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AMBULANCE COMMAND IN MIDST OF BIG EXPANSION PLAN
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S AMBULANCE COMMAND IS IN THE MIDST OF A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

MOVING AHEAD IN STAGES, IT WILL BY THE NEXT THREE YEARS BE BUILDING FIVE NEW DEPOTS AND AN AMBULANCE STATION, PURCHASING 64 NEW AMBULANCES, AND INTRODUCING ITS FIRST MOBILE CASUALTY TREATMENT CENTRE. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL ALSO BE UNDERTAKING A MAJOR RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE NEW AMBULANCE DEPOTS WILL COST NEARLY \$8 MILLION EACH, AND WILL BE LOCATED IN FANLING, TSING YI, CHEUNG SHA WAN, SAI WAN HO AND POK FU LAM. THE ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE STATION WILL BE LOCATED IN YUEN LONG.

THERE WILL THEN BE 19 AMBULANCE DEPOTS AND STATIONS, IN ADDITION TO 22 OTHER LOCATIONS OCCUPIED BY THE FIRE SERVICES, EXPLAINED MR PANG TAK-SUM, THE ASSISTANT CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER.

+THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AMBULANCE DEPOT AND THE YUEN LONG AMBULANCE STATION WILL COME INTO OPERATION NEXT YEAR, ANOTHER TWO DEPOTS IN 1984, AND THE FOURTH AND FIFTH IN 1985,+ MR PANG SAID.

THE LOCATION OF THE NEW DEPOTS, EACH OF WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 10 AMBULANCES, WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH AND DISTRIBUTION, AS WELL AS TRAFFIC.

THE CASUALTY TREATMENT CENTRE WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A LARGE VEHICLE MORE THAN TWICE THE SIZE OF A REGULAR AMBULANCE. IT WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED AND EQUIPPED WITH A MINI-OPERATION THEATRE SO THAT EMERGENCY SURGERY CAN BE PERFORMED ON THE SPOT BY A MEDICAL TEAM.

THE CENTRE WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR SUCH MAJOR DISASTERS AS AN AIR CRASH AND LARGE FIRES, MR PANG REMARKED.

MR PANG SAID 25 OF THE 64 NEW AMBULANCES WILL BE REPLACEMENTS FOR EXISTING VEHICLES, AND THE NEW VEHICLES WILL INCREASE THE AMBULANCE FLEET BY NEARLY 25 PER CENT, TO A TOTAL STRENGTH OF 198 VEHICLES BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

INITIALLY THREE WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED, AND A DECISION WILL THEN BE MADE ON WHETHER TO EQUIP THE REST SIMILARLY, MR PANG SAID.

EACH VEHICLE WILL COST ABOUT \$290 000, INVOLVING AN OVERALL COST OF ABOUT \$19 MILLION, HE SAID.

IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, THE CURRENT FLEET OF 159 AMBULANCES RESPONDED TO SOME 260 000 CALLS, SOME 75 PER CENT OF THEM DEALING WITH EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING 18 500 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

EMERGENCY CALLS ARE THOSE INVOLVING PEOPLE WHOSE PHYSICAL CONDITION REQUIRES THAT THEY BE CONVEYED TO HOSPITAL IMMEDIATELY, HE EXPLAINED.

IN ALMOST ALL CASES, PATIENTS ARE GIVEN AMBULANCE AID TREATMENT EITHER BEFORE THEY ARE MOVED INTO THE AMBULANCES OR ON THE WAY TO HOSPITAL, HE SAID.

AMBULANCE PERSONNEL RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FROM AMBULANCE OFFICERS WHO ARE QUALIFIED AMBULANCE AID INSTRUCTORS TRAINED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. AMBULANCE SUPERVISORS ALSO ATTEND TRAINING COURSES IN HOSPITALS.

MR PANG EXPLAINED THAT THE EXISTING RATIO WAS ONE AMBULANCE TO EVERY 40 000 PEOPLE, THOUGH THIS WAS FAR BEHIND THE ONE-FOR-10 000 RATIO IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. HOWEVER, THE HONG KONG AMBULANCE SERVICE COMPARED VERY FAVOURABLY WITH SIMILAR SERVICES PROVIDED IN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, PARTLY BECAUSE THEIR SERVICES ARE USUALLY NOT SO CENTRALLY LOCATED, AND ARE OFTEN OPERATED BY DIFFERENT AUTHORITIES.

HONG KONG, HOWEVER, HAD A COMMON PROBLEM WITH OTHER MAJOR METROPOLITAN CITIES IN THE WAY OF TRAFFIC JAMS.

IN AN EFFORT TO BEAT TRAFFIC SNARLS, THE AMBULANCE COMMAND RECENTLY INTRODUCED, ON A TRIAL BASIS, A MOTORCYCLE MEDICAL ATTENDANCE SERVICE WHICH WILL ENABLE THEIR PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE RELIEF BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF AMBULANCES.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT SERVICE IS THE STEP IT TOOK RECENTLY TO PROVIDE THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE BY INSTALLING AN ADVANCED UHF (ULTRA-HIGH-FREQUENCY) RADIO SYSTEM WHICH OPERATES +A SEMI-AUTOMATIC VEHICLE STATUS INDICATOR+ TO PINPOINT THE LOCATION OF AN AMBULANCE FOR QUICK SUMMONS.

+THIS HAS PROVED TO BE A VERY USEFUL DEVICE, ENABLING US TO REACH THE SCENE OF A CALL IN AN AVERAGE OF 10 MINUTES IN THE URBAN AREA AND 20 MINUTES IN THE RURAL AREAS,+ MR PANG SAID.

EACH AMBULANCE, HE SAID, IS MANNED BY ONE SUPERVISOR AND TWO ATTENDANTS, INCLUDING THE DRIVER, ALL OF WHOM ARE TRAINED TO TREAT THE INJURED, HE SAID.

EACH AMBULANCE IS EQUIPPED WITH A PORTABLE RESUSCITATOR, AN ENTONOX ANAESTHETIC APPARATUS, PIPED OXYGEN SUPPLY, WOODEN AND AIR SPLINTS, A CERVICAL COLLAR, STRETCHERS, A FIRST AID BOX, EMERGENCY RESCUE TOOLS, AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND INSTRUMENTS.

WHERE SPECIAL RESCUE EXPERTISE IS REQUIRED, SUCH AS IN LANDSLIDES, HOUSE COLLAPSES, OR CRASHES, THE +SPECIAL SERVICES+ OF THE FIRE SERVICES ARE ALERTED. SUCH SPECIAL SERVICES RESPONDED TO 2 000 CALLS IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, MR PANG SAID.

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STATISTICS ON THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF A BENCHMARK ECONOMIC CENSUS FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN 1981-82 FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1980 WERE RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY). THE RESULTS FOR THE STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING AND INSURANCE SECTORS OBTAINED IN THE SAME ECONOMIC CENSUS HAD ALREADY BEEN RELEASED DURING THE PAST WEEKS.

THE CENSUS OF THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR COVERED ALL ESTABLISHMENTS IN LEGAL, ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING, DATA PROCESSING, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING, PUBLIC RELATIONS, MARKETING RESEARCH, ADVERTISING, DESIGNING, SECRETARIAL AND TRANSLATION SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT, NEWS GATHERING AND REPORTING, DETECTIVE AND PROTECTIVE AGENCIES, AND MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LEASING. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SECTOR WERE BRANCH/LIAISON AND REGIONAL OFFICES PROVIDING ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO THEIR PARENT COMPANIES, THEATRICAL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL WITH OPERATORS WERE, HOWEVER, EXCLUDED FROM THE CENSUS.

THE CENSUS RESULTS INDICATED THAT THERE WERE 1 885 ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN BUSINESS SERVICES DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1980. THE SECTOR HAD A WORKFORCE OF 26 482 PERSONS, OF WHOM, 24 603 WERE EMPLOYEES AND THE REST WERE WORKING PROPRIETORS, WORKING PARTNERS OR UNPAID FAMILY WORKERS. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$3 629 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS AND PAID OUT \$940 MILLION IN COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND \$1 652 MILLION IN OPERATING EXPENSES. OPERATING EXPENSES INCLUDED RENTAL AND INTEREST PAYMENTS, EXPENSES ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, PURCHASES OF GOODS, SUPPLIES, FUELS, WATER AND ELECTRICITY, AND PAYMENTS FOR OTHER SERVICES. CAPITAL STOCK AT THE END OF 1980 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$744 MILLION, WITH \$175 MILLION AS DEPRECIATION OVER THE YEAR, AND \$366 MILLION AS GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS WHICH WERE ACQUISITIONS OF FIXED ASSETS LESS PROCEEDS FROM RE-SALE OF FIXED ASSETS.

THE ATTACHED TABLE PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE 1 885 REPORTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR CLASSIFIED INTO 12 SERVICES GROUPS, VIZ. LEGAL SERVICES, ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND BOOKKEEPING SERVICES, DATA PROCESSING AND TABULATING SERVICES, ADVERTISING COMPANIES AND AGENCIES, PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES, MARKET RESEARCH COMPANIES, AND OTHER ADVERTISING SERVICES, MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS CONSULTING SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY SERVICES, SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES, INTERIOR DECORATION AND OTHER DESIGNING SERVICES, SECRETARIAL, TYPING AND TRANSLATION SERVICES, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LEASING SERVICES, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS SERVICES.

AMONG THE 12 GROUPS OF BUSINESS SERVICES, +ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND BOOKKEEPING SERVICES+ WAS THE LARGEST IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS AS WELL AS PERSONS ENGAGED. THERE WERE 421 ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGING 6 311 PERSONS, ACCOUNTING FOR 22 PER CENT AND 24 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE SECTOR'S TOTALS. +LEGAL SERVICES+ RANKED SECOND, WITH 310 ESTABLISHMENTS AND 5 883 PERSONS ENGAGED, REPRESENTING 16 PER CENT AND 22 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE SECTOR'S TOTALS. WHILE THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN +ADVERTISING COMPANIES AND AGENCIES+ WAS THE SAME AS THAT IN +PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES, MARKET RESEARCH COMPANIES AND OTHER ADVERTISING SERVICES+, EACH ACCOUNTING FOR 15 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS, THE FORMER HAD A WORKFORCE TWICE AS LARGE AS THAT IN THE LATTER. +SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES+ WITH A WORKFORCE OF 5 702 PERSONS OR 22 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, HOWEVER, ONLY ACCOUNTED FOR TWO PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

AVERAGE COMPENSATION PER EMPLOYEE VARIED SIGNIFICANTLY AMONG THE VARIOUS GROUPS OF BUSINESS SERVICES, RANGING FROM THE HIGHEST AT \$81 000 PER ANNUM IN +MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS CONSULTING SERVICES+ TO THE LOWEST AT \$19 000 PER ANNUM IN +SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION SERVICES+. OTHER GROUPS WITH RELATIVELY HIGH COMPENSATION PER EMPLOYEE WERE +DATA PROCESSING AND TABULATING SERVICES+, +INTERIOR DECORATION AND OTHER DESIGNING SERVICES+ AND +OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES+, AT \$52 000, \$50 000 AND \$53 000 PER ANNUM RESPECTIVELY.

+ADVERTISING COMPANIES AND AGENCIES+ INCURRED THE LARGEST OPERATING EXPENSES AT \$951 MILLION, OVER 90 PER CENT OF WHICH WERE PAYMENTS TO OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF CUSTOMERS AS CONTRACT WORK. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY +LEGAL SERVICES+ AT \$148 MILLION AND +DATA PROCESSING AND TABULATING SERVICES+ AT \$99 MILLION, HALF OF WHICH WERE SPENT ON PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SUPPLIES, NOTABLY PURCHASES OF ELECTRONIC OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES.

+ADVERTISING COMPANIES AND AGENCIES+, WITH \$1 130 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS WHICH INCLUDED COST OF PRODUCTION AND COMMISSIONS CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS ON THE ADVERTISING PROJECTS COMMISSIONED (OVER \$880 MILLION), ACCOUNTED FOR THE LARGEST SHARE OF THE SECTOR'S TOTAL RECEIPTS (31 PER CENT). OTHER GROUPS WITH SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF RECEIPTS WERE +LEGAL SERVICES+ (26 PER CENT) AND +ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND BOOKKEEPING SERVICES+ (12 PER CENT).

+MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND LEASING SERVICES+ ENGAGED ONLY ONE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS. THEY, HOWEVER, OWNED OVER 65 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL CAPITAL STOCK AND ACCOUNTED FOR 61 PER CENT AND 68 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE TOTAL GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION OF FIXED ASSETS. THIS SUGGESTS THE IMPORTANCE OF FIXED ASSETS (I.E. MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT) IN THEIR BUSINESS.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A REPORT ON THE 1980 CENSUS. THE REPORT WILL DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE RESULTS OF THE CENSUS AND THE METHODOLOGY EMPLOYED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE 1980 CENSUS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 3-661070).

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Provisional statistics for reporting establishments in the business services sector analysed by group

Group	Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensation of employees	Rental and interest payments	Repair, maintenance and contract work	Purchases of goods, supplies, fuels, water and electricity	Other operating expenses	Changes in stocks	Income and receipts	Gross additions to fixed assets	Depreciation of fixed assets	Capital stock
				\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn
Legal services	310	5 883	5 352	231.2	55.0	3.1	16.6	73.7	N.A.	929.0	24.9	10.4	49.4
Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services	421	6 311	5 762	198.4	38.6	3.9	8.5	39.2	N.A.	438.5	10.5	6.4	32.1
Data processing and tabulating services	46	1 102	1 095	57.2	24.3	5.7	53.3	16.1	-1.1	194.7	41.2	17.2	42.7
Advertising companies and agencies	278	2 664	2 463	114.9	20.8	883.5	11.7	35.2	0.4	1 129.8	12.4	5.1	36.7
Public relations services, market research companies, and other advertising services	280	1 372	1 076	40.6	9.1	42.5	10.5	22.9	*	150.2	13.0	3.1	20.9
Management and business consulting services	144	1 397	1 369	110.5	23.8	6.9	4.7	42.6	N.A.	217.0	11.4	6.1	25.9
Employment agency services	61	184	129	4.4	1.4	2.2	0.4	2.9	N.A.	14.0	0.4	0.2	0.9
Security and investigation services	43	5 702	5 678	105.5	7.5	3.3	6.4	12.7	-0.1	158.3	20.3	5.5	27.1
Interior decoration and other designing (other than architectural) services	66	352	295	14.8	2.1	13.3	1.5	3.6	N.A.	41.3	2.1	0.7	3.4
Secretarial, typing and translation services	102	324	279	8.9	1.7	3.3	0.6	5.6	N.A.	29.7	1.9	0.8	4.0
Other business services, except machinery and equipment rental and leasing	106	795	723	38.3	7.0	7.8	11.0	19.4	0.2	98.5	3.6	1.5	12.5
Machinery and equipment rental and leasing services	28	396	382	15.7	47.4	1.8	29.2	7.8	3.7	227.7	224.4	118.4	488.5
Total	1 885	26 482	24 603	940.4	238.8	977.2	154.4	281.8	3.0	3 628.7	366.1	175.4	744.2

Notes : (1) N.A. = Not applicable.
 (2) * = Less than \$0.1 million.
 (3) Figures may not add up to the totals due to rounding.

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UK MINISTER VISITS REHABILITATION CENTRE

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE DISABLED, MR HUGH ROSSI, TODAY (MONDAY) CONTINUED HIS LAST ROUND OF VISITS TO LOCAL INSTITUTIONS FOR THE DISABLED.

HE VISITED THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WHICH OFFERS SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SOME 250 MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, MR ROSSI AND HIS WIFE TOURED THE CENTRE'S CLINIC, THE SHELTERED WORKSHOP, THE WORK ACTIVITY SECTION AND CLASSROOMS AND CHATTED WITH THE DISABLED.

ALSO PRESENT TO EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THE CENTRE WERE THE REGIONAL OFFICER (HONG KONG), MR KWOK KA-CHI, AND THE CENTRE'S OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, MRS JUDY MA.

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SUPPORT URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS APPEAL

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, TODAY (MONDAY) APPEALED TO DISTRICT BOARDS TO SUPPORT THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH.

ADDRESSING THE FIRST KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, MR BARNES SAID THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WOULD BE MUCH CLOSER WHEN THE WHOLE ELECTED ELEMENT OF THE COUNCIL WERE RE-ELECTED ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS CLOSELY TIED IN WITH URBAN DISTRICTS NEXT MARCH.

+THE BOARD THUS HAS A KEEN INTEREST IN A STRONG TURNOUT IN SUPPORT OF THESE ELECTIONS ALSO, AS MORE THAN EVER THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE A DISTRICT MAN AND HIS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER DISTRICTS WILL DEPEND TO A CERTAIN DEGREE ON THE VOTERS' SUPPORT WHICH HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO MUSTER.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT A DISTRICT BOARD HAD TO ACHIEVE ALL IT COULD THROUGH ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.

+IN THE URBAN AREA, PERHAPS THE MOST CRUCIAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH A BOARD MUST DEVELOP IS THAT WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL, AS THE URBAN COUNCIL PROVIDES SO MANY OF THE THINGS WHICH THE DISTRICT BOARD WANTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT,+ MR BARNES SAID.

PUBLIC HEALTH, THE CLEANLINESS OF THE STREETS, RUBBISH COLLECTION, THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND CULTURAL SHOWS WERE ALL UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE URBAN COUNCIL TOGETHER WITH A GREAT DEAL OF OTHER FUNCTIONS.

/MR BARNES

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MR BARNES CONTINUED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE BOARD TO HAVE AS ITS FRIEND AND THAT SUCH FRIENDSHIP INVOLVED EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES.

+ON ITS SIDE THE COUNCIL HAS MADE A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO ADJUST ITSELF TO THE NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION PROCESS AND TO WELCOME THE NEW BOARDS. ON THEIR SIDE ALSO BOARDS SHOULD RECIPROCATATE AND SUPPORT THE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

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DIRECTOR OF NT SERVICES VISITS SHA TIN
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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, TODAY TOURED VARIOUS WORK SITES AT SHA TIN WHERE WORK IS PROGRESSING ON A PACKAGE OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES COSTING SOME \$100 MILLION.

THESE INCLUDE A SPORTS GROUND, A RECREATION GROUND, A PLAYGROUND AND A TOWN PARK.

MR HEYWOOD WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE TOUR BY THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER FOR SHA TIN, MR IP SHING-WAI, AND NTSD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOUTH REGION), MR DAVID DOWDING.

AFTER VIEWING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEW TOWN FROM A VANTAGE POINT, MR HEYWOOD WENT TO THE SHA TIN RECREATION GROUND BEING CONSTRUCTED ON THE BANKS OF THE SHING MUN RIVER, NEAR THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL AND SQUASH COURT COMPLEX.

MR HEYWOOD WAS TOLD THAT THE \$25 MILLION SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND WILL HAVE A FULL-SIZE TURFED SOCCER PITCH, A 400-METRE ALL-WEATHER RUNNING TRACK, AND A COVERED SPECTATOR STAND WITH SEATING FOR 2 500 SPECTATORS.

HE NEXT WENT TO THE YUEN WO RECREATION GROUND WHERE WORKS ON A CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK, A ROLLER SKATING RINK, A PUBLIC PLAZA, A RIVER-SIDE WALK AND OTHER LANDSCAPING ARE IN FULL SWING.

HE THEN PROCEEDED TO THE SHA TIN TOWN PARK WHICH WILL COST ABOUT \$50 MILLION TO CONSTRUCT. MR HEYWOOD WAS TOLD THAT TENDERS FOR BUILDING A CENTRAL PLAZA, WATER GARDEN, FLOWER GARDEN AND LAWN, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, CHILDREN'S MODEL-BOATING POND AND RIVERSIDE PROMENADE WOULD PROBABLY BE INVITED NEXT MONTH.

LATER THE PARTY WENT TO THE WORK SITE OF TSANG TAI UK PLAYGROUND WHERE SIX TENNIS COURTS, THREE BASKETBALL COURTS WHICH CAN BE CONVERTED INTO VOLLEYBALL COURTS, ONE STANDARD SOCCER PITCH WITH ARTIFICIAL TURF, LANDSCAPING AND A PLAYGROUND WILL BE BUILT.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE EXISTING ROYAL JOCKEY CLUB TEMPORARY PLAYGROUND WILL BE DEMOLISHED NEXT MARCH TO MAKE WAY FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL COST \$13 MILLION.

MR HEYWOOD ALSO TOURED SHA TIN MARKET, TAI WAI TEMPORARY MARKET AND SIU LEK YUEN NURSERY.

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NEW TOWNS NEED SERVICE
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AN APPEAL WAS MADE BY MRS IAN MACPHERSON, WIFE OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL ANCILLARY SERVICES, SUCH AS PRIMARY SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY, IN THE FAST GROWING NEW TOWNS.

MRS MACPHERSON MADE THE APPEAL TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN SHE OPENED THE CHING CHUNG WU KING KINDERGARTEN AT TUEN MUN'S NEWEST LARGE HOUSING ESTATE, WU KING ESTATE, WHERE 200 TO 300 PEOPLE ARE MAKING THEIR NEW HOMES EVERYDAY.

NOTING THAT TUEN MUN'S POPULATION WILL BE INCREASED BY 70 000 ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, MRS MACPHERSON SAID: +IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED IN GOOD TIME TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE INCOMING RESIDENTS.+

+IN THIS REGARD, AND ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH PROPORTION OF YOUNG FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AMONGST THE NEW SETTLERS, SERVICES SUCH AS PRIMARY SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY ARE MOST IN DEMAND,+ SHE SAID.

SHE CALLED UPON VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO FILL THE GAP BY PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED FACILITIES IN TUEN MUN AS WELL AS OTHER NEW TOWNS.

THE WU KING KINDERGARTEN IS PART OF A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES OFFERED BY THE CHING CHUNG KOON IN TUEN MUN. THE KOON, A LOCALLY-BASED TAOIST ORGANISATION, ALSO RUNS A HOME FOR THE AGED, TWO FREE MEDICAL CLINICS, A KINDERGARTEN AND ORGANISES AN ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW.

+THE KOON IS A TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION FULFILLING A MOST COMMENDABLE MODERN ROLE IN THE FAST GROWING NEW TOWN,+ MRS MACPHERSON SAID.

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SCHEMES OF CONTROL PUBLISHED
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY PUBLISHED IN FULL ALL THE SCHEMES OF CONTROL.

THEY APPLY TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES: CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED; KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY (1933) LIMITED; CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY LIMITED; HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED; HONG KONG AIR CARGO TERMINALS LIMITED; HONG KONG AIR TERMINAL SERVICES LIMITED AND THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

COPIES OF A BOOKLET CONTAINING THE SCHEMES IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT \$25 EACH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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CODE OF AID BEING REVIEWED
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING THE CODE OF AID FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, DISCLOSED TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE COGNITIO COLLEGE, MR HAYE SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS LOOKING INTO WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH THE GOVERNMENT COULD GIVE AIDED SCHOOLS MORE DISCRETION TO ADMINISTER THEIR AFFAIRS UNDER THE CODE OF AID.

HE PRAISED THE COGNITIO COLLEGE FOR ACCEPTING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INVITATION SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO BECOME FULLY AIDED, A MOVE HE DESCRIBED AS BOLD AND PROGRESSIVE.

+OF COURSE COMING ON TO FULL AID MEANT CERTAIN SACRIFICES,+ MR HAYE SAID, ADDING THE SCHOOL WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE MINOR RESTRICTIONS OF THE CODE OF AID BECAUSE OF ITS PARAMOUNT INTEREST IN EDUCATION AND THE WELFARE OF THEIR PUPILS AND TEACHERS.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED: +THE COLLEGE WILL CONFIRM THAT WHILE THE CODE ENSHRINES THE PRINCIPLE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PUBLIC MONEY, THE GOVERNMENT RESPECTS A SCHOOL'S RIGHT TO MANAGE ITS OWN AFFAIRS IF IT HAS ACCOUNTED FOR THE AID THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN IT.+

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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR TAI WAI TEMPORARY RAILWAY STATION
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THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$6 MILLION CONTRACT TO HOI SING CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TAI WAI TEMPORARY RAILWAY STATION ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE SOUTH OF THE EXISTING SHA TIN STATION.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY MR LEUNG MIN-SUN, GOVERNMENT RAILWAY ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMPANY.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE, COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY BOOKING OFFICE, TWO PLATFORMS AND PLATFORM AWNINGS AND ASSOCIATED CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS.

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AUSTRALIAN MUSICIANS PARTICIPATING IN BAND FESTIVAL
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SIX AUSTRALIAN MUSICIANS HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TO TAKE PART IN THE FIFTH HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL.

THEY ARE THE LECTURER OF TROMBONE OF THE CANBERRA SCHOOL OF MUSIC, SIMONE DE HAAN, AND WIND SOLOISTS VERRON HILL (FLUTE), LAURENCE FRANKEL (OBOE), DONALD WESTLAKE (CLARINET), RICHARD MCINTYRE (BASSOON) AND HECTOR MCDONALD (HORN).

THEY WILL APPEAR WITH THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND IN THE FESTIVAL CONCERT TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) NIGHT AT THE AUDITORIUM OF TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

SIMONE DE HAAN WON WIDE ACCLAIM DURING HIS PARTICIPATION RECENTLY IN THE 1982 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP.

HE WILL CONDUCT THE YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND WHICH WILL PERFORM WORKS BY GREIG AND TCHAIKOVSKY AS WELL AS THOSE BY CONTEMPORARY COMPOSERS PERISCHETTI AND MALTBY.

THE AUSTRALIAN WIND SOLOISTS WILL PERFORM WIND QUINTETS BY FRANZ DANZI, JEAN FRANCAIX AND MALCOLM ARNOLD.

DANZI WAS A PROLIFIC EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY COMPOSER WHILE FRANCAIX AND ARNOLD ARE CONTEMPORARY COMPOSERS KNOWN FOR THEIR WITTY AND LIGHT-HEARTED WORKS.

BESIDES GIVING PERFORMANCES, THESE FIVE MAESTROS WILL BE GUEST INSTRUCTORS OF THE MASTER CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS OF THE FESTIVAL.

TICKETS AT \$5 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE AND THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IN WAN CHAI, MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI, NGAU TAU KOK AND TSUEN WAN.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY DIALLING 5-296221 OR 5-283257.

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SHANKAR'S INTERNATIONAL DRAWING COMPETITION
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CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN AN ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DRAWING COMPETITION WITH THE FINAL JUDGING BEING HELD IN INDIA.

PUPILS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHANKAR'S INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S COMPETITION 1983 SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR DRAWINGS OR PAINTINGS VIA THEIR SCHOOL TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PRELIMINARY SELECTION BEFORE DECEMBER 8, 1982.

THE COMMISSION OF INDIA WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE LOCAL SELECTION WHILE THE FINAL SELECTION WILL BE MADE BY A PANEL OF JUDGES IN INDIA.

EACH PARTICIPANT MAY SUBMIT A MAXIMUM OF SIX PAINTINGS OR DRAWINGS IN ANY MEDIUM EXCEPT BLACK LEAD PENCIL.

GROUP WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ENTRIES SHOULD NOT BE MOUNTED AND THEIR MINIMUM SIZE IS 300 MM BY 400 MM.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD STATE ON THE BACK OF EACH ENTRY THEIR NAME, SEX, AGE AND DATE OF BIRTH, NATIONALITY, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THEIR SCHOOL, THE TITLE OF THEIR ENTRY AND THEIR ART TEACHER'S SIGNATURE TO CERTIFY THAT THE SUBMISSION IS THEIR ORIGINAL AND UNAIDED WORK DONE DURING 1982.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE INSPECTOR (ART), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, 4/F, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE BY DIALLING 5-621006 OR 5-621967.

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SIR PHILIP ADDRESSES POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY OFFICIATED AT THE 10TH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AT THE CITY HALL.

COPIES OF SIR PHILIP'S SPEECH ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS BOXES.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 81.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 470.051 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 277.548 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 48.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SLIP ROAD IN KWUN TONG

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THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM HONG NING ROAD TO TUNG YAN STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR FOUR DAYS FROM 8 AM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR CLEARANCE WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC FROM HONG NING ROAD SOUTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD.

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WATER CUT IN SAI KUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 10) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AND VILLAGES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE IN:

- * CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND MANG KUNG UK, SILVER-STRAND, HANG HAU TOWN, SHAW'S STUDIO, AND BAY SIDE;
- * PO LAM ROAD, RENNIE'S MILL AREA AND MA YAU TONG;
- * HIRAM'S HIGHWAY INCLUDING TAN CHEUNG AREA;
- * SAI KUNG TOWN AREA.

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