF MANAGING HONG KONG IS ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT WITH A GENUINE LOCAL FLAVOUR.

+I KNOW OF NO SYSTEM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHICH, IN FACT, CONFERS UPON THE LOCAL COUNCIL THE RIGHT TO ADVISE ON, AND CRITICISE IF NECESSARY, THE DECISIONS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT,+ HE CONCLUDED.

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HIGH LEVEL OF INVESTMENT INTEREST IN HONG KONG - HO
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THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG, WHICH IS BEING INCREASINGLY RECOGNISED AS ONE OF THE MOST DYNAMIC AND PROFITABLE PLACES IN THE WORLD TO DO BUSINESS, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO SAID TODAY.

THE NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIAL INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ENQUIRIES DEALT WITH BY THE DEPARTMENT WENT UP BY 12 PER CENT IN 1983 AS AGAINST 1982 -- TO 780 FROM 695, MR HO TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF TRADE COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTING 20 COUNTRIES, IN HONG KONG.

MR HO SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS SOME 440 ACTIVE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT FILES.

+DECISIONS TO PROCEED WERE MADE IN RESPECT OF 17 PROJECTS IN 1983, AND FAVOURABLE DECISIONS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER 26 PROJECTS WERE EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT 12 TO 18 MONTHS,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, SOME MANUFACTURERS ALREADY ESTABLISHED HERE ARE CURRENTLY EXPANDING THEIR EXISTING OPERATIONS, AND THESE INCLUDE SOME WELL-KNOWN INTERNATIONAL NAMES. IN SOME CASES, THE AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT IS VERY SUBSTANTIAL, HE SAID.

MR HO SAID THAT HONG KONG WAS POSSIBLY UNIQUE IN TODAY'S REGULATED WORLD IN ITS ADHERENCE +NOT SIMPLY TO THE PRINCIPLES BUT TO THE PRACTICE OF A FREE MARKET ECONOMY.+

+WE APPLY THIS PHILOSOPHY NOT ONLY TO OUR TRADING PRACTICE BUT ALSO IN OUR POLICY TOWARDS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY,+ MR HO SAID.

REFERRING TO HONG KONG'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE FIGURES, MR HO SAID THAT 1982-83 YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN REAL TERMS WAS ABOUT 20 PER CENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER -- UP FROM 18 PER CENT IN THE THIRD QUARTER, 14 PER CENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER AND THREE PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

TAKING 1983 AS A WHOLE, DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 26 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS AND BY ABOUT 14 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS.

MR HO ALSO SAID THAT THE ESTIMATED GROWTH RATE OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR 1983 HAD BEEN RAISED TO NEARLY SIX PER CENT, FROM AN EARLIER ESTIMATE OF FOUR PER CENT.

+ALL SIGNS ARE THAT THIS RECOVERY WILL CONTINUE.

+IT IS THEREFORE VERY MUCH BUSINESS AS USUAL IN HONG KONG,+ MR HO SAID.

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GIRL PRAISED FOR HELPING SAVE MAN

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED AN 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL FOR HER PROMPT ACTION IN SAVING A WORKER FROM A FATAL FALL OUTSIDE HER 9TH FLOOR FLAT IN KOWLOON.

+I HOPE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE WILL REMIND WORKERS TO BE ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF SAFETY WHILE WORKING AT HEIGHT,+ MR BRIDGE TOLD CHUI PUI-SHAN BEFORE PRESENTING HER WITH A PAIR OF BADMINTON RACQUETS AS A SOUVENIR. THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ AT THE TELFORD GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE, KOWLOON BAY.

A PRIMARY SIX PUPIL, PUI-SHAN WAS PLAYING BADMINTON AT TSZ MAN ESTATE, TSZ WAN SHAN, ON MONDAY EVENING WHEN NOTICED SOME WORK TOOLS FALLING FROM A BUILDING. LOOKING UP, SHE SAW A TILTING GONDOLA, WITH A WORKER HANGING ON PRECARIOUSLY OUTSIDE THE BALCONY OF HER 9TH FLOOR FLAT.

SHE RUSHED BACK TO HER FLAT AND LET THE WORKER IN BY OPENING A WINDOW.

EARLIER, THE SPECTACULAR SOUND-ON-SLIDE PRESENTATION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, WAS OPENED BY MR BRIDGE, MR KEVIN I.K. MAK, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, AND MR EDDIE LAMB, CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR BRIDGE URGED RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY STUDENTS AND WORKERS, TO VISIT THE SHOW TO GAIN A BETTER KNOWLEDGE ABOUT INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THIS UNIQUE PRESENTATION, WHICH COMBINES BOTH ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION, HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY WORKERS,+ HE SAID.

HE CALLED ON COMMUNITY LEADERS AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THE DISTRICT TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS RESPECTIVELY TO GO TO SEE THE EXHIBITION.

MR BRIDGE ALSO THANKED THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN STAGING THE SHOW.

EARLIER, MR I.K. MAK, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER STRESSED THAT HONG KONG'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WERE DEVELOPING RAPIDLY AND MANY INDUSTRIES HAD ABSORBED ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY INTO THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESSES.

AS A RESULT, HE SAID, THE DEMAND FOR SKILLED WORKERS WAS GROWING ENORMOUSLY AND VERY OFTEN INDUSTRIALISTS HAD TO SPEND A PART OF THEIR CAPITAL ON TRAINING THE WORKERS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IF AN ACCIDENT OCCURRED DUE TO NEGLIGENCE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THEN ALL THEIR EFFORTS WOULD BE IN VAIN.

/MR MAK

MR MAK SAID THAT APART FROM THE SHOW, THERE WOULD BE AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND CHARTS, A GAME STALL AS WELL AS A QUIZ, ALL RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY TELEVISION ARTISTES AND LOCAL POPULAR SINGERS ON THE GIS MOBILE STREET THEATRE WOULD BE HELD AT THE MAIN SQUARE IN TELFORD GARDENS AT 3 PM ON FEBRUARY 26 TO ENTERTAIN RESIDENTS AND TO PROMOTE WORK SAFETY.

+SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA+ IS BEING STAGED OVER TWO WEEKEND PERIODS, FROM FEBRUARY 17 TO 19 AND FROM FEBRUARY 24 TO 26. SHOWINGS WILL BE EVERY HALF HOUR FROM 11 AM TO 8.30 PM EXCEPT ON THE LAST DAY, WHEN IT WILL CLOSE AT 6 PM.

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REFRESHER COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
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FOUR RETRAINING COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE 1984-85 ACADEMIC YEAR.

HEADS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE UP TO FOUR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THESE EIGHT-WEEK COURSES, WHICH ARE FREE.

TEACHERS NOMINATED FOR THE COURSE MUST HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE AFTER INITIAL TRAINING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

A REPLACEMENT TEACHER MAY BE EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL TO STAND IN FOR TEACHERS ON RETRAINING COURSES.

THE COURSES ARE TO ACQUAINT SERVING TEACHERS WITH MODERN METHODS AND APPROACHES IN TEACHING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TO PROMOTE FURTHER UNDERSTANDING IN THE USE OF RESOURCES AND A KNOWLEDGE OF NEW CONCEPTS IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+EMPHASIS WILL BE ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF TEACHING, HELPING TEACHERS TO DEVELOP MODERN METHODS IN PROGRAMMED LEARNING, TEAM TEACHING, REMEDIAL TEACHING, MIXED ABILITY GROUPING AND THE ACTIVITY APPROACH,+ HE ADDED.

THE MAJOR PART OF THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN CLASSROOM SITUATIONS, THE CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN OF TEACHING AIDS, AND VISITS TO VARIOUS TEACHING CENTRES AND SCHOOLS USING THE ACTIVITY APPROACH.

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CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE FOLLOWED THE COURSE REGULARLY.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 2/F, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE MARCH 24.

SCHOOLS WILL BE INFORMED IN MID-APRIL WHETHER THEIR TEACHERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSES MAY BE MADE TO GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON TEL: 3-910012 OR 3-910043, AND ENQUIRIES REGARDING REPLACEMENT TEACHERS TO THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER CONCERNED.

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VISITORS IMPRESSED WITH CORRECTIONAL SERVICES * * * *

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG IS TIPTOP, MALAYSIA'S DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS, DATO' IBRAHIM B.HJ. MOHAMED, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

DATO' IBRAHIM SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE MODERN FACILITIES AND EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE HE HAD VISITED.

DATO' IBRAHIM IS CURRENTLY LEADING A DELEGATION OF 15 SENIOR MALAYSIAN PRISON OFFICERS ON A TOUR TO STUDY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMMES IN KOREA, HONG KONG AND THAILAND.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, THE DELEGATION TODAY FIRST VISITED THE VARIOUS TRAINING FACILITIES AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

NEXT, THEY PROCEEDED TO THE NEARBY MAXIMUM SECURITY STANLEY PRISON WHERE THEY INSPECTED ITS CELLULAR ACCOMMODATION AND SAW PRISONERS AT WORK IN VARIOUS WORKSHOPS.

THEY ALSO TOURED THE ADJACENT TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TO LOOK AT ITS DORMITORIES, CHAPEL, LIBRARY, SICK BAY AND WORKSHOPS.

THE DELEGATION THEN VISITED THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION WHERE THEY SAW SOME YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS RECEIVING VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND OTHERS ATTENDING EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

TOMORROW, THEY WILL VISIT THE NEWLY BUILT SHEK PIK PRISON, HEI LING CHAU ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE AND LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

THE DELEGATION ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) AND WILL LEAVE FOR BANGKOK ON MONDAY.

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NURSING SCHOOL INCLUDED IN HOSPITAL GROWTH

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A NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT IN TSUEN WAN AS PART OF THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROGRAMME, DR. K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE-LAYING CEREMONY OF THE PHASE III EXTENSION PROGRAMME OF THE HOSPITAL.

DR THONG SAID THAT THE SCHOOL IS BEING BUILT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE HOSPITAL'S EXPANDED SERVICES AND TO FORM PART OF GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NURSING STAFF.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1985, THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT NURSING STAFF FOR THE HOSPITAL'S FUTURE NEEDS.

THE EXTENSION PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE MAURINE GRANTHAM HEALTH CENTRE, TO PROVIDE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE, FAMILY PLANNING AND CHILD ASSESSMENT SERVICES.

THE YAN CHAI HOSPITAL IS THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL OF TSUEN WAN. ITS EXTENSION PROGRAMME IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PHASES WITH THE AIM OF PROVIDING A FULL-RANGE OF MEDICAL SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN AND NEIGHBOURING AREAS.

DURING THE CEREMONY, DR THONG ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING COMMUNITY SERVICES, INCLUDING CARE FOR BOTH YOUNG AND OLD.

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NEW REGULATIONS ON FILM REVIEWS

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FILM-MAKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR A REVIEW OF THE CENSOR'S DECISION ON A FILM, BUT THE FILM WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN FROM EXHIBITION WHILE THE REVIEW IS PENDING, UNDER AMENDMENT REGULATIONS PUBLISHED TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE LAW, ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT A FILM SHOULD NOT BE EXHIBITED ON MORAL, RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL OR OTHER GROUNDS CAN REQUEST THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO REFER THE FILM TO THE FILM CENSORSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW, IF THE BOARD HAD NOT ALREADY REVIEWED THAT FILM.

PREVIOUSLY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY HAD DISCRETION TO ORDER THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE FILM FROM EXHIBITION PENDING THE REVIEW.

UNDER THE FILM CENSORSHIP (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1984 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE, WITHDRAWAL ORDERS COULD NOW BE MADE ONLY IF THE FILM DISTRIBUTOR FAILED TO DELIVER THE FILM TO THE FILM CENSORSHIP AUTHORITY FOR REVIEW WITHIN 24 HOURS.

THIS WILL AVOID INCONVENIENCE TO THE DISTRIBUTORS AND ALSO ENSURE THAT A QUICK DECISION COULD BE REACHED ON THE PUBLIC COMPLAINT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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STAMPS TO MARK HONG KONG'S AVIATION HISTORY

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THE POST OFFICE WILL BE ISSUING ON MARCH 7 FOUR STAMPS DEPICTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION IN HONG KONG.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID: +HONG KONG HAS A LONG HISTORY IN THE FIELD OF AVIATION STARTING WITH THE FIRST BALLOON FLIGHT IN THE TERRITORY IN 1891. KAI TAK WAS RECLAIMED IN 1927 AND SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOPED TO THE AIRPORT AS IT STANDS TODAY.+

THE FOUR STAMPS TO BE ISSUED ARE :

40 CENTS - THE 'DORADO' WAS ONE OF THE IMPERIAL AIRWAYS' FLEET OF TWELVE DH 86A AIRCRAFT. IT WAS THE AIRCRAFT WHICH STARTED INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG. ON MARCH 24, 1936 IT ARRIVED AT KAI TAK ON THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT ESTABLISHING A WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN PENANG AND HONG KONG. THE AIRCRAFT HAD ON BOARD 16 BAGS OF MAIL AND ONE PASSENGER. THE DH 86A COULD CARRY TEN PASSENGERS, CRUISED AT 145 MPH AND HAD A RANGE OF 764 MILES.

\$1.00 - THE PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS 'HONG KONG' CLIPPER (S-42 B) WAS ONE OF THE CLIPPERS USED BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS WHEN IT STARTED A REGULAR SERVICE IN 1937 TO MANILA. THE S-42 CARRIED 28 PASSENGERS AND A CRUISING SPEED OF 163 MPH.

\$1.30 - A CATHAY PACIFIC BOEING 747 LANDING AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

\$5.00 - THE BALLOON IN WHICH THE BALDWIN BROTHERS FROM AMERICA MADE THEIR ASCENT FROM HAPPY VALLEY ON JANUARY 3, 1891.

DESIGNED BY MR MEL HARRIS, THE STAMPS WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE AND IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE DAILY FROM FEBRUARY 29 TO MARCH 6 FROM 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM.

THE OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE PUT ON SALE ON FEBRUARY 22 AT 50 CENTS EACH. THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN INSERT CARD CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT THE STAMPS. ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM FEBRUARY 22 - 29 AT ALL POST OFFICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A SET OF FOUR ATTRACTIVE POSTCARDS, BEING ENLARGEMENTS OF THE STAMPS, WILL ALSO BE PUT ON SALE ON FEBRUARY 22 AT \$1 EACH.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE POST OFFICE HAS ISSUED POSTCARDS DEPICTING SPECIAL ISSUE POSTAGE STAMPS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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FIRE SERVICES TO HAVE NEW HEADQUARTERS

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A CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR A NEW FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AND SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

WORK WILL START ON THE \$52 MILLION PROJECT NEXT MONTH AND TAKE A LITTLE UNDER TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL BE 14 STOREYS HIGH AND OCCUPY A 2 600-SQUARE METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF HONG CHONG AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROADS.

ADJACENT TO THE HEADQUARTERS WILL BE A DRILL YARD.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A LARGE BASEMENT AREA FOR STORE ROOMS AND FOR PARKING VEHICLES.

THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WILL PROVIDE 16 400 SQUARE METRES OF OFFICE SPACE.

THE NEW BUILDING WILL REPLACE THE PRESENT HEADQUARTERS IN JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT, WHICH WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO KWAN LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR POOL, MARKET COMPLEX WORK

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION WORK FOR A SWIMMING POOL AND MARKET COMPLEX AT TSUEN WAN.

THE COMPLEX WILL BE BUILT ON A 9 400-SQUARE METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF ON YAT STREET AND TSUEN KING CIRCUIT.

THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL CONSIST OF A MAIN POOL, A PADDLING POOL, A WATER FEATURE POOL, A TEACHING-TRAINING POOL, CHANGING ROOM FACILITIES AND A PLAY AREA FOR CHILDREN.

THE FOUR-STOREY MARKET COMPLEX WILL ACCOMMODATE 47 STALLS AND 253 MINI-STALLS, TWO RESTAURANTS AND A ROOFTOP GARDEN.

IT WILL BE BUILT ADJACENT TO THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER.

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REFUSE DISPOSAL GROUP HOLDS 50TH MEETING

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MEMBERS OF THE REFUSE DISPOSAL GROUP (RDG) MARKED THEIR 50TH MEETING TODAY (FRIDAY) BY VISITING KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR AND GIN DRINKERS BAY PARK.

THE RDG WAS SET UP IN MID-1976 AND REPLACED THE FORMER CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTES.

IT HAS HELD REGULAR MEETINGS EVERY TWO MONTHS SINCE TO REVIEW THE OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS DISPOSAL SCHEMES AND TO RECOMMEND THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FACILITIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP SAID IT WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROPER AND EFFICIENT DISPOSAL OF HONG KONG'S SOLID WASTES WHICH, IN 1976, AMOUNTED TO 4 000 TONNES A DAY AND WAS NOW APPROACHING 7 000 TONNES.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE RDG COMPRISES THE DIRECTORS OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, CITY SERVICES AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

ITS CHAIRMAN IS THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR EDDIE SHORT.

THE GROUP WAS ACCOMPANIED DURING ITS VISITS BY THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR NG TECH-SHENG.

AT KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED BY STAFF OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE PLANT.

THE PLANT, COMMISSIONED IN 1979, WAS THE FIRST HERE TO BE FITTED WITH ELECTROSTATIC DUST PRECIPITATORS AND IS REGARDED AS HONG KONG'S MOST EFFICIENT MEANS OF WASTE DISPOSAL. THE PRECIPITATORS HELP REMOVE MOST OF THE DUST FROM THE FLUE GAS PRIOR TO DISCHARGE, RESULTING IN CLEAN EMISSION AND CONSEQUENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

THE RDG WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE INCINERATOR IS HANDLING ABOUT 850 TONNES OF REFUSE A DAY, ABOUT TWO THIRDS ITS CAPACITY.

AT GIN DRINKERS BAY PARK, THE GROUP WAS BRIEFED BY THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR RICHARD WHITTAKER, ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK.

HE SAID GIN DRINKERS BAY WAS FOR MANY YEARS THE MAJOR CONTROLLED TIP IN THE TERRITORY AND WAS FINALLY CLOSED IN EARLY 1979. IT WAS NOW BEING DEVELOPED AS A PARK IN THREE PHASES TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

MR WHITTAKER SAID THE FIRST PHASE WOULD COVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 23 HECTARES, WORK ON THIS WOULD START NEXT YEAR. THE PARK WOULD BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR USE IN 1987.

FACILITIES WOULD INCLUDE GARDENS, CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, A MINI-GOLF COURSE, FAST FOOD SHOPS, A 1 000-METRE-LONG JOGGING TRACK, TOGETHER WITH EXERCISE STATIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, AND PUBLIC TOILETS.

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FOOTPATHS TO BE BUILT NEAR HOUSING AREA

TAI PO AND FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS TO CONSTRUCT TWO FOOTPATHS AND THREE VEHICLE PARKING AREAS NEAR A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TO BE BUILT AT SHA TAU KOK NEXT YEAR.

THE FOOTPATHS WILL SERVE RESIDENTS OF THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AS WELL AS THOSE OF SHA TAU KOK.

THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF 1985.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED FOOTPATHS AND VEHICLE PARKING AREAS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE NORTH AND NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, TAI PO MARKET, TAI PO; AND AT NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, FANLING SUB-OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL IN WRITING SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE APRIL 17.

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HIGHER BIDS FOR URBAN TAXI LICENCES

SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY TENDERS WERE SUBMITTED FOR 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES WHICH WERE PUT UP FOR BID RECENTLY.

THE HIGHEST BID ACCEPTED WAS \$144 598 AND THE LOWEST \$138 589.

THE AVERAGE PREMIUM OF \$140 221.76 REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 4.7 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE LAST TENDER EXERCISE.

AND 188 TENDERS WERE LODGED FOR THE 150 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES OFFERED.

SUCCESSFUL BIDS RANGED FROM A HIGH OF \$30 800 TO A LOW OF \$12 860. THE AVERAGE PREMIUM WAS \$21 144.69 REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 14.1 PER CENT ON THE PREVIOUS OFFER.

RESULTS OF THE TENDER ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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NEW CLOCK TOWER TO SERVE AS SHAM SHUI PO LANDMARK
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CONSTRUCTION OF A 10.9-METER HIGH CLOCK TOWER AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$200 000, OF WHICH \$150 000 IS FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE CLOCK TOWER WILL SERVE AS A LANDMARK FOR THE DISTRICT.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, SAID THAT APART FROM ITS ARCHITECTURAL MERIT, THE CLOCK TOWER ALSO DEMONSTRATED CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CLOCK TOWER IS A FOUR-SIDED, LOW-RISE STRUCTURE DESIGNED TO RESEMBLE THE DISTRICT BOARD LOGO.

TOMORROW, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE CLOCK TOWER AT 2.15 PM.

AFTER THAT A CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND AT 3.15 PM TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST SHAM SHUI PO ARTS FESTIVAL.

MR WIGGHAM WILL BE JOINED THEN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR KWOK CHEONG, AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO CLOCK TOWER AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT THE JUNCTION OF TAI PO ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, AND ALSO THE GALA OPENING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS FESTIVAL AT 3.15 PM AT THE PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND.

A COACH WILL TAKE PRESS MEMBERS FROM THE CLOCK TOWER SITE TO THE PO ON ROAD VENUE AT ABOUT 3 PM.

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YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL OPENS

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THE FOURTH YUEN LONG ARTS FESTIVAL, AN ANNUAL FOCUS OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, WAS OPENED THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR MACPHERSON SAID IT WAS ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO FIND THE RIGHT BLEND OF PERFORMANCES TO SUIT A WIDE RANGE OF AGES AND TASTES, AND YET THE FESTIVAL'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING PROGRAMME.

HE NOTED THAT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME LAID SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON YOUNG PEOPLE, WITH MATINEE SHOWS, OUTDOOR PROGRAMMES, FILM SHOWS AND POPULAR MUSIC CONCERTS.

+AS WELL AS GOING TO SEE SOME OF THE PERFORMANCES WHICH YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE TEMPTED TO TRY SOME OF THE ITEMS WHICH ARE NEW TO YUEN LONG AND WHICH COME HERE WITH GOOD REVIEWS FROM OTHER PERFORMING VENUES IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+NO EDUCATION IS COMPLETE WITHOUT AN APPRECIATION OF THE ARTS: THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH MATURES AND GROWS WITH YOU, GIVING MANY YEARS OF PLEASURE, AND SOMETHING WHICH HELPS TO DEVELOP HARMONY OF CHARACTER AND AN INNER SENSE OF PEACE.+

THE 15-DAY FESTIVAL FEATURES 34 ITEMS INCLUDING CONCERTS, DRAMAS, OPERAS, DANCES, FILMS, SEMINARS AND EXHIBITIONS - A PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AS WELL AS FOR PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT ARTISTIC INTERESTS.

OUT OF THE TOTAL BUDGET OF \$700 000 FOR THE FESTIVAL, THE DISTRICT BOARD IS CONTRIBUTING \$300 000, WHILE THE BALANCE WILL COME FROM TICKET PROCEEDS AND LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL MARCH 2, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE AND THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (N.T.).

ADMISSION TO 22 OF THE FESTIVAL'S EVENTS IS FREE, AND TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

TICKETS FOR THE CHOR FUNG MING OPERA TROUPE PERFORMANCES AT \$80, \$65, \$50 AND \$35, THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY PERFORMANCE AT \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 AND \$5, TOGETHER WITH OTHER PROGRAMMES AT \$15, \$10 AND \$5 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT LUT SAU HALL.

THE OPENING HOURS FOR THE BOX OFFICE ARE BETWEEN 3.30 PM AND 7.30 PM DAILY.

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GROWING DEMAND SEEN FOR TRANSLATION SERVICE

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TRANSLATORS AND INTERPRETERS MUST KEEP ABREAST OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS BY EQUIPPING THEMSELVES, WELL TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY.

MRS WONG SAID THAT THE DEMAND FOR THEIR SERVICES WAS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO GROW, AND IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT TRANSLATORS AND INTERPRETERS SHOULD LIVE UP TO THE HIGH STANDARD EXPECTED BY THE PUBLIC, SHE SAID.

SHE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SECOND BASIC TRAINING COURSE FOR NEWLY-RECRUITED CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS, AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THIS CEREMONY WHICH MARKED THE COMPLETION OF THE COURSE FOR 24 CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE, MR FRED TING, SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THE ENTHUSIASM DEMONSTRATED BY THESE NEW RECRUITS.

HE WAS SURE THAT THEY COULD FULFIL THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC.

MR TING ADDED THAT THE OBJECT OF SIMILAR COURSES CURRENTLY HELD FOR NEWLY APPOINTED CHINESE LANGUAGE OFFICERS WAS TO DEVELOP BETTER TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION TECHNIQUES TO MEET THE GROWING NEED FOR SUCH SERVICES.

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ROAD LINK TO COMPLETE TSING YI COMPLEX

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ACCESS TO THE INDUSTRIAL AREA ON THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI WILL IMPROVE WITH THE COMPLETION OF A CIRCULAR ROAD SYSTEM AROUND THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE ISLAND.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES BUILDING A ONE-KILOMETRE LONG ROAD TO LINK TWO EXISTING ROADS.

FIVE 10.3-METRE-WIDE ACCESS ROADS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

IN ADDITION AN EXISTING ROAD RUNNING THROUGH THE AREA WILL BE WIDENED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WILL INVITE TENDERS TOWARDS THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR AND THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN 11 500-CUBIC-METRE FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT SOUTH TSING YI.

THE RESERVOIR WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OF REINFORCED CONCRETE AND THE ROOF WILL BE TOPPED OFF WITH SOIL AND GRASS.

IT WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

THE NEW RESERVOIR IS BEING BUILT TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND FOR FRESH WATER ARISING FROM THE HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE WESTERN AND SOUTH-WESTERN COASTS OF TSING YI ISLAND.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL START IN MAY AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS WHICH WERE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY), CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY; DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (TSUEN WAN), TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 174-208, CASTLE PEAK ROAD; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOU WAH CENTRE (2ND FLOOR), 210, CASTLE PEAK ROAD; AND ITS TSING YI SUB-OFFICE, 113, CHING WAI HOUSE, CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, TSING YI.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE APRIL 17.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ROLLER SKATING RINK OPENING

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THE WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MRS JANE AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING OF A ROLLER SKATING RINK AT THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN TUEN MUN, AT 10.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YAN OI TONG DIRECTOR BOARD, MR YIP HING-CHUNG, AND THE DISTRICT COMMANDER (TUEN MUN), RHKPF, MR V.F.D. CHAPMAN.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CARNIVAL TO TOP ACTIVITIES

A CARNIVAL TO ROUND OFF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES IN TAI PO WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 19) AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND.

THE PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE GAME STALLS AND TELEMATCH GAMES.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AT 12 NOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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PROMENADES ALONG SHING MUN RIVER

PROMENADES AND A SERIES OF OPEN SPACES ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE BANKS OF THE SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN.

SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE PROMENADES WILL STRETCH FROM JAT MIN ESTATE TO THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE ALONG THE RIVER FRONTAGE, A DISTANCE OF 4.3 KILOMETRES, AND WILL FORM PART OF AN EXTENSIVE PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE TRACK SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE NEW TOWN.

THE OPEN SPACES WILL HAVE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREAS, REFRESHMENT KIOSKS, SEATS AND PUBLIC TOILETS.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED IN A YEAR.

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TAI HANG WATER WORKS

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI HANG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES IN JARDINE'S LOOKOUT, BOUNDED BY TAI HANG ROAD, MOUNT BUTLER ROAD, PRICE ROAD, AND PERKINS ROAD, INCLUDING MOUNT BUTLER NON-DEPARTMENTAL QUARTERS.

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