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REMINDER TO IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS

THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO LODGE TRADE DECLARATIONS AND PAY AD VALOREM CHARGES.

UNDER THE IMPORT AND EXPORT (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO DO THIS WITHIN 14 DAYS OF IMPORTING OR EXPORTING THE GOODS EXCEPT FOR CATEGORIES EXEMPTED UNDER REGULATION 3.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT TRADE DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD OF 14 DAYS WILL BE LIABLE, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE, TO PENALTY CHARGES.

THE CHARGES RISE AFTER TWO MONTHS TO A MAXIMUM OF \$100 PER DECLARATION WHERE THE TOTAL VALUE OF ARTICLES SPECIFIED DOES NOT EXCEED \$20 000, AND \$200 PER DECLARATION WHERE IT EXCEEDS \$20 000.

+THOSE WHO FAIL TO LODGE THE NECESSARY TRADE DECLARATIONS WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE WILL BE PROSECUTED,+ HE WARNED.

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LAST JUNIOR PRISON OFFICER ON EXPATRIATE TERMS RETIRES

THE LAST JUNIOR PRISON OFFICER ON EXPATRIATE TERMS, ASSISTANT OFFICER I, MR. MOHAMED SAFDAR, IS RETIRING AFTER 28 YEARS' LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. SAFDAR, BORN IN PAKISTAN, FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A POLICE CONSTABLE IN 1952, AND THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AS A WARDER THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT OFFICER I IN 1973. IN 1971, HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL AND THE FIRST CLASP TO THE MEDAL IN 1978.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. T.G. GARNER, TODAY (SATURDAY) PRESENTED HIM WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE PRISON OFFICERS' CLUB IN STANLEY.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF JUNIOR PRISON OFFICERS ON EXPATRIATE TERMS DATED BACK TO THE PRE-WORLD WAR II PERIOD WHEN THE MAJORITY OF THE DISCIPLINED PRISON STAFF WERE RECRUITED FROM THE COUNTRY THEN CALLED INDIA WHICH NOW INCLUDES INDIA AND PAKISTAN.

THESE INDIAN STAFF GAVE MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT PARTICULARLY WITH THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

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DURING THE OCCUPATION PERIOD, MANY OF THEM WERE CONFINED IN THE PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMPS WHICH SO UNDERMINED THEIR HEALTH THAT MOST RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRY AFTER THE WAR.

IN AUGUST 1947, A TOTAL OF 103 PRE-WAR INDIAN WARDERS WERE BROUGHT BACK TO HONG KONG FOR DUTY. HOWEVER ONLY 78 WERE FIT FOR SERVICE AND A YEAR LATER THE REST WERE RETIRED AND SENT HOME.

MANY OF THESE STAFF WERE DEVOUT MOSLEMS AND SO GOVERNMENT BUILT THEM A MOSQUE WITHIN STANLEY PRISON AREA, WHICH NOW STILL REMAINS AS A SPECIAL FEATURE MARKING THEIR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

THE RETIREMENT OF MR. SAFDAR ENDS AN ERA OF JUNIOR PRISON OFFICERS EMPLOYED ON EXPATRIATE TERMS. BUT NEVERTHELESS MANY INDIAN AND PAKISTANI STAFF, SOME OF WHOM ARE CHILDREN OF THOSE PRE-WAR STAFF, ARE STILL WITH THE PRISON SERVICE AND ARE EMPLOYED ON LOCAL TERMS AS THEY WERE BORN AND BROUGHT UP IN HONG KONG.

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MORE LAND FOR PUBLIC HOUSING
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ANOTHER EIGHT HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE SITE FORMATION WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE LAND FORMED WILL ENABLE ACCOMMODATION TO BE PROVIDED FOR ABOUT 21 000 PEOPLE.

THE AREA IS NEXT TO THE VILLAGE OF SHA TIN TAU, NEAR THE LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AT SAN TIN WAI.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ENGINEERING WORK WOULD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINS, SEWERS AND A MAIN DRAINAGE CULVERT.

WORK WILL START IN MARCH THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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

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COMMON CHEMISTRY SYLLABUS PLANNED FOR 1983 HKCEE
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A REVISED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S CHEMISTRY SYLLABUS AT PRESENT IN THE DRAFT STAGE IS PLANNED TO FORM THE BASIS OF A COMMON EXAMINATION SYLLABUS FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) IN 1983, MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR ATTENDED BY ABOUT 300 CHEMISTRY TEACHERS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT REVISED CHEMISTRY SYLLABUS.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE TWO EXAMINATION SYLLABUSES FOR HKCEE, ONE BASED ON THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S AND THE OTHER ON THE TRADITIONAL ONE.

MRS. MOK SAID IT WAS UNDESIRABLE TO HAVE TWO DIFFERENT CHEMISTRY COURSES IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

+A COMMON EXAMINATION SYLLABUS IS URGENTLY NEEDED,+ SHE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE TARGET DATE OF 1983 WAS A TENTATIVE ONE, MRS. MOK SAID SHE WAS CONFIDENT THAT +THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY WILL MAKE DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING A COMMON CHEMISTRY EXAMINATION SYLLABUS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.+

SHE HOPED THAT IN THE SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE REVISED SYLLABUS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON IT.

+TEACHERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND THEIR COMMENTS TO THE SCIENCE INSPECTORATE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE REVISED SYLLABUS IS FINALISED THIS SUMMER,+ MRS. MOK SAID.

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REDEVELOPMENT OF BOUNDARY STREET SPORTS GROUND

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THE BOUNDARY STREET SPORTS GROUND WILL UNDERGO MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT SHORTLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE PROJECT, TO BE FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, CONSISTED OF TWO CONTRACTS.

ONE OF THE CONTRACTS IS FOR THE SUPPLY AND LAYING OF AN ARTIFICIAL TURF ON THE SOCCER PITCH WHILE THE OTHER INVOLVES THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF A FLOODLIGHTING SYSTEM FOR THE SOCCER PITCH AND THE PROVISION OF FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL TRAINING FACILITIES, CHANGING ROOMS, MANAGEMENT OFFICES AND A REST GARDEN.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY PWD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WORK ON THE TWO CONTRACTS WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MARCH AND WOULD TAKE SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, HE ADDED, THE RECREATION FACILITIES AT THE SPORTS GROUND WOULD BE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY.

THE BOUNDARY STREET SPORTS GROUND WILL BE THE SECOND SPORTS GROUND IN HONG KONG WITH AN ARTIFICIAL TURF PITCH FUNDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL. THE FIRST ONE IS IN MORSE PARK.

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PUMPHOUSE FOR AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD AN UNDERGROUND SEA-WATER PUMPHOUSE AT HUNG HOM TO PROVIDE AIR-CONDITIONING COOLING WATER FOR THE KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION, THE HUNG HOM INDOOR STADIUM AND THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE.

THE PUMPHOUSE WILL BE BUILT BEHIND THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE RAILWAY STATION GOODS YARD.

TENDERS ARE BEING CALLED FOR THE PROJECT AND WORK WILL BEGIN IN MARCH, TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT NINE MONTHS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, PWD.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CITY HALL CAR PARK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE CITY HALL CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED FROM 2 PM TO 8 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 7).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS FOR THE OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR 1980 CEREMONIES, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT NEARBY EDINBURGH PLACE AND IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

DURING THAT PERIOD, MOTORISTS MAY USE THE MURRAY ROAD CAR PARK OR STAR FERRY CAR PARK AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

A SECTION OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST, BETWEEN CITY HALL MAIN ENTRANCE AND QUEEN'S PIER, WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 2 PM AND 5 PM ON THAT DAY FOR THE EVENT.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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