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NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR TUNG LUNG FORT
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RUINS OF AN ALMOST FORGOTTEN HISTORICAL FORT ON THE ISOLATED TUNG LUNG ISLAND ARE BEING +BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE+ AFTER TWO YEARS PAINSTAKING AND BACKBREAKING EFFORTS BY A GROUP OF ENTHUSIASTIC ARCHAEOLOGISTS.

THE FORT IS NOW A GAZETTED MONUMENT WITH ITS SURROUNDING AREA DESIGNATED AS A +SPECIAL AREA+ UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE.

IT IS BELIEVED THE TUNG LUNG FORT COULD BE DATED BACK TO 350 YEARS AGO TO THE KANG HSI PERIOD OF THE CHING DYNASTY (1662 - 1772 AD).

BECAUSE OF ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION, THE FORT WAS BUILT THERE TO PROTECT COASTAL SHIPPING FROM PIRATES AT THE NARROW FAT TONG MUN STRAIT. ACCORDING TO THE GAZETTEER OF THE SAN ON DISTRICT, IT WAS ABANDONED AND ITS SMALL GARRISON MOVED TO KOWLOON IN 1810 BECAUSE IT WAS DIFFICULT TO KEEP IT SUPPLIED.

IT IS ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE CHING GOVERNMENT ABANDONED THE FORT AFTER THE SURRENDER OF THE PIRATE FLEETS OF CHEUNG PO-TSAI, CHENG YAT AND CHENG LIN-CHEONG IN 1810. LOCAL PIRATES DOMINATED THE AREA BETWEEN 1735 AND 1810.

THE FORT HAD GRADUALLY FALLEN TO RUINS UNTIL EARLY 1979 WHEN IT WAS DECIDED TO RESTORE AND DISPLAY IT AS A HISTORICAL MONUMENT.

LED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS SECTION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DR SOLOMON BARD, AND THE CURATOR OF THE HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY, MR BRIAN PEACOCK, A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS (MAINLY FROM THE HONG KONG ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY) AND HIRED WORKERS ARE CARRYING OUT MAJOR REPAIR AND RESTORATION WORK AT THE FORT.

OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING THERE TO CUT DOWN THE THICK OVERGROWTH, DISMANTLE CRUMBLING WALLS, AND CLEAR THE RUBBLE.

A VERY SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CURRENT PHASE OF RESTORATION CAME FROM THE 6TH QUEEN ELIZABETH OWN GURKHA RIFLES, AND THE GURKHA ENGINEERS, WITH MAJOR P.A.T. UNDERHILL CO-ORDINATING THE EFFORTS.

THE SOLDIERS BUILT A WOODEN BRIDGE OVER THE ENTRANCE TO THE FORT, WHILE THE WESSEX HELICOPTER OF THE 28TH SQUADRON, RAF AIRLIFTED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS TO THE SITE TO ENABLE THE WORKERS TO CARRY OUT THEIR MASSIVE PROJECT. THE HELP FROM THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE WAS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PRESENT OPERATION.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (MAINTENANCE DIVISION), AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAVE ALL HELPED IN THEIR VARIOUS WAYS IN THE PROJECT.

+WE ARE NOW CARRYING OUT ANOTHER PHASE OF WORK AIMING AT STABILISING, REPAIRING AND WHERE NECESSARY REBUILDING THE COLLAPSED WALLS,+ DR BARD SAID.

/+CONSIDERABLE .....

+CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND I HOPE THE LOOSE STONES IN THE WALLS WILL BE ALL CEMENTED AND STABILISED BEFORE THE NEXT RAINY SEASON. BUT THERE IS STILL A GREAT DEAL OF WORK TO BE DONE ESPECIALLY IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WALLS.+

+OUR AIM IS TO RESTORE THE FORT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO EXCAVATE THE INTERIOR SO THAT ANY REMAINING FOUNDATIONS OF STRUCTURES ARE EXPOSED AND TO OPEN IT TO PUBLIC AS A HISTORICAL RUIN,+ DR BARD SAID.

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DHA OPENS +KWUN TONG TODAY+

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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR GRAHAM BARNES TODAY (SUNDAY) OPENED THE +KWUN TONG TODAY+, THE TWO-WEEK COMMUNITY EVENT IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR BARNES SAID THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, HAD DISPLAYED THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF KWUN TONG.

HE SAID: +ITS UNDERLYING MESSAGE IS THAT WHILE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR MANY REMAIN FAR FROM IDEAL IN THE DISTRICT, THE RESIDENTS OF KWUN TONG WILL NOT ACCEPT DEFEAT BUT ARE PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE COMMUNITY UNITY AND WILLINGNESS TO OVERCOME THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE DISTRICT AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WHICH WAS SET UP A YEAR AGO.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT KWUN TONG HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT PRODUCTION CENTRE. OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, ITS CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S EXPORTS HAD NEVER BEEN LESS THAN 15-17 PER CENT, AND EVEN HIGHER IN THE SIXTIES. AND YET, LIKE OTHER INDUSTRIAL TOWNS PLANNED AND BUILT OVER A SHORT TIME, KWUN TONG HAD NOT ALWAYS HAD THE BEST ENVIRONMENTS AND FREQUENTLY SUFFER FROM A SHORTAGE OF AMENITIES.

MR BARNES SAID THAT THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WOULD BE TOTALLY ABSORBED IN MAKING KWUN TONG A BETTER PLACE, AND WOULD BE STIMULATED FURTHER BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, TO BE FORMED EARLY NEXT YEAR. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNISED THE NEED FOR FULL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT= WHETHER THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD INCLUDE DIRECTLY ELECTED MEMBERS WAS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION. MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WOULD DEPEND ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY'S DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE DISTRICT BOARDS WORK.

+LIKE OTHER URBAN DISTRICTS, KWUN TONG HAS A STRONG LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH MAKES UP THE TOWN,+ MR BARNES SAID. +IT IS AGAINST THE SOCIAL BACKGROUND THAT THE RECENT GREEN PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BEGINS WITH A RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN PROVIDING 'LOCAL FOCUS, STIMULUS, SUPPORT AND CRITICISM, WITH SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT',+ HE SAID.

ABOUT 3 000 PARTICIPANTS ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES INCLUDING A DRAGON DANCE, LION DANCES, FOLK DANCES, CYCLING SKILL DISPLAY AND MUSIC PERFORMANCES.

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PAYMENTS FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS HIT $20 MILLION

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TOTAL DEATH AND INJURY PAYMENTS UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME HAVE WELL EXCEEDED $20 MILLION.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT NEARLY $22.6 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF TO 5 947 CASES SINCE THE SCHEME STARTED IN MAY LAST YEAR.

MRS DIANA LEE, HEAD OF THE TAVA SECTION, SAID TODAY ANOTHER $24 000 HAD BEEN AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT TO 99 CASES AND NOW AWAIT COLLECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT.

SHE SAID GRANTS ALREADY MADE WERE PAID TO 534 CASES INVOLVING DEATH, AND TO 5 413 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAD CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

DEATH GRANTS AMOUNTED TO OVER $3.9 MILLION, SHE SAID, WHILE INJURY PAYMENTS TOTALLED $18.6 MILLION, OF WHICH $4.5 MILLION WERE FOR FURTHER PAYMENTS TO THOSE REQUIRING EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

MRS LEE SAID THE HIGHEST PAYMENT SO FAR WAS $26 100 IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM $800 TO $25 040.

+AT PRESENT, 375 APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS SHORTLY,+ SHE SAID.

THE SCHEME IS NON-MEANS TESTED AND PROVIDES QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

UNDER THE SCHEME, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS MUST HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

PEOPLE INVOLVED CAN APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE TAVA SECTION ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE AT 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-779421 AND 5-7903650).

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YAU MA TEI ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN ENDS

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AN EXCITING TELEMATCH IN KOWLOON PARK TODAY (SUNDAY) MARKED THE END OF THE THREE-WEEK ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN IN YAU MA TEI - THE YEAR'S THIRD INTENSIVE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

THE FIRST OF THESE CAMPAIGNS BEGAN IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ON SEPTEMBER 20, FOLLOWED BY YUEN LONG ON OCTOBER 19 AND YAU MA TEI ON NOVEMBER 15 WITH THE AIM OF ENLISTING THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID THE CONCLUSION OF THE THREE DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS DID NOT MEAN AN END TO THE YEAR'S ANTI-NARCOTICS PUBLICITY EFFORTS.

/+IN FACT .....

+IN FACT A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR ARE IN THE PIPELINE. FOR EXAMPLE AN ANTI-NARCOTICS TRAINING CAMP FOR 200 YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE ACAN'S SINGING COMPETITION ARE BEING ORGANISED FOR NEXT MONTH AND, IN MARCH, THE WINNERS' CONCERT.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT AS LONG AS THERE ARE 40 000 DRUG ADDICTS IN HONG KONG, THERE REMAINS THE POTENTIAL SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM SPREADING.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR DISCONTINUING OR RELAXING GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN THE PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE THROUGH PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION.

MOREOVER THERE IS A LARGE RESERVOIR OF NEW IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE.

COMMENTING ON THE YAU MA TEI CAMPAIGN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT ATTRACTED OVER 30 000 PARTICIPANTS TO THE 30 ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR LAI SZE-NUEN.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED A MASS WALKATHON IN WHICH SOME 1 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART= FILM SHOWS= A FOLK DANCE SHOW, EXHIBITIONS, SCHOOL TALKS, CROSSWORD PUZZLE, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITIONS AS WELL AS SOCCER AND BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS.

MASS PUBLICITY THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT WAS ALSO CARRIED OUT DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD WITH THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BANNERS, POSTERS, BOOKLETS, AND STICKERS TOGETHER WITH SOUVENIR HANDOUTS BEARING ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES.

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NOVEMBER -- WARMER AND SUNNIER

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NOVEMBER WAS WARMER AND SUNNIER THAN USUAL, ACCORDING TO THE MONTH'S WEATHER SUMMARY ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

ITS MEAN TEMPERATURE OF 22.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS THE SEVENTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH SINCE 1884.

THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 25.1 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS ALSO THE NINTH HIGHEST RECORD WHILE THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 20.2 DEGREES WAS EIGHTH.

DURING THE MONTH THERE WERE 217.8 HOURS OF SUNSHINE, 28.4 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL OF 28.2 MM WAS 26 PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE, BRINGING THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR TO 1709.9 MM, WHICH IS 23 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

THE CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE DOMINATED CHINA THROUGHOUT THE MONTH LEADING TO GENERALLY FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER IN HONG KONG.

A LONG FINE SPELL LASTED FROM OCTOBER 29 UNTIL NOVEMBER 13 AND THE MONTH'S HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF 29.3 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 7.

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ON NOVEMBER 13 THE STRONG MONSOON SIGNAL WAS HOISTED. EASTERLY WINDS STRENGTHENED DURING THE NIGHT AND PERSISTED THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY CLOUDY FROM NOVEMBER 14 TO 18 EXCEPT ON NOVEMBER 16 WHICH WAS A SUNNY DAY.

FOLLOWING RAINS CAUSED BY AN UPPER-AIR DISTURBANCE ON NOVEMBER 19, WINDS TURNED NORTHERLY AND THE WEATHER REMAINED FINE AND SUNNY UNTIL NOVEMBER 25.

ANOTHER UPPER-AIR DISTURBANCE BROUGHT CONTINUOUS RAIN ON NOVEMBER 26 WHEN THE MONTH'S LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 18.8 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED.

RAIN CEASED EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING AND THERE WAS CONTINUOUS SUNSHINE FOR THE REMAINING FOUR DAYS OF THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH, THREE TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA BUT NO TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED.

THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON FOUR SEPARATE DAYS WHILE THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS EFFECTIVE ON 15 DAYS. DURING THE MONTH NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG.

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SPORTS MEET IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN

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HUNDREDS OF SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS TURNED UP AT THE MONGKOK STADIUM TODAY (SUNDAY) TO TAKE PART IN AN ATHLETIC MEET ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN.

THE SHAM SHUI PO INDUSTRIAL YOUTHS ATHLETIC MEET WAS ORGANISED BY THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IN THE DISTRICT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE LAI CHI KOK AREA COMMITTEE. IT WAS SPONSORED BY THE CHEUNG SHA WAN FACTORY BUILDING MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION.

+FIRST OF ITS KIND IN KOWLOON, THE EVENT IS SPECIALLY DIRECTED AT YOUNG FACTORY WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT. THE AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY SPORTING ACTIVITIES AND TO STEER THEM AWAY FROM DRUGS,+ SAID MR GEORGE HSUEH, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL FURTHER DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO COMMUNITY WORK -- TO JOIN IN THE CONCERTED EFFORTS TO ERADICATE THE DRUG PROBLEM,+ MR HSUEH ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE MR E.I. LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR STEPHEN IP, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHAM SHUI PO, MR LAW SIU LUN, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND CIVIC BODIES.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, PARTICIPANTS COMPETED WITH ONE ANOTHER IN A WIDE RANGE OF EVENTS INCLUDING RUNNING, HIGH JUMPS, BROAD JUMPS, SOFT BALL THROWING AND SHOT-PUT. THE EVENT ATTRACTED HUNDREDS OF SPECTATORS. ----o----

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NT PEOPLE URGED TO FULLY UTILIZE SPORTS FACILITIES

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, HAS URGED PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO FULLY UTILIZE LOCAL SPORTS FACILITIES.

MR CHUI WAS SPEAKING TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE FIRST NEW TERRITORIES TABLE TENNIS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL INDOOR GAMES HALL, KWAI CHUNG.

FACILITIES AND VENUES FOR RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WERE NOT SUFFICIENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID.

IN ITS DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WAS TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES, BUT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IN A SHORT PERIOD.

THEREFORE, WE SHOULD GET THE MOST OUT OF OUR EXISTING AMENITIES. WELL-ORGANISED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TODAY'S TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITION EFFECTIVELY FACILITATED UTILIZATION OF EXISTING VENUES AND PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS COMPETITIONS.

MR CHUI PRAISED THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE FOR ORGANISING SUCH A HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY.

+COMPETITIONS LIKE THIS NOT ONLY PROMOTE SPORTING STANDARDS BUT ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS TO WATCH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR PLAYERS,+ HE SAID.

+I HOPE MORE ACTIVITIES OF A SIMILAR SCALE WILL BE ENCOURAGED, ORGANISED AND PROMOTED,+ MR CHUI SAID.

MORE THEN 380 MEN AND WOMEN PLAYERS, REPRESENTING THE EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS, TOOK PART IN TODAY'S COMPETITION.

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VILLAGERS THANK PRISONS DEPARTMENT

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WAS TODAY (SUNDAY) THANKED BY VILLAGERS OF MA YAU TONG, HANG HAU, SAI KUNG FOR HELPING THEM TO CONSTRUCT A VAN TRACK IN THE VILLAGE.

THE 300-METRE LONG AND THREE-METRE WIDE TRACK WAS BUILT BY INMATES OF PIK UK PRISON UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF PRISON OFFICERS.

+THE NEW TRACK PROVIDES A PROPER VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE VILLAGE WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF OVER 1 000,+ THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR TSANG WAN SAID.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY HELD IN THE VILLAGE, MR TSANG PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF ALL THE VILLAGERS A BANNER TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PIK UK PRISON, MR WONG WAH-CHIU.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT SAID THE WORK WAS ONE OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT. THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, BEACH CLEANING, BUILDING WORK, GRASS CUTTING AND AFFORESTATION.

+SINCE THE PIK UK PRISON OPENED IN 1975, OVER 180 LOCAL WORKS PROJECTS COVERING 50 VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY ITS PRISONERS,+ HE ADDED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NATHAN ROAD

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AND BUS DIVERSIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NATHAN ROAD FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 10).

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THE PROHIBITED ZONE FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY IN NATHAN ROAD BETWEEN KANSU STREET AND PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND WING SING LANE WILL BE RESCINDED. THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD WILL REOPEN TO TRAFFIC AND BECOME AN +URBAN CLEARWAY+ FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY AND A PLB RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

PROHIBITION OF TURNING MOVEMENT

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES ON NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS ALONG NATHAN ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO KANSU STREET. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROHIBITION IS TO IMPROVE BOTH VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS AT THE JUNCTION.

BUS DIVERSION

CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ROUTES NO. 102, 104, 105, 112 AND 122 ON JOURNEYS TO KOWLOON TRAVELLING ALONG GASCOIGNE ROAD WILL PROCEED ON NATHAN ROAD NORTHBOUND AND TURN LEFT INTO PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND THEN TURN RIGHT INTO SHANGHAI STREET.

KMB ROUTES 1, 1A, 3C, 9 AND 13, AND COACH SERVICES 202, 206, 210, 216 AND 246 ON NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS TRAVELLING ALONG NATHAN ROAD WILL TURN LEFT INTO PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND THEN TURN RIGHT INTO SHANGHAI STREET.

KMB ROUTES 2, 6, 6A AND 6C ON NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS WILL PROCEED ON NATHAN ROAD AND TURN LEFT TO ARGYLE STREET AND THEN TURN RIGHT INTO SHANGHAI STREET NORTHBOUND.

KMB ROUTES 2E, 4, 4A, 12, 30 AND 36B ON NORTHBOUND JOURNEYS WILL PROCEED ON CANTON ROAD, TURN RIGHT TO PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND THEN TURN LEFT TO SHANGHAI STREET NORTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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BUS ROUTE DIVERSION

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KMB ROUTE 2E ON JOURNEYS TO KOWLOON CITY FERRY WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA ANCHOR STREET, ASH STREET, FUK TSUEN STREET, MONG KOK ROAD AND SHANGHAI STREET INSTEAD OF CHERRY STREET, ARGYLE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 10).

THE DIVERSION IS TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AREA.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELLING EASTBOUND ALONG ARGYLE STREET WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO SHANGHAI STREET.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS AT THE JUNCTION.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITION.

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SALT WATER CUT

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO MOST AREAS IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 9) UNTIL MIDNIGHT THAT DAY FOR REPAIR WORKS AT KWUN TONG SALT WATER PUMPING STATION.

AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING, KWUN TONG, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, SHUN LEE ESTATE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, KOWLOON BAY, PING SHEK ESTATE, CHOI HUNG ESTATE AND CHA KWO LING.

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