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PARKING CHARGES TO GO UP

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PARKING METER CHARGES ARE TO BE INCREASED - BUT NOT UNREALISTICALLY AND NOT FOR SOME TIME.

ALSO, NEW AND MORE SECURE METERS WILL REPLACE EXISTING ONES, AND NEW METERS WILL BE INTRODUCED LATER TO THE NEW TOWNS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY (TUESDAY) IT WOULD NOT BE BEFORE JULY THAT THE NEW RATES COME INTO EFFECT - THE FIRST INCREASE IN METER CHARGES SINCE 1973.

HE SAID CHARGES WOULD BE REVISED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

<u>EXISTING RATE</u>	<u>NEW RATE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM PERIOD</u>
50 CENTS PER TWO HOURS	\$1 PER HOUR	ONE OR TWO HOURS
50 CENTS PER HOUR	\$1 PER HOUR	ONE OR TWO HOURS
50 CENTS PER HALF HOUR	\$2 PER HOUR	HALF HOUR OR TWO HOURS
\$1 PER HALF HOUR	\$2 PER HOUR	HALF HOUR OR TWO HOURS

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE REVISION WOULD GIVE AN AVERAGE METER RATE OF \$1 TO \$2 PER HOUR, COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING RATE OF BETWEEN 25 CENTS AND \$2 PER HOUR.

HE SAID: +THE INCREASES ARE AIMED AT RESTORING THE RELATIVITY BETWEEN OFF-STREET AND ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES. THE IDEA IS TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE OFF-STREET CARPARKS WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE, AND TO LEAVE MORE KERBSIDE SPACE FOR THE CIRCULATION OF TRAFFIC.+

IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A METER UTILISATION SURVEY ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON. THE RESULTS SHOWED THAT APART FROM CENTRAL DURING THE EVENING WHEN DEMAND FOR SPACES WAS LOW, AVAILABILITY WAS SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW THE DESIRED 15 PER CENT LEVEL AT MOST TIMES OF THE DAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW METER CHARGES WERE LOWER THAN THOSE FOR OFF-STREET PARKING, THE MOST COMMON RATE FOR WHICH WAS NOW \$3 PER HOUR DURING THE DAY AND \$1 PER HOUR DURING THE NIGHT. PRIVATE CAR PARKS CHARGED BETWEEN \$3 AND \$5 PER HOUR.

A THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME TO RESTORE, REPLACE AND EXPAND THE NUMBER OF PARKING METERS HAS BEEN DEvised.

IN 1981-82 SOME 1 600 NEW METERS WILL BE RESTORED TO AREAS FROM WHICH THEY WERE WITHDRAWN IN 1979, ANOTHER 7 800 OLD METERS WILL BE REPLACED WITH NEW AND MORE SECURE METERS, AND 3 500 NEW METERS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO OTHER PARTS OF THE URBAN AREA.

IN 1982-83 A FURTHER 4 000 NEW METERS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE NEW TOWNS.

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AND IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR PARKING METER OPERATIONS WILL BE EXTENDED TO SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO REPLACING ALL EXISTING METERS WITH NEW AND +SAFER+ ONES, SECURITY WOULD ALSO BE IMPROVED BY COLLECTING METER MONEY DAILY, RATHER THAN TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK AS AT PRESENT.

HE SAID THE DELIVERY OF NECESSARY EQUIPMENT WOULD TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS. THEREFORE, THE ROAD TRAFFIC (PARKING AND WAITING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1981 WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE NEW METER CHARGES WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1.

+BUT,+ HE SAID, +AS THE WHOLE RECALIBRATION AND INSTALLATION EXERCISE WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE AFTER THAT DATE, THE PUBLIC WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY THE NEW CHARGES UNTIL THEY APPEAR ON THE STREET, AS IT WERE. THIS WILL BE IN STAGES.+

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GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE TRANSPORT IN TUEN MUN

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GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO IMPROVE THE TRANSPORT SITUATION IN TUEN MUN, BOTH FOR INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL COMMUTING.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLIE LAM, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) DURING A SPEECH TO THE CITY LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG.

MR LAM SAID PRIORITY ATTENTION WAS BEING GIVEN BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY IN IMPROVING THE FREQUENCY OF THE 10 EXISTING BUS ROUTES PLYING BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND THE URBAN AREAS.

A FLEET OF 30 DOUBLE DECKERS, EACH WITH SEATING CAPACITY FOR 120, WAS BEING DEPLOYED TO SERVE TUEN MUN AND URBAN KOWLOON ROUTES.

THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH MONITORS THE SITUATION WITH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, HAD AGREED TO A TENTATIVE TARGET OF HAVING 20 MINUTES AS THE MAXIMUM WAITING TIME, WHICH SHOULD BE IMPROVED AS AND WHEN MORE BUSES WERE INTRODUCED AND WHICH WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DETERIORATE EVEN WITH THE CONTINUOUS GROWTH OF POPULATION.

MR LAM SAID WORK WOULD NOW START ON A TEMPORARY PIER TO PROVIDE FOR FERRIES TO OPERATE FROM TUEN MUN TO BOTH KOWLOON AND HONG KONG BY AUGUST.

+INITIALLY, IT IS EXPECTED THAT DOUBLE-DECKER FERRIES CAPABLE OF CARRYING 600 OR MORE PASSENGERS WILL PLY BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND MEI FOO, AND AN HOURLY HOVERCRAFT SERVICE WITH A JOURNEY TIME OF 30 MINUTES WILL PLY BETWEEN CENTRAL AND TUEN MUN,+ MR LAM SAID.

+THE ROUTES AND FREQUENCIES ARE BEING FINALISED AND WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE.+

THE COMPLETION OF THE MTR EXTENSION TO TSUEN WAN BY MID-1982 AND THE SIX-LANE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY BY LATE 1982 WOULD CERTAINLY FURTHER IMPROVE EXTERNAL TRANSPORT BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND THE URBAN AREAS, A PROBLEM WHICH WOULD GRADUALLY DIMINISH AS THE TOWN BECAME SELF-CONTAINED.

/MR LAM

MR LAM REVEALED THAT DETAILED NEGOTIATION, NOW REACHING ITS FINAL STAGE, WAS BEING CONDUCTED BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND A PRIVATE COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIGHT RAIL TRANSPORT SYSTEM WITHIN TUEN MUN.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT PROPOSALS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR A DECISION WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS, AFTER WHICH, IF THE DECISION IS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSAL, THE FIRST STAGE OF TUEN MUN'S INTERNAL TRANSPORT NETWORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1984,+ MR LAM SAID.

+SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE, THE COMPANY MAY BE RUNNING AN INTERIM BUS SERVICE IN TUEN MUN BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

+MEANWHILE, SPECIAL RESERVE FOR THE LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE IN SOME PARTS OF THE TOWN AND PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR ITS RAPID IMPLEMENTATION.

+WITH ALL THESE IMPROVEMENTS IN HAND, I CAN ASSURE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT THEY NEED NOT UNDULY WORRY ABOUT POSSIBLE TRANSPORT PROBLEMS WHEN THEY OPEN THEIR FACTORIES AND OFFICES IN TUEN MUN OR MOVE THEIR HOMES INTO THIS BOOMING NEW TOWN.+

MR LAM SAID SUCH A MASSIVE PROGRAMME CARRIED THE POTENTIAL FOR CAUSING SERIOUS DISRUPTION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO HAD TO BE CLEARED AND REHOUSED TO MAKE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, TUEN MUN WAS BLESSED WITH ACTIVE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEADERS AND AN EFFECTIVE RURAL COMMITTEE, WHOSE KNOWLEDGE AND ATTACHMENT TO THE DISTRICT, AS WELL AS THEIR MORAL AND PRACTICAL CONTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT, HAD HELPED BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE.

+THEY HAVE ALSO HELPED IRON OUT THE MANY TEETHING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TOWN, THUS ELIMINATING AND MINIMISING THE MANY HUMAN PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT HAVE OTHERWISE ARISEN DURING THIS PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION,+ HE SAID.

MR LAM SAID TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WOULD BEGIN IN APRIL WITH SIX OFFICIALS AND 11 APPOINTED UNOFFICIALS.

BY APRIL, 1982, AND AFTER ELECTIONS THE PRECEDING MONTH, IT WOULD CONSIST OF 17 UNOFFICIALS (EIGHT ELECTED, ONE EX-OFFICIO RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND EIGHT APPOINTED) AND SIX OFFICIALS.

FOR THE ELECTIONS TO BE CONDUCTED IN A YEAR'S TIME, THE DISTRICT WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR DOUBLE-MEMBER, GEOGRAPHICALLY WELL-DEFINED CONSTITUENCIES EACH WITH POPULATIONS VARYING FROM 35 000 TO 60 000, COMPRISING RESIDENTS FROM TRADITIONAL RURAL VILLAGES, INDUSTRIAL AREAS AND THE RECENTLY COMPLETED PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+OUR INTENTION IS TO INVOLVE RESIDENTS FROM DIFFERENT ORIGINS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN RUNNING THEIR AFFAIRS AND TO ENCOURAGE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, BOTH TRADITIONAL AND NEW-COMERS, TO SEEK ELECTION WITHOUT THE EXCLUSION OF EACH OTHER, THUS BLENDING BOTH THE INDIGENOUS AND NEWLY-ARRIVED POPULATIONS INTO A HARMONIOUS AND COHESIVE COMMUNITY, ALL CONTRIBUTING THEIR SHARE IN THE TOWN'S RUNNING AND OPERATION,+ MR LAM SAID.

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\$14M SHA TIN CONTRACT SIGNED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) AWARDED A \$14 MILLION CONTRACT TO TRULY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE IN HUNG MUI KUK, SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR K.K. TANG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

WORK WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF DISTRIBUTOR ROADS WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINS AND SEWERS, FOOTPATHS, A PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SUBWAY AND AN ACCESS ROAD FROM TIN SAM NULLAH ROAD.

ON COMPLETION, THE ROADS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE AREA WHERE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS WILL BE DEVELOPED TO HOUSE ABOUT 2 000 PEOPLE AND A PRIVATE HOSPITAL WITH 600 BEDS IS PLANNED.

THE PROJECT, WHICH FORMS PART OF STAGE II OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT, WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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SURVEY ON RETAIL TRENDS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A MONTHLY SURVEY TO PROVIDE ESTIMATES OF THE LEVELS AND TRENDS OF RETAIL SALES.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL SERVE AS AN INDICATOR OF CURRENT ECONOMIC TRENDS GENERALLY AND OF CONSUMER SPENDING IN PARTICULAR.

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT TO SOME 1 000 RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED ON A SAMPLE BASIS TO SOLICIT MONTHLY SALES FIGURES FOR JANUARY 1981.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY RESPONDENTS WERE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 28.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO MANAGERMENTS OF THE SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN RETURNING THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES PROMPTLY.

+ALL INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, AND ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL THE DETAILS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT, WILL BE PUBLISHED,+ HE SAID.

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ESTABLISHMENTS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD CONTACT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-455422 OR 5-455255.

CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, CARRYING GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WHILE ON DUTY, ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST ESTABLISHMENTS.

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INDUSTRIAL STANDARDISATION IN JAPAN * * * *

THE COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, TODAY (TUESDAY) EMPHASISED THE POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO HONG KONG'S TRADE WITH JAPAN BY THE RECENT REVISION OF THE JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL STANDARDISATION LAW.

THE JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS (JIS) MARKING SYSTEM, THE QUALITY MARKING SCHEME OF JAPAN, PREVIOUSLY RESTRICTED TO JAPANESE GOODS, IS NOW OPEN TO MANUFACTURERS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

OPENING THE SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL STANDARDISATION IN JAPAN AT THE NEW WORLD HOTEL, MR MILLS SAID THE JIS MARKING SYSTEM COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCTS.

+THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THOSE BEARING THE 'JIS MARK' FIND MUCH GREATER ACCEPTANCE WITH THE JAPANESE CONSUMER THAN THOSE WITHOUT, AND THIS FACT MAY WELL HAVE SERVED AS A TECHNICAL BARRIER TO HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS WISHING TO EXPORT TO JAPAN.

+THE BASIC REASONS FOR PRODUCT STANDARDS ARE WELL KNOWN AND APPRECIATED,+ SAID MR MILLS, +BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT SUCH REQUIREMENTS CAN, AND SOMETIMES DO, ACT AS ARTIFICIAL AND UNINTENTIONAL BARRIERS TO TRADE.+

FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE SAID, MANUFACTURERS IN HONG KONG CAN OBTAIN QUALITY CERTIFICATION OF THEIR PRODUCTS UNDER THE JIS MARKING SYSTEM WITH A VIEW TO GAINING ACCESS TO THE JAPANESE MARKET.

THE REVISION OF THE JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL STANDARDISATION LAW BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS IN LINE WITH THE GATT AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE.

CONGRATULATING THE ORGANISERS OF THE SEMINAR, MR MILLS UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THE EVENT: +OUR EXPORT-ORIENTED ECONOMY MAKES US ACUTELY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING CONVERSANT WITH, AND ABLE TO MEET, THE PRODUCT STANDARD REQUIREMENTS OF OUR OVERSEAS MARKETS.

+THIS ALONE WOULD BE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT,+ MR MILLS CONTINUED.

+BUT THIS PARTICULAR EVENT HAS AN ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. IT DEMONSTRATES IN A PRACTICAL WAY THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND HONG KONG WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN SUCH STIMULUS BY THE HONG KONG/JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES,+ HE ADDED.

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THE HALF-DAY SEMINAR — INTENDED TO PROVIDE SENIOR MANAGEMENT IN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT WITH AN INSIGHT INTO THE JIS MARKING SYSTEM AND THE ENERGY SAVING POLICY OF JAPAN THROUGH STANDARDISATION — WAS ORGANISED BY THE JAPANESE STANDARDS ASSOCIATION, THE JAPAN TRADE CENTRE HONG KONG (JETRO), THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, AND THE HONG KONG STANDARDS AND TESTING CENTRE OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL IN YUEN LONG
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AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SECTION HAS BEEN SET UP IN YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE TO STRENGTHEN CONTROL ON BREACHES OF CROWN LEASE CONDITIONS AND HELP REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION IN THE DISTRICT.

STAFF OF THE SECTION ARE CARRYING OUT INSPECTIONS OF BUILDINGS TO UNCOVER THESE BREACHES.

ILLEGAL TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WILL BE DEMOLISHED BY THE SQUATTER CONTROL SECTION.

STAFF OF THE SECTION WILL ALSO TAKE ACTION AGAINST CONTRAVENTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- * OPERATION OF ANY RISK AND OFFENSIVE INDUSTRIES INSIDE BUILDINGS, SUCH AS WORKSHOPS WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENTS= CAR-SPRAYING= PLASTIC AND RUBBER PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING= WIG MAKING= DYEING INDUSTRIES= AND COLD STORAGE ESTABLISHMENTS,
- * ANY FORM OF INDUSTRIAL OPERATION INSIDE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS,
- * ILLEGAL EXTENSIONS, SUCH AS BALCONIES AND STRUCTURES ON TERRACES AND ROOFTOPS,
- * STALLS, STRUCTURES AND STORED GOODS IN ALLEYS OR ON PAVEMENTS.

STAFF OF THE SECTION ARE EMPOWERED TO ENTER ANY BUILDING WHERE A CONTRAVENTION IS SUSPECTED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (TUESDAY) URGED YUEN LONG RESIDENTS TO CO-OPERATE IN THE DRIVE AGAINST CONTRAVENTIONS OF LEASE CONDITIONS.

HE APPEALED TO BUYERS AND TENANTS OF LOCAL PROPERTIES TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE LEASE CONDITIONS OF THE BUILDINGS AND NOT TO MODIFY THE USE OF THEIR BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCT ANY EXTENSION OR UNDERTAKE ANY EXPANSION WITHOUT AUTHORISATION.

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DMC TO CLEAR ILLEGAL STRUCTURES

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS ORGANISING AN OPERATION ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 19) TO CLEAR UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA OF THE DISTRICT.

THE OPERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE REAR LANES BOUNDED BY TSUN YIP STREET, HUNG TO ROAD, HOW MING STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD.

THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ENVIRONMENT CONTROL) OF THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, MR ERIC CHOI SAID THE LANES WERE SERIOUSLY BLOCKED BY ILLEGAL STRUCTURES BUILT CLOSELY TO FACTORY PREMISES.

+IN CASE OF FIRE, THE STRUCTURES COULD BE OBSTRUCTING PEOPLE FROM USING THESE LANES AS ESCAPE ROUTES,+ HE SAID.

THE CLEARANCE OPERATION WILL BE THE SECOND IN A SERIES CARRIED OUT IN KWUN TONG TO CONTROL AND REMOVE ALL UNLAWFUL STRUCTURES WHICH MAY CAUSE POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO LIVES AND PROPERTIES.

THE FIRST WAS IN DECEMBER IN THE REAR LANE OF TING YIP STREET IN NGAU TAU KOK WHERE MORE THAN 30 UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES WERE REMOVED.

+WE HOPE TO GRADUALLY REMOVE THESE OBSTRUCTIONS FROM REAR LANES IN KWUN TONG TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT,+ MR CHOI SAID.

+FACTORY OWNERS CAN ALSO ASSIST GOVERNMENT IN MAINTAINING THE LANES IN GOOD CONDITION BY REPORTING IMMEDIATELY OF ANY ILLEGAL OCCUPATION,+ HE ADDED.

THE CLEARANCE OPERATION ON THURSDAY WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITH ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE CLEARANCE OPERATION ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 19) AT 9 AM IN THE REAR LANES BOUNDED BY TSUN YIP STREET, HUNG TO ROAD, HOW MING STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD IN KWUN TONG.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN HUNG HOM
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HUNG HOM FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 20) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, ALL VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM MAKING RIGHT TURNS FROM MA TAU WAI ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO HOK YUEN STREET AND FROM MA TAU WAI ROAD SOUTHBOUND INTO FAT KWONG STREET.

HOK YUEN STREET EAST OF MA TAU WAI ROAD, MAIN LOK STREET AND MAN YUE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC IN CLOCKWISE DIRECTION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS:

- * MA TAU WAI ROAD FROM THE END OF THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION ZONE BETWEEN WUHU STREET AND FAT KWONG STREET TO 20 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOK YUEN STREET-
- * HOK YUEN STREET FROM MA TAU WAI ROAD TO CHUN TIN STREET- AND
- * A 30-METRE SECTION OF MAN YUE STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH MA TAU WAI ROAD.

WITHIN THE CLEARWAYS, NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
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THE GOVERNMENT IS OFFERING FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR TRAINING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR AUSTRALIA IN THE 1981/82 FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FOR A THREE-YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE IN CHIROPODY, A FOUR-YEAR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE COURSE IN SPEECH SCIENCES, A ONE-YEAR MASTER OF SCIENCE COURSE IN AUDIOLOGY, AND A THREE-YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE IN DIETETICS.

THEY WILL COVER TUITION AND EXAMINATION FEES, RETURN AIR PASSAGES, BOOKS, AND A MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR BOARD AND LODGING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING DIVISION SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) CANDIDATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE TRAINING WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIROPODIST, SPEECH THERAPIST, AUDIOLOGIST AND DIETICIAN IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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APPLICANTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS MUST EITHER BE BORN IN HONG KONG OR HAVE RESIDED HERE FOR NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS. THEY SHOULD PREFERABLY BE UNMARRIED AND NOT OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE BY THE TIME THEY COMPLETE THE COURSES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FEMALE APPLICANTS ARE PREFERRED FOR COURSES IN CHIROPODY AND DIETETICS BECAUSE THEY OFTEN SHOW GREATER PATIENCE OF WORK IN THESE TWO FIELDS.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING DIVISION, 17TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL (TEL. 5-448133).

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE TRAINING DIVISION NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28.

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HALF-DAY WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHING

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IN-SERVICE TEACHERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS NEXT MONTH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW SOCIAL STUDIES SYLLABUS INTRODUCED INTO FORMS I TO III.

THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE IN THE AFTERNOONS ON MARCH 6 AND 20, AND WILL INCLUDE SHORT TALKS, DISCUSSIONS AND DISPLAY OF SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHING MATERIALS. TALKS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH AND DISCUSSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE TOPICS ON HOW TO SOLVE PROBLEMS WHEN IMPLEMENTING SOCIAL STUDIES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, HOW TO COLLECT INFORMATION AND ARRANGE MATERIALS FOR THE TEACHING OF SOCIAL STUDIES AND HOW TO PLAN STUDENTS' EXERCISES AND TEACHING KITS.

THE TWO WORKSHOPS WILL BE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE, THIRD FLOOR, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT BEFORE FEBRUARY 25 TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

THE WORKSHOPS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION.

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BANKER TOURS SHA TIN
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MR REUBEN STERNFELD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, TODAY TOURED SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO SEE SOME OF THE PROJECTS BEING BUILT WITH LOANS FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB).

THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK IS THE EQUIVALENT OF THE ADB IN THE UNITED STATES.

MR STERNFELD, ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG, WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR BY MR KENNETH KWOK, PROJECT MANAGER (SHA TIN), OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

AMONG THE PROJECTS VISITED WERE THE SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL AND THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE HOSPITAL, PARTLY FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES WITH GENERAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES.

IT WILL ALSO BE THE TEACHING HOSPITAL FOR THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROVIDING CLINICAL TRAINING FACILITIES FOR 300 MEDICAL STUDENTS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS ABOUT 30 PER CENT COMPLETE. WHEN FULLY COMPLETED LATE NEXT YEAR, THE \$425 MILLION HOSPITAL WILL HAVE 1 400 BEDS TO AUGMENT HOSPITAL FACILITIES FOR 700 000 PEOPLE IN THE EASTERN AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH IS ALSO PARTLY FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WILL PROVIDE FULL BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT TO SEWAGE.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS NOW IN FULL SWING AND INLET WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMMISSIONED FOR SCREENING AND DEGRITTING BY THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMISSIONING OF THE SEDIMENTATION, SLUDGE HOLDING TANKS TOGETHER WITH THE CENTRIFUGE HOUSE AND THE SUBMARINE OUTFALL IN OCTOBER.

WHEN FULLY COMMISSIONED NEXT YEAR, THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TREATMENT WORKS, COSTING ABOUT \$310 MILLION, WILL SERVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 230 000 IN THE NEW TOWN.

MR STERNFELD, WHO ARRIVED OVER THE WEEKEND, HAD TALKS YESTERDAY WITH PWD'S DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR JOHN AITKEN= DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR JOHN DON AND DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR NICKY CHAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW YEAR PARTY FOR KWAI CHUNG OLD PEOPLE

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ONE THOUSAND KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS AGED OVER 70 WILL ATTEND A NEW YEAR PARTY AT FU LAI WAH RESTAURANT, 482 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 19) AT 4 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE PARTY, ORGANISED BY KWAI CHUNG TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, WILL BE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED CHAIRMAN, MRS KITTY SIU AND SPONSOR OF THE EVENT, MR YUEN KWOK-WAH.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PARTY. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 2.45 PM TO TAKE THE PRESS TO KWAI CHUNG. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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WINNERS OF INDUSTRIAL QUIZ

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WINNERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY QUIZ COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG DAILY NEWS AND REDIFFUSION LTD., WERE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE FIRST PRIZE -- TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO THE PHILIPPINES PLUS FREE FOOD AND LODGING, BY COURTESY OF HONG KONG DAILY -- WAS WON BY MR LEE KWOK-PO.

THE SECOND PRIZE (A TELEVISION SET) AND THE THIRD PRIZE (A WRIST WATCH) WENT TO MR SUNNY MA MAN-FAI AND MISS TSE FUNG-CHUN RESPECTIVELY.

THE FIRST THREE PRIZES WERE PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF EDITOR OF THE HONG KONG DAILY, MR JOSEPH LAW.

THE RTV SPECIAL PRIZE OF A MINIATURE GOLD SAFETY HELMET WAS PRESENTED TO MISS NG MO-HA BY RTV'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, MRS ELEANOR MORRIS.

THE LUCKY PRIZES OF RADIO SETS WERE PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN.

THE LAST SERIES OF THE COMPETITION IS IN PROGRESS WITH SAFETY HINT QUESTIONNAIRES BEING PUBLISHED IN THE HONG KONG DAILY.

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