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PRIME TAI PO SITE FOR SALE

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A PRIME SITE IN TAI PO NEW TOWN FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN AN AUCTION AT THE ARTS CENTRE ON JANUARY 14.

THE 5 000 SQUARE-METRE SITE, WHICH CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$32 MILLION, IS THE FIRST OF NINE SITES IN THE TOWN CENTRE TO COME ON THE MARKET OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID, KEEN BIDDING IS EXPECTED FOR THIS VALUABLE SITE AS IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MANY DEVELOPERS WANT TO BE IN AT THE START OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO INTO A NEW TOWN OF 250 000 PEOPLE. THE PRESENT POPULATION IS 60 000.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS EMPLOYED CONSULTANTS TO DESIGN THE TOWN CENTRE AND DEVELOPERS WILL BE REQUIRED BY LEASE CONDITIONS TO CONFORM TO THIS DESIGN.

ALTOGETHER, THE TOWN CENTRE WILL OCCUPY AN AREA OF 41.6 HECTARES WHEN COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE DECADE. THE WHOLE OF THE NEW TOWN WILL COVER MORE THAN 2 300 HECTARES.

THE TOWN CENTRE, MUCH OF WHICH ON LAND RECLAIMED FROM TOLO HARBOUR, WILL BE MAINLY FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE HIGH RISING IN 15, 20 AND 30-STORY TOWER BLOCKS BUILT OVER PODIUM STRUCTURES.

NEARLY 6 500 FLATS PROVIDING HOMES FOR 29 000 PEOPLE WILL BE BUILT.

THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE SHOP SPACE TOTALLING 92 400 SQUARE METRES AT PODIUM LEVELS LINKED BY INTERNAL MALLS AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES.

CORRIDORS WILL ALSO BE BUILT ACROSS THE LAM TSUEN RIVER WHICH WILL RUN THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE TOWN CENTRE.

A CULTURAL COMPLEX, AN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, A SOCCER PITCH, A MARKET, SCHOOLS, OPEN AREAS AND CAR PARKING SPACES WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT.

AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS BEING CONSTRUCTED AT TAI PO AND SEVERAL FACTORIES ARE ALREADY OPERATING THERE.

THE TOWN WILL LINK WITH SHA TIN BY A COASTAL HIGHWAY, INCREASING ITS ATTRACTIVENESS AS A PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.

TAI PO IS ONE OF SIX NEW TOWNS BEING DEVELOPED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE A POPULATION OF 2.5 MILLION.

THE AUCTION OF THIS SITE TOGETHER WITH FOUR OTHER NEW TERRITORIES LOTS WILL BE HELD IN THE SHOUSON THEATRE, THE ARTS CENTRE, ON JANUARY 14 (WEDNESDAY) STARTING AT 11 AM.

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REMINDER ON PAYMENT OF INTEREST TAX

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW GOVERNING THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST TAX.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT, 15 PER CENT OF THE INTEREST CHARGEABLE WITH INTEREST TAX MUST BE DEDUCTED BY THE PAYER AT THE TIME THE INTEREST IS PAID OR CREDITED TO THE RECIPIENT.

THEREFORE, THE RECIPIENT SHOULD RECEIVE 85 PER CENT OF THE INTEREST AT THE TIME, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS PROVIDED UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, HE SAID.

WITHIN 30 DAYS OF MAKING THE DEDUCTION, THE PAYER OF THE INTEREST MUST REMIT THE TAX DEDUCTED TO THE GOVERNMENT, ADDRESSED TO THE COLLECTOR, INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, 3RD FLOOR, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

+HE MUST NOT WAIT FOR THE ISSUE OF AN INTEREST TAX RETURN OR FOR A DEMAND NOTICE FOR THE TAX,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

THE REMITTANCE SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COVERING NOTE GIVING THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE RECIPIENT, THE GROSS AMOUNT OF INTEREST, THE NET INTEREST PAID, PERIOD OF ACCRUAL OF THE INTEREST, AND THE DATE OF THE PAYMENT OR CREDIT OF THE NET INTEREST.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL THEN ISSUE A +DEDUCTION CERTIFICATE+ TO THE PAYER, WHICH SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE RECIPIENT OF THE INTEREST WITHIN 42 DAYS OF MAKING THE DEDUCTION.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, SPECIAL CERTIFICATE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH LICENSED BANKS AND CERTAIN SPECIFIED CORPORATIONS.

FAILURE WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE TO MAKE THE DEDUCTION OR REMIT THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD IS AN OFFENCE, AND THE PENALTY ON CONVICTION IS A FINE OF \$2 000.

+THE DEPARTMENT TAKES A SERIOUS VIEW OF THIS OFFENCE AND WILL, WHERE NECESSARY, TAKE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE INTEREST TAX SECTION OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT IS ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG (TEL: 5-7959-5236). ITS POSTAL ADDRESS IS GPO BOX 132, HONG KONG.

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ORDERS-ON-HAND SURVEY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS AS FOLLOWS: -

INDUSTRY GROUP	ORDERS-ON-HAND IN TERMS OF MONTHS	
	OCTOBER 1980	NOVEMBER 1980
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	5.0	5.0
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2.4	2.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	3.7	3.6
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	3.8	3.7
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.1	5.0
OTHERS	3.7	3.6
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.2

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE STATISTICS ARE BASED ON AN UPDATED AND ENLARGED PANEL OF 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

+AS THE PANEL IS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WILL BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE PANEL, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.+

THE SURVEY CONDUCTED MONTHLY ALSO CONTAINS QUESTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL. IT COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, SELECTED SERVICES AND THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1980 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1 A COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 5-274203).

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COMMUNITY CHEST WALKS IN MUI WO AND SAI KUNG
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING STARTED THE ISLANDS DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST WALK WHICH TOOK PLACE AT MUI WO, LANTAU.

THE WALK WAS THE THIRD OF EIGHT NEW TERRITORIES CHEST WALKS FOR 1980/81.

IT WAS OVER A 12 KILOMETRE COURSE FROM MUI WO FERRY PIER, TO WANG TONG, SHAP LONG KAU TSUEN, AND BACK TO THE STARTING POINT.

TAKING PART IN THE WALK WERE ABOUT 1 000 PEOPLE, MOST OF WHOM WERE ISLANDS DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

THE WALK WAS EXPECTED TO RAISE \$120 000 FOR THE CHEST, BUT THE EXACT AMOUNT WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

JOINING MR AKERS-JONES AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WERE THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, AND RURAL LEADERS.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER NEW TERRITORIES COMMUNITY CHEST WALK WAS HELD IN SAI KUNG.

THE STARTING CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM.

MORE THAN 1 000 PEOPLE ALSO TOOK PART IN THIS WALK, WHICH WAS OVER AN EIGHT KILOMETRE COURSE FROM PAK TAM CHUNG TO WONG SHEK PIER. THE WALK RAISED MORE THAN \$100 000.

THE OTHER FOUR NEW TERRITORIES WALKS WILL BE HELD AT TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN (JANUARY 11) AND SHA TIN AND NORTH DISTRICT (JANUARY 18).

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ENGLISH TEACHING WORKSHOPS FOR TEACHERS
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FOUR WORKSHOPS ON THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH LISTENING COMPREHENSION WILL BE HELD FROM NEXT MONTH FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

EACH WORKSHOP CONSISTING OF THREE MEETINGS WILL INCLUDE SHORT TALKS AND DEMONSTRATION OF LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISES.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO DESIGN A LISTENING COMPREHENSION EXERCISE SUITABLE FOR USE IN THEIR OWN CLASSES.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH WORKSHOP WILL BE LIMITED TO 20, AND A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE COURSE.

THE FIRST TWO WORKSHOPS WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN FEBRUARY 17 AND 28, WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE KOWLOON UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT THE MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2/F, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD.

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THE OTHER TWO WORKSHOPS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN MARCH 24 AND APRIL 4 AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS BEFORE JANUARY 20 TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE. ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CENTRE ON 5-482537.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON TOURISM INDUSTRIES

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THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BEGIN A MANPOWER SURVEY ON HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM INDUSTRIES TOMORROW (MONDAY).

QUESTIONNAIRES TOGETHER WITH EXPLANATORY NOTES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF PRINCIPAL JOBS WERE SENT TO ALL HOTELS, AIRLINES AND SELECTED CATERERS, TRAVEL AGENTS A FORTNIGHT AGO.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, TRAINING NEEDS AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND TRAINING MATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR LARRY TCHOU SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ANSWER QUERIES AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE SURVEY WILL END ON JANUARY 31.

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SITE FORMATION FOR HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR SITE FORMATION WORK IN SHEK WU HUI WHICH WILL PRODUCE ABOUT 3.5 HECTARES OF LAND FOR A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE.

THE WORK IS PART OF THE FANLING/SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

IT ALSO INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 350 METRES OF DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, A PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST SUBWAY AND ASSOCIATED TRUNK SEWERS AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL COMMENCE IN MARCH FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT 18 MONTHS.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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KEEN COMPETITION AT PWD SPORTS MEET

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MORE THAN 400 PWD STAFF TOOK PART IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 13TH ANNUAL SPORTS DAY AT THE WONG CHUK HANG SPORTS GROUND TODAY.

KEEN COMPETITION WITH CLOSE FINISHES IN A NUMBER OF EVENTS AND ENTHUSIASTIC ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SPECTATORS HELPED MAKE THE DAY A SUCCESS.

SPEAKING EARLIER AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD SAID: +WITH ALL THE PLEASURES AND STRENGTH OF MODERN LIVING, IT IS VITAL THAT AS MANY OUTLETS AS POSSIBLE ARE PROVIDED FOR THE NATURAL EXUBERANCE AND ENERGY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THE SPORTS DAY PROVIDES ONE SUCH OUTLET AS FAR AS STAFF OF THE PWD ARE CONCERNED.

+AS A DEPARTMENT WE ARE CONSTANTLY ADDING TO AN IMPROVING HONG KONG'S STOCK OF BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC WORKS. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT ONLY NEW BUILDINGS AND ROADS THAT MAKE UP AN EXCITING FUTURE, THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT FOR ANY SUCCESSFUL AND HAPPY SOCIETY IS A CONTENTED BUT COMPETITIVE PEOPLE.+

AT THE END OF THE DAY, PRIZES WERE PRESENTED TO WINNERS BY MR MCDONALD AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER MAINS WORK

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF A SYSTEM OF WATER MAINS IN WONG CHUK HANG AND SHOUSON HILL.

THE WATER MAINS FORM PART OF A WATER SUPPLY SCHEME TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED DEMAND IN THE AREA.

THE WORK INVOLVES THE LAYING OF ABOUT EIGHT KILOMETRES OF MILD STEEL AND ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPES, RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 600 MM IN DIAMETER. IT WILL COMMENCE IN MARCH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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