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COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON HOLIDAY RESORTS

The government has commissioned a firm of consultants to carry out a comprehensive study on the development of four areas in the New Territories into holiday resorts for both local visitors and overseas tourists.

The study, to cost \$750,000, is being undertaken by Wilbur Smith and Associates of the United States.

The major purpose is to find out the best use of land resources available in a 10-year programme at the scenic parts of South Lantau, Sai Kung Peninsula, Ma Wan Island, and Middle Island at Deep Water Bay.

The investigation will not only include the scope and nature of public amenities for the urban visitors but of accommodation and recreational facilities for overseas tourists.

The latter, to be developed by private enterprise, envisages holiday bungalows, hotels, and golf courses in addition to amenities such as picnic spots and bathing beaches, a government spokesman said.

The study will also provide the design for a balanced development programme to best meet the requirements, including future land-use patterns.

The government has approved in principle that the programme will be implemented in two stages with a capital commitment expenditure of about \$50 million for the first five-year stage.

The consultants have been asked to make recommendations for a programme for the optimum development of the areas in the next 10 years; and an alternative programme which would limit the government capital expenditure to \$50 million within the first five years.

The study project has just commenced and is expected to take about 12 months to complete.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES THREE POINTS IN MAY

The General Consumer Price Index for May was 157 -- three points higher than that for the previous month.

The Census and Statistics Department said that the increase was due mainly to a rise of six points in the index for foodstuffs.

However, the index for clothing and footwear went up by four points, while there were increases of two points each in the indexes for miscellaneous goods and for services.

Compared with April this year, there were increases in the average retail prices of salt and fresh water fish, poultry, fresh vegetables, frozen, tinned and roast meat and meals bought in restaurants. On the other hand, the average retail prices of pork and beef dropped slightly.

For non-food items, the index for housing was raised by one point as a result of an increase in the rates charged on all former housing authority and government low cost housing estates. The index for services went up by two points, due to higher charges for domestic service and hairdressing.

The Modified Consumer Price Index for May was 162, three points higher than that for the previous month.

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TYPHOON PRECAUTIONS FOR SHIPS IN HONG KONG

The Marine Department today drew the attention of masters of vessels to precautions to be taken during tropical cyclones.

In a notice issued to owners, agents and charterers, the Director of Marine, Mr. A. Fletcher, pointed out that many vessels have not been adequately manned during the hoisting of typhoon signals in the past, "and such inadequate manning has posed a danger to other vessels using the port at the time".

Insufficient manning of a ship contravenes the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Control of Ports) Regulations, and the master is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of \$1,000.

Masters of vessels equipped with V.H.F. radio are also advised to maintain a listening watch on Channel 12 during the approach or passage of a tropical cyclone for information broadcast from the Marine Department Port Communications Centre.

Those without V.H.F. radio should maintain normal radio watches and listen to weather broadcasts from the radio and television stations.

Thirty-seven "A" class moorings have been approved for use as special typhoon moorings for ships under 600 feet in length and there are 22 "B" class special moorings for boats under 370 feet. The latest list of moorings can be obtained from the Port Control Office during normal office hours or from the Port Communications Centre after hours.

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In strong winds it is permissible for a vessel to drop an anchor "under foot" to minimise sheering at these moorings.

Advice on typhoon precautions are contained in the publication "Shipmasters Guide - Part I - Tropical Cyclones Affecting Hong Kong Waters" which can be obtained on request and free of charge at the Information Counter of the Marine Department.

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WATER CUTS IN WAN CHAI

Water supply to a number of premises in Wan Chai will be interrupted for five hours from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Thursday (June 21).

This is to enable the Waterworks Office to carry out leakage tests in the area.

The premises affected are bounded by Luard Road, Gloucester Road, Fleming Road, the north side of Johnston Road, O'Brien Road and Hennessy Road, including 189-201 Johnston Road, 32-173 Thomson Road and the Hennessy Road Government School.

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LUCKY CAR NUMBERS AUCTION

Another 30 "lucky" car numbers will be auctioned on Saturday (June 23) in the City Hall following the draw for the government lottery.

This is the fourth charity auction in the series, and the proceeds will be paid to the Government Lotteries Fund.

More than \$175,000 was raised in the last one on June 6.

The numbers to be auctioned on Saturday are:-

215	220	251	280	285
AU 1	AU 8	AU 11	AU 21	AU 28
AU 33	AU 44	AU 68	AU 77	AU 83
AU 99	AU 222	AU 323	AU 500	AU 555
AU 666	AU 678	AU 838	AU2000	AU2323
AU2828	AU3333	AU3838	AU8000	AU8888

It will be held at 11.30 a.m. in the Concert Hall of the City Hall Low Block.

The next auction for 30 special registration numbers will be held in three weeks' time following the draw for the third government lottery of the year.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

The Building Authority today declared 8 and 9 Circular Pathway, which include 4 and 3 Tsui On Lane in Central District to be in a dangerous condition.

The Principal Government Building Surveyor said that in the course of routine inspection of these four-storey pre-war buildings it was found that the walls were severely fractured and that a large proportion of floor and roof timbers was decayed.

These defects could cause collapse. Notices of intention to apply for closure orders in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on July 31 were posted today.

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NEW STAMP ISSUES

Two new sets of commemorative stamps will be placed on sale in addition to the normal Lunar New Year (Year of Tiger) issue during the four-month period beginning from November.

To commemorate the Festival of Hong Kong, stamps in the denominations of 10 cents, 50 cents and \$1 are being designed and will be sold during November.

For the Hong Kong Arts Festival, stamps of 10 cents, \$1 and \$2 denominations will be issued in February next year.

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SIX YEARS FOR ROBBERY

Three young men, including a 16-year-old youth, were each sentenced to six years' imprisonment by Mr. Commissioner Morley-John at the Victoria District Court today, after they pleaded guilty to a number of robbery charges.

The defendants, Tsang Kam-wah, 21, admitted three charges, Wong Hang-tai, 20, four charges, and the youth 10 charges.

Two other 21-year-old men, Mak Chi-wing and Hung Hung, were each gaoled for two years for handling stolen goods.

The court was told that the first three defendants robbed a housewife of cash and valuables worth more than \$180,000 in her flat in Wong Nei Chung Road in November last year.

When arrested, they admitted having committed a number of robberies on other occasions.

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ADVICE TO PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS

Note to Editors: Lady MacLehose will attend a charity drama performance at the Lee Theatre tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. We understand that invitations have been sent direct to the media by the sponsors.

You are requested to brief your photographers covering the function that they should refrain from using flash lights when taking photographs of Lady MacLehose. We understand floodlighting will be provided by the management of the theatre.

Your co-operation, and that of the photographers, will be much appreciated.

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