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CONTRACT FOR OVER 8 000 FLATS SIGNED  
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THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DAVID FORD, TODAY SIGNED SIX BUILDING CONTRACTS TOTALLING OVER \$598 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 8 338 PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS FOR ABOUT 35 600 PEOPLE.

THESE ARE THE FIRST CONTRACTS SIGNED BY MR FORD, WHO TOOK OVER AS DIRECTOR A WEEK AGO. THEY BRING THE TOTAL VALUE OF PUBLIC HOUSING CONTRACTS SIGNED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR TO WELL OVER \$1 161 MILLION.

THE CONTRACTS ARE FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR VARIOUS PHASES OF CHUK YUEN, CHEUNG HONG, SUN CHUI, POK HONG AND SAU MAU PING RENTAL ESTATES, AND A NEW HOME OWNERSHIP ESTATE.

THE LARGEST CONTRACT OF \$192 MILLION IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO 12-STOREY TRIPLE SLAB BLOCKS AND ONE 26-28-STOREY TWIN H-BLOCK UNDER THE SECOND PHASE OF CHUK YUEN ESTATE IN CENTRAL KOWLOON, PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 2 933 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS FOR ABOUT 10 600 PEOPLE WHEN COMPLETED IN 1986.

INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT ARE A SEVEN-STOREY COMMERCIAL CENTRE, AN ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, A GAMES HALL, AN ELECTRIC POWER SUB-STATION, TWO COOKED-FOOD STALL STRUCTURES, AND VARIOUS OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE CHUK YUEN ESTATE IS THE LARGEST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN CENTRAL KOWLOON AND IS BEING BUILT IN FIVE PHASES.

IT WILL HAVE 14 BLOCKS FOR ABOUT 54 000 PEOPLE WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED.

ANOTHER LARGE CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$165 MILLION, IS FOR FOUNDATION AND CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE FIFTH PHASE OF THE CHEUNG HONG ESTATE ON TSING YI ISLAND. TWO 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCKS CONTAINING 2 004 FLATS FOR ABOUT 8 000 PEOPLE WILL BE BUILT.

WORK ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL CENTRE, TWO COOKED-FOOD STALL STRUCTURES, A SECONDARY SCHOOL, A PRIMARY SCHOOL AND A MARKET BUILDING WITH CAR PARKING FACILITIES AND COVERED GAMES AREA AS WELL AS ASSOCIATED ROADS, DRAINAGE AND EXTERNAL WORKS.

THE THIRD CONTRACT OF \$88 MILLION IS FOR THE BUILDING OF THE FIRST TWO 34/38-STOREY DOMESTIC BLOCKS, COVERED WALKWAYS AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AT HOME OWNERSHIP SAN WAI COURT, NEXT TO WU KING ESTATE, IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

ON COMPLETION IN OCTOBER 1985, THE TWO BLOCKS WILL HOUSE ABOUT 4 500 PEOPLE IN 1 120 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS.

TWO OTHER CONTRACTS, OF \$68 MILLION AND \$55 MILLION, ARE FOR THE THIRD PHASE OF SUN CHUI AND POK HONG ESTATES RESPECTIVELY IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

AT SUN CHUI, ONE 26-28-STOREY TWIN-H BLOCK, TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND A PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT WHEREAS AT POK HONG, WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF ONE 26-28 TWIN-H BLOCK AND A TWO-STOREY COMMERCIAL CENTRE WITH CAR PARKING FACILITIES.

BOTH CONTRACTS, TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1985, WILL PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 1 550 FLATS FOR ABOUT 8 400 PEOPLE.

THE LAST CONTRACT, VALUED AT \$27 MILLION, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 21-24-STOREY TWIN-TOWER BLOCK ON TOP OF A RECENTLY-COMPLETED CAR-PARK AT SAU MAU PING ESTATE UNDER THE FIRST PHASE OF AN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR THE ESTATE.

WHEN COMPLETED IN EARLY 1985, THE NEW BLOCK WILL PROVIDE 731 MORE FLATS FOR ABOUT 4 100 PEOPLE AT SAU MAU PING TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE RESIDENTS THERE.

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OVER 50 000 GIVEN AIDED FORM FOUR PLACES  
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A TOTAL OF 51 861 STUDENTS WHO TOOK PART IN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WERE ALLOCATED AIDED FORM FOUR PLACES THIS YEAR, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

ORIGINALLY, 79 579 PUPILS ENTERED FOR THE SYSTEM THIS YEAR. AMONG THEM, 1 096 ACCEPTED PLACES ON FULL-TIME CRAFT COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND ANOTHER 2 238 OPTED OUT DURING THE YEAR. OF THE REMAINING 76 245 PUPILS, 68 PER CENT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED FORM FOUR PLACES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OVER 80 PER CENT OF THE PUPILS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED BACK TO THEIR OWN 'FEEDER' SCHOOLS. AND 82.3 PER CENT OF THE PUPILS WERE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS OF THEIR FIRST CHOICE (81.3 PER CENT IN 1982 AND 80.2 PER CENT IN 1981). A TOTAL OF 96.5 PER CENT WERE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS WITHIN THEIR CHOICES (95.4 PER CENT IN 1982 AND 92.2 PER CENT IN 1981).

THE RESULTS OF ALLOCATION WILL BE RELEASED TO ALL PARTICIPATING SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR COLLECTION BY PUPILS TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

REGISTRATION OF FEEDER PUPILS (I.E. PUPILS ALLOCATED PLACES IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS) WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SAME DATE THE ALLOCATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED. FOR THIS PURPOSE PUPILS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

PUPILS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO OTHER SCHOOLS SHOULD REPORT FOR REGISTRATION ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20. WHEN REPORTING FOR REGISTRATION, SUCH PUPILS SHOULD BR NG THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) PUPIL IDENTIFICATION FORM, OR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT PREPARED BY THE SCHOOL AND ENDORSED BY THE JSEA SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT;

/(B) REGISTRATION .....

- (B) REGISTRATION FORM;
- (C) INDIVIDUAL RESULT SLIP;
- (D) PUPIL'S HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD;
- (E) A NOTE SHOWING HIS CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS, AND THE NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HIS PARENTS/GUARDIANS;
- (F) TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOL.

PUPILS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED A PLACE OFFERED BY A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SHOULD REPORT FOR REGISTRATION ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20.

A PUPIL UNABLE TO COLLECT HIS ALLOCATION RESULT OR TO GO FOR REGISTRATION BY JULY 20, SHOULD AUTHORISE, IN WRITING, A REPRESENTATIVE TO COLLECT THE RESULT OR REPORT TO THE SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION ON HIS BEHALF. THE LETTER OF AUTHORISATION MUST BE ENDORSED BY THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL AND SHOULD BE PRODUCED AT THE TIME OF COLLECTION OR REGISTRATION BY THE APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE.

IN REGISTERING WITH A SCHOOL, A PUPIL MUST SURRENDER HIS REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SCHOOL. IN THE EVENT OF A SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER, THE PUPIL MUST RETRIEVE HIS REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL WHICH WILL THEN CANCEL HIS REGISTRATION IN THAT SCHOOL.

+SCHOOLS MAY NOT ADMIT ANY PUPIL WITHOUT HIS REGISTRATION FORM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PUPILS WHO HAVE MOVED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT AND WISH TO TRANSFER TO A SCHOOL NEARER TO HIS NEW RESIDENCE AFTER ALLOCATION MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL IN WHICH HE COMPLETED HIS FORM THREE.

THE COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY FORM NOT ROUTED THROUGH PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 AND ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

PUPIL REALLOCATED TO OTHER SCHOOLS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY STAFF OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY PHONE DURING OFFICE HOURS BETWEEN JULY 24 AND 25, 1983. REGISTRATION OF TRANSFERRED PUPILS WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27.

PUPILS WHO ARE NOT ALLOCATED A SUBSIDISED FORM FOUR PLACE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THEIR SCHOOLS WITH AN INFORMATION SHEET OUTLINING THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM. THE SHEET CONTAINS ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS FROM WHICH PUPILS MAY OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY CLASSES WILL BE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, JULY 29. APPLICANTS MUST CALL IN PERSON AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, 4TH FLOOR, KOWLOON (TEL. 3-7130811), BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR JSEA RESULT SLIPS.

SHOULD TYPHOON SIGNAL NO. 8 OR ABOVE BE HOISTED ON JULY 19 OR 20, PUPILS SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MAKE ENQUIRIES WITH THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEY ARE ALLOCATED FOR ANOTHER DATE OF REGISTRATION.

ALL ENQUIRIES CONCERNING ALLOCATION RESULTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8919099.

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#### CAREERS DISPLAY TO HELP GUIDE SCHOOL LEAVERS

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AN EIGHT-DAY SPECIAL CAREERS GUIDANCE PROJECT WILL BE LAUNCHED ON FRIDAY (JULY 22) FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS LIVING IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WITH SPONSORSHIP BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 36A WESTERN STREET, AT 9.15 AM THAT DAY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MR LEUNG SIK-WAH, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMUNITY COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT; MRS LEE TANG YEE-LIN, CHAIRWOMAN OF THE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE; MISS CHAN JOY-YIN, DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF CENTRAL, WESTERN AND ISLANDS; AND MR SIT YUM-CHO, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE.

THE AIM OF THE PROJECT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY), WAS TO PROVIDE FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON CHOOSING A CAREER AND ON VARIOUS TRAINING INSTITUTIONS TO SCHOOL LEAVERS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF A SERIES OF TALKS, A DISPLAY AS WELL AS A TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE -- ALL TO BE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE CONTENTS OF THE TALKS WILL COVER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORM FIVE AND MATRICULATION STUDENTS, FURTHER STUDIES IN LOCAL POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING, AND OVERSEAS STUDIES.

/THE DISPLAY .....

THE DISPLAY WILL FEATURE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND MATRICULATION CLASSES, HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER, JOB-SEEKING TECHNIQUES, PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS WORK.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PROJECT MAY CONTACT MISS LOURDES CHOW OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-7956067 OR MR Y.T. CHAN OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON 5-495141 FOR ENROLMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAREERS GUIDANCE PROJECT.

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RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX UP  
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THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF RETAIL SALES FOR THE RETAIL TRADE SECTOR IN APRIL 1983 WAS \$4 424 MILLION, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

AT 130, THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEX FOR APRIL 1983 INCREASED BY ONE POINT OR ONE PER CENT OVER MARCH 1983, AND BY 12 POINTS OR 10 PER CENT OVER APRIL 1982.

THE OVERALL RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEX FOR APRIL 1983, AT 101, WAS ONE POINT OR ONE PER CENT HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR MARCH 1983 AND APRIL 1982.

RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR THREE PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS OVER MARCH 1983, WHILE THOSE OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO INCREASED BY FOUR PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

SLIGHT OR NO CHANGES WERE RECORDED IN THE VALUES AND VOLUMES OF RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES, FUELS AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS.

COMPARED WITH APRIL 1982, RETAIL SALES OF CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ROSE BY 19 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR 14 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

WHILE RETAIL SALES OF FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO, AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS WERE UP BY 18 PER CENT AND 11 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS RESPECTIVELY, THEIR CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN VOLUME TERMS WERE TWO PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT.

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FUELS, THOUGH RECORDING AN INCREASE OF 15 PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS, DROPPED BY TWO PER CENT IN VOLUME.

RETAIL SALES OF CONSUMER DURABLES WERE, HOWEVER, LOWER BY TWO PER CENT IN VALUE TERMS OR FOUR PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

ANALYSED BY SELECTED TRADES, DEPARTMENT STORES, SUPERMARKETS AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE TRADE SHOWED SLIGHT DECLINES IN RETAIL SALES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1983.

WHEN COMPARED WITH APRIL 1982, SUPERMARKETS, HOWEVER, RECORDED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME OF SALES. DEPARTMENT STORES HAD A SIGNIFICANT RISE IN VALUE BUT A MODERATE INCREASE IN VOLUME OF SALES. RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR VEHICLES DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY IN BOTH VALUE AND VOLUME TERMS.

TABLES 1 AND 2 PRESENT THE REVISED FIGURES FOR MARCH 1983 AND THE PROVISIONAL FIGURES FOR APRIL 1983 OF TOTAL RETAIL SALES, AND OF RETAIL SALES VALUE AND VOLUME INDEXES BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS AND SELECTED TRADES (WHICH FORM PART OF THE RELEVANT MAJOR TRADE GROUPS).

THE AVERAGE MONTHLY RETAIL SALES IN 1980 ARE TAKEN AS 100. COMPARISON OF THE APRIL RESULTS WITH THOSE OF THE PRECEDING MONTH AND OF THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1982 ARE ALSO GIVEN.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO.: 3-7116024.

TABLE 1 : VALUE INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR  
MARCH AND APRIL 1983

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

ITEM	MARCH 1983	APRIL 1983	APRIL 1983 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1983		APRIL 1983 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1982	
	(REVISED FIGURES)	(PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
TOTAL RETAIL SALES (HK\$ MILLION)	4 376	4 424				
RETAIL SALES VALUE INDEXES:						
(I) FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES	129	130	1	1	12	10

/(II) BY .....

(II) BY MAJOR  
TRADE  
GROUPS

FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	140	145	5	4	22	18
FUELS	173	170	-3	-2	22	15
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	135	142	7	5	23	19
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	124	124	SAME	SAME	12	11
CONSUMER DURABLES	112	113	1	1	-2	-2

(III) BY SELECTED  
TRADES

MOTOR VEHICLES	48	46	-2	-4	-43	-48
DEPARTMENT STORES	110	109	-1	-1	13	14
SUPERMARKETS	203	194	-9	-4	48	33

NOTES: +FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES  
THOSE SOLD AT SUPERMARKETS

+OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES DEPARTMENT STORES

+CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES MOTOR VEHICLES

TABLE 2 : VOLUME INDEXES OF RETAIL SALES FOR  
MARCH AND APRIL 1983

(MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1980 = 100)

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ITEM	MARCH 1983	APRIL 1983	APRIL 1983 COMPARED WITH MARCH 1983		APRIL 1983 COMPARED WITH APRIL 1982	
	(REVISED FIGURES)	(PROVISIONAL FIGURES)	POINTS	%	POINTS	%
<b>RETAIL SALES VOLUME INDEXES:</b>						
(I) <u>FOR ALL RETAIL TRADES</u>	100	101	1	1	1	1
(II) <u>BY MAJOR TRADE GROUPS</u>						
FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS, AND TOBACCO	100	102	2	2	2	2
FUELS	119	118	-1	-1	-2	-2
CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	105	108	3	3	13	14
OTHER CONSUMER GOODS	99	98	-1	-1	1	1
CONSUMER DURABLES	97	98	1	1	-4	-4
(III) <u>BY SELECTED TRADES</u>						
MOTOR VEHICLES	33	32	-1	-3	-44	-58
DEPARTMENT STORES	87	86	-1	-1	3	4
SUPERMARKETS	143	137	-6	-4	21	18

NOTES: +FOODSTUFFS, ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO+ INCLUDES  
THOSE SOLD AT SUPERMARKETS

+OTHER CONSUMER GOODS+ INCLUDES DEPARTMENT STORES

+CONSUMER DURABLES+ INCLUDES MOTOR VEHICLES

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TSUEN WAN STATION CAR PARK OPENS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S SECOND MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OPENED TODAY (JULY 18), PROVIDING MOTORISTS OF TUSEN WAN WITH 618 OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES.

SITUATED AT SAI LAU KOK ROAD OPPOSITE THE TSUEN WAN MTR STATION, THE CAR PARK IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE PARK AND RIDE ACCESS TO THE RAILWAY, BESIDES MEETING GENERAL PARKING NEEDS IN THE AREA.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, MR WILFRED NEWTON POINTED OUT THAT THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CAR PARK IS BEING USED AS A TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE FOR BOTH MAXICABS AND TAXIS WHICH WILL ALSO PROVIDE FEEDER SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE WITH THE MTR.

+THE NEED FOR PARK AND RIDE FACILITIES WAS RECOGNISED SOME TIME AGO AND SHORTLY AFTER THE OPENING OF THE TSUEN WAN LINE, WE BEGAN OPERATING A TEMPORARY CAR PARK ON THE TAI HO ROAD FLYOVER ABOVE TSUEN WAN STATION.

+THIS HAS PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND POPULAR, AND WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THIS FACILITY, UNTIL TAI HO ROAD FLYOVER OPENS FOR GENERAL TRAFFIC USE.

+IN A BROADER SENSE, SUCH FACILITIES WILL HELP REDUCE ROAD CONGESTION AND, BY DOING SO, CONTRIBUTE TO AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG,+ MR NEWTON SAID.

AMONG THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WERE MR JAMES SO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND MR JOSEPH LEI, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

CHARGES OF THE TSUEN WAN STATION CAR PARK HAVE BEEN SET AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL, SAME AS THE KWAI FONG CAR PARK OPENED A FEW MONTHS AGO, TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM UTILISATION: \$2 PER HOUR FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM AND \$1 AN HOUR FROM 6 PM TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE MONTHLY TICKET WILL COST \$400.

THE TSUEN WAN STATION CAR PARK AND OTHER GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS ARE LIKELY TO BE PUT TO PRIVATE MANAGEMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

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BOARD TO HEAR ABOUT NT STUDY  
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TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE NORTH EAST NEW TERRITORIES STUDY AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 20).

THE CHIEF TOWN PLANNER OF THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR K.W. YU, WILL TALK ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE STUDY, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS OF THE TAI PO NEW TOWN.

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AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSAL TO BAN PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM USING THE TING KOK ROAD. THE BAN IS TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE OVERUSE OF THIS ROAD WHICH IS ONE OF THE MAIN ROADS IN THE NEW TOWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 20) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, KWONG FUK ROAD.

A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER FOR TAI PO AT 8.15 AM.

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ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR YUEN LONG SQUASH CONTEST  
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YUEN LONG SQUASH PLAYERS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO PROVE THEIR SKILLS AT A COMPETITION TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

AND THE BEST OF THEM MAY BE CHOSEN TO PLAY FOR THE YUEN LONG TEAM IN FUTURE DISTRICT-WIDE TOURNAMENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

ENTRIES FOR THE YUEN LONG SQUASH OPEN COMPETITION ARE NOW BEING INVITED.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NTSD, THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT AND RAISING THE STANDARD OF PLAYERS.

THE COMPETITION WILL START FROM AUGUST 1 (MONDAY) AND WILL BE HELD EVERY EVENING AT THE SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS, BETWEEN 7 PM AND 11 PM, UNTIL AUGUST 13. THERE WILL BE THREE SECTIONS -- MEN'S SINGLES, WOMEN'S SINGLES AND A MEN'S NOVICE SECTION FOR THOSE UNDER 21.

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS IN MA WANG ROAD AND AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN TAI YUK ROAD.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS SUNDAY (JULY 24).

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NEW SCHOOL FOR TAI PO

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A SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH A LARGE HALL AND FOYER WILL SOON BE BUILT IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SCHOOL, OCCUPYING ABOUT 9 261 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE LOCATED ON THE RECLAMATION OFF TAI PO OLD MARKET.

THERE WILL BE A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK COMPRISING 24 CLASSROOMS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS.

FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS WILL BE HOUSED IN A SEPARATE BLOCK.

+THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO HAVE A LARGE ASSEMBLY HALL BOTH FOR SCHOOL FUNCTIONS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT IS THE LANDSCAPING OF THE SCHOOL AND THE PUBLIC AREAS AROUND THE FOYER.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN MID-1985.

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BOARD TO MEET CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS

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ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL START MEETING RESIDENTS FROM WEDNESDAY (JULY 20) TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELFARE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THIS MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME WILL BE FIRST INTRODUCED TO CHEUNG CHAU AND ALL FIVE UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE ISLAND WILL TAKE TURNS TO MEET THE RESIDENTS EVERY WEDNESDAY BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM.

MEETING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE (CABO) AT 22 SAN HING STREET, CHEUNG CHAU.

IN EACH SESSION, A BOARD MEMBER WILL BE ON DUTY WITH SUPPORTING STAFF FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

APPOINTMENTS MAY BE MADE IN WRITING, IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE DURING OFFICE HOURS WITH THE CHEUNG CHAU CABO OR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF SINCERE BUILDING AT 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR CHEUNG CHAU CABO IS 5-9811060 AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT 5-414094.

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A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME, INTRODUCED FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS, IS AIMED AT PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CONTACT BETWEEN LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

+THIS WILL HELP MEMBERS UNDERSTAND DISTRICT PROBLEMS MORE FULLY AND ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ANY SUGGESTION OR COMPLAINT MADE WILL BE RECORDED AND PUT TO APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR ACTION,+ HE ADDED.

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FOOTBRIDGE IN TUEN MUN TO BE EXTENDED  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO EXTEND AN EXISTING FOOTBRIDGE OVER CASTLE PEAK ROAD SOUTH OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND A NOTICE, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY SEPTEMBER 13, 1983.

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RECREATIONAL GROUND PLANNED  
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A RECREATIONAL GROUND WILL SOON BE ADDED TO SHEK KIP MEI.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE GROUND WILL OCCUPY TWO SITES, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 4 550 SQUARE METRES, IN WAI CHI STREET NEAR LOWER SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

THE LARGER SITE WILL HAVE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, PUBLIC TOILETS, AND A STOREROOM; THE OTHER WILL HAVE A SITTING-OUT AREA, A PAVILION, PLANTING BOXES, AND BENCHES.

WORK WILL START IN AUGUST AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

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CENTRAL TAXI STAND MOVED

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THE TAXI STAND ON CHATER ROAD IN CENTRAL NEAR ALEXANDRA HOUSE, WILL BE MOVED TO NEAR PRINCE'S BUILDING FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THIS WILL LAST NINE MONTHS, TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 88.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 512.895 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 374.930 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 64.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

FIRE STATION TO BE OPENED

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THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CHAI WAN SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AT KA YIP STREET NEAR THE CHAI WAN FERRY PIER, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND, MR BRIAN FENDER AT 10.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 20).

THE NEW COMPLEX IS THE SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION PROVIDING COVER FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT INFORMATION OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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