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DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT AT LICENSED AREAS

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PEOPLE MAY LOOK FORWARD TO A MORE PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT DURING THEIR TEMPORARY RESIDENCE AT NEW LICENSED AREAS IN THE FUTURE.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE PART-BUILT STRUCTURES FOR FUTURE RESIDENTS OF LICENSED AREAS HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE NECESSARY FUNDS HAVE NOW BEEN ALLOCATED.

TENANTS, ON MOVING IN, NEED ONLY PARTITION THEIR ALLOCATED ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THESE STRUCTURES. THEY WILL ALSO ENJOY AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AS WELL.

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT OPERATED A PILOT SCHEME IN YAN OI LAST YEAR WHICH WAS LATER EXTENDED TO HO MAN TIN.

BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS VISITORS WHO HAVE SEEN THESE PART-BUILT STRUCTURES HAVE COMMENTED FAVOURABLY ON THEM.

+THEY ARE MORE PLEASANT AND HABITABLE AND MUCH TIDIER,+ THEY SAID.

BETWEEN AUGUST AND DECEMBER THIS YEAR, WORK IS PLANNED TO START ON FOUR NEW LICENSED AREAS IN KOWLOON AND ONE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH PART-BUILT STRUCTURES.

THESE FIVE LICENSED AREAS, THREE IN KOWLOON BAY AND ONE EACH AT PING SHEK AND SHATIN, WILL ACCOMMODATE OVER 20,000 PEOPLE.

+IT IS PROPOSED THAT PART-BUILT STRUCTURES SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR MOST OF THE FUTURE LICENSED AREAS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID.

+HOWEVER, AS SITE FORMATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH STRUCTURES TAKE FIVE TO SIX MONTHS, AND IF THERE SHOULD BE A SUDDEN DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION DUE TO VARIOUS FACTORS, THEY MAY NOT BE PROVIDED AND TENANTS WILL HAVE TO PUT UP THEIR OWN HUTS,+ HE ADDED.

THE FIRST OF THE FIVE NEW LICENSED AREAS, AT PING SHEK, OCCUPIES AN AREA OF OVER 400,000 SQUARE FEET AND CAN ACCOMMODATE SOME 5,500 PEOPLE.

THE THREE SITES AT KOWLOON BAY, TOTALLING OVER 1,000,000 SQUARE FEET, WILL ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 14,000 PEOPLE.

THE SHATIN LICENSED AREA IS THE SMALLEST WITH AN AREA OF ABOUT 54,000 SQUARE FEET. THIS SITE CAN ACCOMMODATE SOME 800 PEOPLE.

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FIRES IN FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1974 TEN PER CENT UP ON LAST YEAR

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FIGURES RELEASED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY REVEAL THAT THE NUMBER OF FIRE CALLS DEALT WITH THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1974 TOTALLED 3,741 -- ABOUT 10 PER CENT UP ON THE FIGURE FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1973 WHEN THERE WERE 3,409 CALLS.

THE ESTIMATED MONETARY VALUE OF FIRE LOSSES WAS MORE THAN $26 MILLION.

THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC FIRES WAS 582, OF WHICH 26 WERE IN FACTORIES IN DOMESTIC PREMISES. THERE WERE 167 FACTORY FIRES.

THE MAIN CAUSES OF FIRE CONTINUED TO BE CARELESS DISPOSAL OF LIGHTED CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES (1,147 FIRES) AND ELECTRICAL FAULTS (529 FIRES).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID: +SMOKERS ARE URGED NOT TO THROW THEIR CIGARETTE ENDS ON THE GROUND, BUT TO DISPOSE OF THEM IN ASH TRAYS OR CANS.+

HE ADDED THAT MANY ELECTRICAL FAULT FIRES RESULTED THROUGH LACK OF MAINTENANCE AND URGED FACTORY OWNERS AND HOUSEHOLDERS TO HAVE THEIR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY OR APPLIANCES REGULARLY CHECKED BY QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS.

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PROHIBITION HOURS FOR LORRIES ON COTTON TREE DRIVE EXTENDED

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THE EXISTING PROHIBITION ON THE MOVEMENT OF GOODS VEHICLES ON COTTON TREE DRIVE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE EXTENDED TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW DURING THE MORNING PEAK PERIOD AS WELL.

THE EXISTING PROHIBITION HOURS ARE FROM 4.30 P.M. TO 6.30 P.M., FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY INCLUSIVE. THEY WILL BE EXTENDED WITH EFFECT FROM TUESDAY (JULY 30) TO COVER THE PERIOD FROM 7.30 A.M. TO 9.30 A.M. FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

BETWEEN THESE HOURS, GOODS VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF COTTON TREE DRIVE BEYOND THE SLIP ROAD TO KENNEDY ROAD, OR ENTER THE DRIVE VIA THE THREE SLIP ROADS AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE, ST. JOHN'S BUILDING, AND FROM KENNEDY ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED.

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SIXTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY ON SALE NOW

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SCARCELY HAD THE FIFTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY COMPLETED ITS DRAW AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE YESTERDAY WHEN THE NEXT LOTTERY -- THE SIXTH FOR THIS YEAR -- BEGAN ITS SALE.

AT $2.00 EACH, THE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB BRANCH OFFICES, 19 FERRY PIERS OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, THE HEAD OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF VARIOUS BANKS AND TWO KOWLOON HOTELS.

THE DRAW FOR THIS LOTTERY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON AUGUST 10.

THERE WILL BE ONE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE AND 50 SPECIAL PRIZES AS WELL AS 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT ON MONDAY (JULY 29) AT 1.00 P.M. TO ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR PROMOTING THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY OF THE YEAR.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND.

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