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OVER ONE MILLION STILL INADEQUATELY HOUSED --
SECRETARY FOR HOUSING
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HONG KONG HAS WELL OVER ONE MILLION PEOPLE WHO ARE INADEQUATELY HOUSED, THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. A.J. SCOTT, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE VICTORIA ROTARY CLUB.

THESE PEOPLE WERE EITHER SQUATTERS LIVING IN UNSATISFACTORY TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS OR PEOPLE LIVING IN OVERCROWDED OR SUB-STANDARD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THOSE STILL IN THE OLDEST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES NOT YET REDEVELOPED.

ADDITIONALLY, THE POPULATION WAS INCREASING SIGNIFICANTLY MAINLY DUE TO IMMIGRATION, WHILE THE AVERAGE SIZE OF HOUSEHOLDS WAS GROWING SMALLER, HE SAID.

+OBVIOUSLY THIS MAKES THE HOUSING PROGRAMME VERY IMPORTANT AMONG GOVERNMENT'S SOCIAL PROGRAMMES, BUT EVEN WITH THE RESOURCES BEING APPLIED TO IT, IT WILL TAKE YEARS TO ACHIEVE THE FULL IMPACT GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO,+ HE SAID.

+THE HOUSING PROGRAMME -- THAT IS, RENTED FLATS AND THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME -- WILL OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS HOUSE ABOUT 185,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR, THAT IS OVER A MILLION PEOPLE MORE BY 1985.

+THE 10-YEAR PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED TO BEGIN IN 1973 WILL THUS BE COMPLETED WITHIN 12 YEARS INSTEAD OF 10, DESPITE THE EFFECTS OF THE 1974-75 OIL-INDUCED RECESSION AND DESPITE THE EFFECTS OF THE CURRENT OVERHEATING OF THE ECONOMY AND IN PARTICULAR THE PRESSURE ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.+

TURNING TO CRITICS OF THE HOUSING PROGRAMME, MR. SCOTT SAID: +LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT EVEN BUREAUCRATS HAVE HEARTS AND THAT COMPASSION IS NOT A MONOPOLY OF THE CRITICS.+

ON THE YAU MA TEI BOAT SQUATTERS HE SAID THEIR POSITION WAS INDEED DEPLORABLE -- BUT SO WAS THE POSITION OF THOUSANDS OF LAND SQUATTERS.

+IN TIMES OF STORM, LIVING IN A HUT ON A HILLSIDE IS AS DANGEROUS AS BEING IN A TYPHOON SHELTER,+ HE SAID.

+LAST YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, 474 FAMILIES WERE REHOUSED AS THE RESULT OF STRUCTURES ON LAND BEING RENDERED UNSAFE BECAUSE OF STORMS, WHEREAS 28 BOAT FAMILIES WERE REHOUSED BECAUSE THEIR BOATS WERE RENDERED UNSAFE BY STORMS.+

THEREFORE, HE SAID, +ONE MUST ASK THE GROUPS URGING PRIORITY FOR BOAT SQUATTERS, WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR PUTTING THEM IN FRONT OF LAND SQUATTERS?

+HOW COULD THEY -- OR I AND MY STAFF -- EXPLAIN SUCH A CHANGE IN PRIORITIES TO THE LAND SQUATTERS LIVING ON OR NEAR DANGEROUS SLOPES?+ MR. SCOTT ASKED.

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MORE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY

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THE NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONAL PLACES FOR THE ELDERLY WILL BE INCREASED BY +LEAPS AND BOUNDS+ WITH 21 OLD PEOPLE'S INSTITUTIONS PLANNED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

MRS. LOUISE WONG, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) PLANS WERE IN HAND TO BOOST THE EXISTING PROVISION BY AN EXTRA 2,750 PLACES, OR 75 PER CENT, BY THE END OF MARCH 1981.

AT PRESENT, MRS. WONG SAID, THERE ARE 3,720 PLACES -- 762 IN OLD PEOPLE'S HOSTELS, 331 IN CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES AND 2,627 IN HOMES FOR THE AGED.

ALL THE 21 NEW INSTITUTIONS WILL BE RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MOST OF THEM WITH GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION, SHE SAID.

MRS. WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM IN EXPANDING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IS TO ENABLE THEM TO REMAIN MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT TO MEET THIS OBJECTIVE, APART FROM QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO CONCERNED WITH EXPANSION IN A RANGE OF OTHER SERVICES FOR THE AGED.

THESE SERVICES, SHE SAID, INCLUDE CASH ASSISTANCE, HEALTH SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES SUCH AS HOME HELP, LAUNDRY, HOUSE CLEANING AND VISITING SERVICE.

MRS. WONG SAID INSTITUTIONAL CARE WOULD BE PROVIDED WHEN THE AVAILABLE SUPPORT SERVICES COULD NOT ADEQUATELY MEET THE NEEDS OF AN OLD PERSON.

EXPLAINING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL CARE, SHE SAID AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOSTEL PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION IN A HOMELY SETTING FOR THOSE WHO ARE PHYSICALLY ABLE TO MANAGE THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLD WORK BUT AT THE SAME TIME ENJOYING THE COMPANY OF OTHER INMATES.

A HOME FOR THE AGED, SHE SAID, PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES AND MINIMAL PERSONAL CARE FOR OLD PEOPLE WHO, FOR SOCIAL REASONS SUCH AS ACCOMMODATION PROBLEMS, POOR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, OR INABILITY TO MANAGE DAILY CHORES, ARE UNABLE TO FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY IN THE COMMUNITY.

A CARE AND ATTENTION HOME, ON THE OTHER HAND, PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, GENERAL PERSONAL CARE AND LIMITED NURSING CARE FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES, AND WHO, FOR PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL REASONS, ARE INCAPABLE OF CONTINUING TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, SHE SAID.

+HEALTH PROBLEMS ARE THE PREDOMINATE REASON FOR THE ELDERLY SEEKING ENTRY TO CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES, WITH HOUSING BEING A SECONDARY CONSIDERATION,+ SHE ADDED.

MRS. WONG SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNING OBJECTIVE IN RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY WAS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE EXPANSION OF CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME STARTS TOMORROW
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THE GOVERNMENT'S +NO FAULT+ ASSISTANCE SCHEME PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS COMES INTO OPERATION TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE NON-MEANS TESTED SCHEME WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AS A WELFARE MEASURE TO HELP VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TOMORROW AT THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTION OF EACH DISTRICT TRAFFIC POLICE HEADQUARTERS OR AT THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS SECTION (TAVA SECTION).

HE SAID ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE TAVA SECTION ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL (TEL. NOS. 5-222392 AND 5-223254).

COPIES OF A BILINGUAL PAMPHLET EXPLAINING DETAILS OF THE SCHEME WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS WEEK AT THE TAVA SECTION, THE THREE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTIONS OF THE POLICE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, CASUALTY WARDS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES, DISTRICT COURTS AND MAGISTRACIES AND THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NORMALLY, THE POLICE OFFICER INVESTIGATING THE ACCIDENT WILL EXPLAIN THE SCHEME TO THE VICTIM OR HIS NEXT OF KIN.

THE SCHEME, HE SAID, WILL APPLY TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHICH HAPPEN TOMORROW OR AFTER AND WHICH HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.

IN ADDITION, HE ADDED, THE INJURIES SUSTAINED MUST HAVE CAUSED THE LOSS OF AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' EARNING CAPACITY. APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT.

THE APPLICANT WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY TAVA STAFF TO ASSESS ELIGIBILITY AND THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENT, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SCHEME WILL NOT AFFECT THE APPLICANT'S RIGHT TO CLAIM AGAINST ANY PERSON IN THE USUAL WAY IN RESPECT OF THE SAME ACCIDENT.

IF A VICTIM SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVES DAMAGES OR SOME OTHER FORM OF COMPENSATION, HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO REFUND THE SUMS PAID TO HIM INITIALLY UNDER THE SCHEME, HE SAID.

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THREE MORE INDUSTRIAL SITES FOR SALE AT FO TAN
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SELL THREE MORE LOTS IN THE FAST EXPANDING FO TAN AREA IN SHA TIN FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRIME SITES WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE ACTING SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. DON SMITH, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE SITES ARE ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED CYCLE PATH NETWORK, A MAIN FEATURE OF THE NEW TOWN.

+AN INDUSTRIAL SITE OF 3,102 SQUARE METRES IN THE SAME AREA HAD REALISED THE EQUIVALENT OF \$8,639 PER SQUARE METRE AT A GOVERNMENT AUCTION LAST MONTH WHICH REFLECTED AN EMERGING TREND IN WHICH LARGE COMPANIES ARE BUYING SITES IN THE DEVELOPING AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS,+ MR. SMITH SAID.

THE FIRST SITE FOR TENDER HAS AN AREA OF 1,109 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1,790,000 OVER 36 MONTHS.

THE SECOND LOT MEASURES 1,491 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$2,410,000 TO BE FULFILLED IN THE SAME PERIOD.

THE THIRD ONE OF 1,466 SQUARE METRES CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$2,370,000, ALSO TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 36 MONTHS.

THE SALE CONDITIONS FOR ALL THREE SITES STIPULATE A 9.5 PLOT RATIO ALLOWING FOR MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUDE POLLUTION CONTROLS AIMED AT STOPPING THE EMISSION OF SMOKE AND POISONOUS OR NOXIOUS WASTES.

+THE THIRD SITE CARRIES AN ADDITIONAL CLAUSE REQUIRING AT LEAST 20 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA TO BE SUB-DIVIDED INTO SEPARATE UNITS SUITABLE FOR SEPARATE USES, EACH OF WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED 75 SQUARE METRES,+ MR. SMITH POINTED OUT.

HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF PROVIDING SMALLER UNITS TO MEET ALL THE NEEDS OF PRESENT DAY INDUSTRY.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE THREE SITES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES BY NOON THIS FRIDAY AND SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, FIFTH FLOOR, HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON.

APPLICATION FORMS, APPLICATION NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF GRANT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND GRANT PLAN INSPECTED AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OR ITS SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

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CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL STARTS TONIGHT
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THE ANNUAL CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL, COMMONLY KNOWN AS +TA CHIU,+ BEGINS TONIGHT (MONDAY) AND WILL LAST SIX DAYS.

A GRAND PROCESSION OF LOCAL TRADITIONAL ITEMS BLENDED WITH MODERN PERFORMANCES BY OUTSIDE GROUPS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

DESPITE THE CANCELLATION OF THE TRADITIONAL SCRAMBLE FOR BUNS THIS YEAR, A STEP TAKEN IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE FESTIVAL WILL NOT DIMINISH IN COLOUR AND MAGNITUDE, ACCORDING TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. VICTOR YUNG.

THE 15,000 BUNS AFFIXED TO TWO 15.24-METRE (50 FT) AND A 7.62 METRE (25 FT) BAMBOO TOWERS WILL BE UNTIED BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON THURSDAY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL RESIDENTS THE NEXT DAY.

+THIS WILL ENSURE THAT EVERYONE WILL GET HIS SHARE OF THE BUNS WHICH, ACCORDING TO LEGEND, WILL BRING THEM GOOD LUCK FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR,+ MR. YUNG SAID.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL JOIN 20,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE SMALL ISLAND TO WATCH THE SPECTACULAR PAGEANT ON THURSDAY.

MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE FROM 20 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN THE TWO-HOUR PROCESSION.

ON PARADE WILL BE SHRINES FROM THE ISLAND'S TEMPLES, THE TREASURE SWORD OF PAK TI TEMPLE, FLOATS, UNICORN AND LION DANCES, FAMOUS CHIU CHAU GONGS AND DRUMS PERFORMANCES AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCES.

STUDENTS FROM THE BUDDHIST TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ARTISTES FROM TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD. WILL ALSO JOIN THE PARADE.

THE ARMY'S ROYAL GREEN JACKET BAND WILL ENTERTAIN SPECTATORS PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE GUESTS.

CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS TRADITIONALLY WILL GO ON A VEGETARIAN DIET DURING THE SIX-DAY FESTIVAL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE NIGHTLY PERFORMANCES OF CHINESE OPERAS AND PRAYERS BY TAOIST PRIESTS.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THERE WILL BE A REPEAT OF THE PROCESSION THE FOLLOWING DAY, FRIDAY.

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AS THOUSANDS OF INHABITANTS OF CHEUNG CHAU AND NEARBY ISLANDS WILL BE OUT IN FULL FORCE ON THURSDAY, VISITORS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THE TRIP ON FRIDAY WHEN A GOOD VIEW OF THE PAGEANT WILL BE EASIER.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE GRAND PROCESSION OF THE BUN FESTIVAL ON CHEUNG CHAU AT 2.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

SPECIAL PRESS BADGES WILL BE ISSUED TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SEND IN THE NAME OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO MR. MICHAEL CHUI OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON 3-0502465 BEFORE 5 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A FERRY, MAN YAN, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER GUESTS FROM HONG KONG TO CHEUNG CHAU. IT WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER AT 12.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY AND IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN BY 5 P.M.

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SURVEY INDICATES RISE IN DEMAND FOR
PLEASURE CRAFT AND SPECIALISED BOATS
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THE LOCAL AND OVERSEAS DEMAND FOR PLEASURE CRAFT AND OTHER SPECIALISED BOATS IS ON THE INCREASE, THE REPORT ON THE FOURTH MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP-REPAIRS INDUSTRY STATED TODAY (MONDAY).

THE REPORT, NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, SAID MANY MEDIUM-SIZED SHIPYARDS ARE NOW EXPANDING THEIR BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES TO CATER FOR THIS FAST GROWING MARKET.

IT ALSO ANTICIPATES THAT SHIP CONVERSION AND MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK ARE LIKELY TO INCREASE AND REPORTED THAT SEVERAL MAJOR COMPANIES ARE CONSTRUCTING NEW YARDS TO CATER FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND DOCKING OF ALL CLASSES AND TYPES OF VESSELS UP TO 100,000 TONS AS WELL AS NEW BUILDINGS.

THE REPORT, THE RESULT OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JULY 1978 BY THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, REVEALED THAT THERE WERE 10,624 WORKERS AND 776 TRAINEES-APPRENTICES EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRY.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS SURVEY, THE NUMBERS EMPLOYED IN THE INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING SEA-GOING MANPOWER) IN THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN STEADY DESPITE THE DEPRESSION IN THE WORLD'S SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.

+IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS THE TRAINING BOARD IS OF THE OPINION THAT A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR SKILLED MANPOWER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS,+ THE REPORT ADDED.

APART FROM THESE REVELATIONS, THE REPORT ALSO PROVIDES STATISTICAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE INDUSTRY.

THEY INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS, THE EDUCATION STANDARDS AND TRAINING OF WORKERS PREFERRED FOR DIFFERENT JOBS, THE DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYEES BY TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME RANGE, AND THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS REQUIRED TO BE TRAINED IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, MADE TO BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT, ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS ON ROUTES FOR TRAINING TECHNOLOGISTS, TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN IN THE INDUSTRY.

THE REPORT, WHICH IS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, COSTS \$10 A COPY.

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NEW TRACK MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR KCR

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TODAY (MONDAY) TOOK DELIVERY OF A SOPHISTICATED NEW TAMPING MACHINE FOR MECHANICAL TRACK MAINTENANCE.

BUILT IN AUSTRIA AT A COST OF \$1.5 MILLION AND WEIGHING 23 TONS, IT IS SIMILAR TO MACHINES IN USE IN ALL MAJOR RAILWAYS OF THE WORLD.

DESCRIBING THE TAMPING MACHINE AS THE FIRST MAJOR ITEM OF MODERN PERMANENT WAY EQUIPMENT FOR THE KCR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RAILWAY SAID IT +WILL TAKE OUR TRACK MAINTENANCE INTO THE MODERN ERA IN READINESS FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE RAILWAY.+

THE TAMPING MACHINE HAS MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS -- IT CAN LIFT THE TRACK TO ITS CORRECT LEVEL, CONSOLIDATE THE BALLAST UNDERNEATH AND SLUE IT TO THE CORRECT ALIGNMENT.

+UP TO NOW ALL TRACK MAINTENANCE IS DONE BY HAND. THE NEW EQUIPMENT HELP REDUCE MAINTENANCE TIMES AND, AT THE SAME TIME, RELEASE MORE MEN FOR OTHER WORK,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXPLAINING THE ADVANTAGE OF USING THE TAMPING MACHINE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT COULD CARRY OUT IN AN EIGHT-HOUR SHIFT THE SAME WORK THAT WOULD TAKE 20 MEN SEVERAL DAYS TO COMPLETE.

HE SAID THE MANUFACTURERS WILL SUPERVISE INITIAL TRAINING FOR KCR STAFF IN THE OPERATION OF THE MACHINE. AFTER THAT IT WILL BE PUT TO WORK ON THE SECTIONS OF TRACKS WHICH HAVE BEEN RELAID WITH CONTINUOUSLY WELDED RAIL ON CONCRETE SLEEPERS.

THESE ARE THE SECTIONS OVER WHICH TRAINS WILL BE TRAVELLING AT HIGHER SPEEDS, HE ADDED.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY ON THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BEGINS TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE SURVEY, THE FIFTH IN THE SERIES, WILL LAST UNTIL MAY 25.

IT IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE SENT TWO WEEKS AGO TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE SURVEYED. THE SURVEY FINDINGS WILL ENABLE THE TRAINING BOARD TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON MANPOWER TRAINING FOR THE INDUSTRY.

INTERVIEWING OFFICERS DURING THE SURVEY WILL VISIT EACH ESTABLISHMENT TO HELP COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE INFORMATION FOR EACH PRINCIPAL JOB OF THE INDUSTRY WHICH THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF WORKERS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED= THE NUMBER PRESENTLY UNDER TRAINING= THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL VACANCIES BY MAY 1980.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR. WARNER YEH TODAY (MONDAY) STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN STATISTICAL SUMMARIES ONLY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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DANCE FESTIVAL PRIZE-WINNERS' PERFORMANCES
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THE 15TH SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL PRIZE-WINNERS' PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL FROM WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY (MAY 6) AT 7 P.M.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TWO MATINEE SHOWS THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS' PERFORMANCES ARE JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG AND NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

EACH PERFORMANCE WILL FEATURE A SELECTION OF WESTERN (FOLK), ORIENTAL (FOLK AND CLASSICAL) AND CREATIVE DANCES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GUEST PERFORMERS TAKING PART FROM THE MODERN DANCE THEATRE OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG ACADEMY BALLET COMPANY AND THE HONG KONG BALLET GROUP.

GUESTS OF HONOUR AT THE PERFORMANCES WILL INCLUDE URBAN COUNCILLORS MR. KENNETH T.C. LO, MR. AMBROSE K.C. CHOI AND MR. F.K. HU= MR. AND MRS CHAM SUI-LUEN= MR. PETER MOSS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES= AND MR. AND MRS R.M. CAMERON AND MR. AND MRS T.L. LAM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE 15TH SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL PRIZE-WINNERS' PERFORMANCES AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL FROM WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY AT 7 P.M. THERE WILL ALSO BE MATINEE SHOWS THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT FROM WEDNESDAY TO MAY 7, THE SECTION OF WAI YIP STREET, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KWUN TONG ROAD TO ITS JUNCTION WITH SIU YIP STREET IN KOWLOON BAY, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.30 A.M. AND 5.30 A.M. TO FACILITATE THE DISMANTLING OF THE FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS WAI YIP STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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