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## BIG TASK AHEAD FOR WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT, WITH ITS COMPLEX DIVERSITY AND NUMEROUS DEVELOPMENTS, POSES A FORMIDABLE CHALLENGE TO THE AREA'S DISTRICT BOARD, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WAN CHAI), MR A.G. COOPER, SAID TODAY.

BUT HE HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE BOARD WOULD FACE UP TO THESE CHALLENGES AND SOON BRING MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIVES OF THE 250,000 RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST, MR COOPER SAID BEING A MEMBER OF A DISTRICT BOARD WAS ONE OF THE MOST MEANINGFUL EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

AND HE URGED LIONS CLUB MEMBERS TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE CHALLENGE AND CONSIDER STANDING FOR ELECTION IN THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD POLLS IN SEPTEMBER.

WHILE IT WOULD NOT ALWAYS BE EASY TO CONSIDER AND DECIDE ON THE VARIED PROBLEMS, PRIORITIES AND INTERESTS, HE SAID, IT WAS ONLY RIGHT THAT THE BOARD SHOULD BE CONSULTED ON AND HAVE A SAY IN HOW THE NUMEROUS DEVELOPMENTS NOW TAKING PLACE OR PLANNED IN WAN CHAI WOULD AFFECT THE DISTRICT.

MR COOPER CITED SEVERAL EXAMPLES WHICH THE DISTRICT BOARD WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER - RELIEVING CONFLICT IN PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE TRAFFIC, REMOVING HAWKER AND RUBBISH BLACKSPOTS, IMPROVING THE LOT OF SQUATTERS IN THE DISTRICT, AND WHAT NEW DISTRICT-BASED ORGANISATIONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF WAN CHAI RESIDENTS.

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN FEBRUARY THAT YEAR, THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD HAD ALREADY GOT DOWN TO CONSIDERING VARIOUS PROJECTS, RANGING FROM HOW BEST TO UTILISE OPEN SPACE UNDER FLYOVERS TO SETTING UP A DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL, HE SAID.

THE BOARD WAS SHORTLY EXPECTED TO VOTE FUNDS FOR IMPROVING DRAINAGE IN THE SO KON PO SQUATTER AREA, AND WOULD SOON BE ACQUAINTED WITH SCHEMES TO PEDESTRIANISE CERTAIN STREETS IN WAN CHAI.

IT WAS ALSO ASSESSING A COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION SCHEME FOR BOWEN ROAD FOR JOGGERS AS WELL AS OLD PEOPLE, AND HOPED TO HAVE A SMALL PARK AND PAVILION AT THE JUNCTION OF BOWEN ROAD AND WAN CHAI GAP ROAD.

MR COOPER ALSO POINTED TO THE VAST DEVELOPMENTS BEING UNDERTAKEN OR PLANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN WHICH THE BOARD WOULD BE INTERESTED.

THESE INCLUDED ADDITIONAL FLYOVERS PLANNED AT GLOUCESTER ROAD, BLUE POOL ROAD, FLEMING ROAD AND FENWICK PIER STREET. CONSULTANTS WERE EXPECTED TO REPORT ON THE PROPOSED ELEVATED ROAD ALONG GLOUCESTER ROAD IN 1984 AND NO DOUBT THE BOARD WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER THEIR FINDINGS, HE SAID.

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ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION, NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES WERE UNDERWAY, TOGETHER WITH HIGH RISE GOVERNMENT OFFICE BLOCKS, A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, A NEW DISTRICT COURT AND MAGISTRACY AS WELL AS A SERIES OF URBAN COUNCIL RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROJECTS.

THESE PROJECTS WOULD NOT ONLY RELIEVE THE PRESSURE FOR SUCH FACILITIES IN THE MORE INTENSIVELY DEVELOPED RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL AREAS OF WAN CHAI, BUT ALSO TRANSFORM THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION INTO A VERY HIGH CLASS COMMERCIAL AND RECREATION AREA, MR COOPER SAID.

+INDEED, WHEN YOU CONSIDER ITS CONVENIENT LOCATION, THIS AREA, WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, WILL BE ONE OF THE SHOW CASE PRECINCTS OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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#### SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE GROWING FAST

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THE ENROLMENT OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO REACH 270 000 BY THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

AT PRESENT, ABOUT 244 800 PUPILS ARE ENROLLED IN THE SCHEME, AN INCREASE OF 18 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 207 500 A YEAR AGO.

+IN EACH OF THE PAST THREE YEARS SINCE THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED, THERE HAS BEEN STEADY IMPROVEMENTS AND THE BOARD EXPECTS THIS TO CONTINUE IN THE COMING YEAR, LEADING TO THE ENROLMENT BY MARCH 1983 OF ONE PUPIL IN EVERY THREE OF THOSE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ABOUT 820 000 PUPILS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOLUNTARY SCHEME, WHICH IS RECEIVING GROWING SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WHOSE ROLE IN PROMOTING INTEREST AMONG PARENTS AND PUPILS IS VITAL TO GREATER PARTICIPATION, HE ADDED.

THE SCHEME, IS HEAVILY SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND IS DESIGNED TO MAKE AVAILABLE MEDICAL CONSULTATION AND TREATMENT TO STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY ONE TO FORM THREE AT A PRICE EVERY PARENT CAN AFFORD.

UNDER THE SCHEME, A PUPIL IS REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE ONLY \$5 PER YEAR FOR WHICH HE MAY GET FREE MEDICAL CONSULTATION FROM A PRIVATE PRACTITIONER FROM THE DATE OF ENROLMENT.

ABOUT 200 PRIVATE DOCTORS ARE TAKING PART IN THE SCHEME AND EACH RECEIVES \$55 A YEAR FOR EVERY PUPIL ALLOCATED TO HIM.

THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCHEME IN THE PAST FINANCIAL YEAR AMOUNTED TO NEARLY \$12 MILLION.

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SUPPORT HELPS GROWTH OF WELFARE AGENCIES

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY ITS OVERALL SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF OVER 30 PER CENT IN EACH OF THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR ERIC HO, SAID WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY).

+UNDOUBTEDLY, FUNDING FROM ALL SOURCES, WHETHER FROM THE GOVERNMENT, THE COMMUNITY CHEST OR PRIVATE DONORS HAVE TOGETHER ENABLED THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO GROW AND EXPAND AT A MUCH QUICKER PACE THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE HAD THEY BEEN ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON THEIR OWN FUND RAISING, OR ON GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION ALONE,+ HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE +SEE-SAW EFFECT+ OF COMMUNITY CHEST ALLOCATIONS ON THE GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION SYSTEM, HE SAID: +THIS COLLECTIVE EFFORT HAS APPARENTLY BEEN OVERLOOKED OR IGNORED.

+THE FACTS REMAIN THAT THE QUALITY OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST ALLOCATIONS IN THE HANDS OF THE VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE FUNDS THEY RAISED ON THEIR OWN, OR UNSOLICITED DONATIONS RECEIVED DIRECT.

+AND EVERY YEAR THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES HAS INCREASED.+

THE OLD DISCRETIONARY SUBVENTION SYSTEM, HE SAID, HAD SERVED ITS PURPOSE, AND THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED LAST SUMMER A NEW SYSTEM THAT WOULD PROVIDE A MORE SECURE BASIS FOR THE COMBINED EFFORTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

+UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, INCOME RAISED BY AGENCIES OTHER THAN PRESCRIBED FEES WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT,+ MR HO EXPLAINED.

PENDING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SUBVENTION SYSTEM AND STARTING WITH THE 1982/83 SUBVENTIONS, NO ACCOUNT WOULD BE TAKEN OF ANY DONATIONS OR COMMUNITY CHEST ALLOCATIONS RECEIVED BY AGENCIES, HE ADDED.

+ALL AGENCIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE DETAILS OF THE NEW SYSTEM AND THE CLASSIFICATION OF THEIR SERVICES. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO ADVERSE REACTIONS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS SCHEME WILL ENABLE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY, AND WITH AS MUCH FREEDOM AS POSSIBLE, IN PROVIDING THE SERVICES WHICH THE COMMUNITY REQUIRES.+

MR HO STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT VIEWED ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS A PARTNERSHIP.

+MUTUAL CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING IS IMPORTANT, OTHERWISE THE NEW SUBVENTION SYSTEM CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY APPLIED,+ HE SAID.

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FULL DAY'S WATER FOR FESTIVAL  
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WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE TO BE RELAXED ON CHING MING FESTIVAL DAY ON MONDAY, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES MR TOM TOMLINSON ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

+SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED ON FROM 6 AM NEXT MONDAY (APRIL 5) WHICH IS CHING MING FESTIVAL DAY TO 10 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (APRIL 6),+ HE SAID.

MR TOMLINSON SAID THAT WITH THE REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION OF ALMOST 20 PER CENT ACHIEVED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF WATER RESTRICTIONS, IT WAS FELT THAT RELAXATIONS COULD BE MADE FOR THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

HOWEVER HE STRESSED THE CONTINUING NEED TO CONSERVE RESERVOIR STORAGE AND REITERATED HIS APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CONTINUE TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM ECONOMY IN THE USE OF WATER AND AVOID WASTE.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENED AT TAI YUEN ESTATE  
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MRS JANE AKERS-JONES, WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, TODAY OFFICIALLY OPENED THE LEUNG SING TAK PRIMARY SCHOOL AT TAI YUEN ESTATE IN TAI PO.

SHE DESCRIBED IT AS A +FINE, MODERN PRIMARY SCHOOL, FULLY EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE A SPLENDID EDUCATIONAL START FOR THE CHILDREN AT TAI YUEN.+

BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT AT A COST OF \$8 MILLION, THE SEVEN-STORY SCHOOL IS LOCATED ON A 3 000 SQUARE-METRE SITE. FACILITIES INCLUDE AN ASSEMBLY HALL, 24 CLASSROOMS, COVERED AND OPENED PLAYGROUNDS, AND SPECIAL ROOMS FOR MUSIC, ARTS AND AUDIO VISUAL AIDS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 1 400 PLACES FOR PRIMARY ONE TO SIX PUPILS, AND THIS NUMBER CAN BE EXPANDED TO A MAXIMUM OF OVER 2 000 IF AND WHEN NECESSARY.

THE GOVERNMENT-AIDED SCHOOL IS BEING MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES WOMEN AND JUVENILE WELFARE ASSOCIATION. IT HAS BEEN NAMED AFTER MADAM LEUNG SING-TAK, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION WHO IS ALSO THE SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

MRS AKERS-JONES SAID: +THE ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN PROMOTING THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS WON THE CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.+

THE ASSOCIATION NOW OPERATES FOUR CHILD-CARE CENTRES AND TWO KINDERGARTENS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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STREET ALTERATIONS AND CLOSURES FOR MTR ISLAND LINE  
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TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE, A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT STREET ALTERATIONS AND CLOSURES WILL BE INTRODUCED. A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE DATES ON WHICH THE STREET ALTERATIONS AND CLOSURES ARE TO TAKE EFFECT WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. IN EACH CASE, SUITABLE PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AND ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR MOTORISTS WILL BE PROVIDED AND TRAFFIC SIGNS ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

THE STREETS AND AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CENTRAL STATION

- \* DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL: PART OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY EAST OF THE JUNCTION WITH CHATER ROAD.

CAUSEWAY BAY STATION

- \* PERCIVAL STREET: SECTION BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD.
- \* HENNESSY ROAD: PART OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTPATHS IN THE VICINITY OF THE JUNCTIONS WITH PERCIVAL STREET AND EAST POINT ROAD.
- \* GREAT GEORGE STREET: CARRIAGEWAY EAST OF THE JUNCTION WITH EAST POINT ROAD.
- \* EAST POINT ROAD: SECTION BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD.
- \* LOCKHART ROAD: SECTION IN THE VICINITY OF THE JUNCTIONS WITH PERCIVAL STREET AND EAST POINT ROAD.

NORTH POINT TO QUARRY BAY TUNNELS

- \* PAK FUK ROAD: SECTION BETWEEN HEALTHY STREET WEST AND HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL.
- \* CAR PARK AT THE JUNCTION OF PAK FUK ROAD AND HEALTHY STREET WEST.

SAI WAN HO STATION

- \* TAI ON STREET: EASTERN FOOTPATH BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND THE SEAWALL.
- \* TAI LOK STREET: SECTION BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND SAI WAN HO STREET.
- \* HOI NING STREET: SECTION BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND HING MAN STREET.

SHAU KEI WAN STATION

- \* MONG LUNG STREET: FROM THE SOUTHERN BUILDING LINE OF PO MAN STREET NORTHWARDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 160 METRES.
- \* KENG SHAN LANE: SECTION WEST OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST.
- \* YUEN HING LANE: SECTION WEST OF SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE SHOWN ON PLANS MT/G/187, 177, 184, 186, 188, 189 AND 190 RESPECTIVELY. COPIES OF THESE PLANS AND THE ORDER AUTHORISING THE STREET ALTERATIONS AND CLOSURES MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 4.30 PM ON ANY DAY EXCEPT SATURDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

- \* CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING (GROUND FLOOR), HONG KONG.
- \* CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), 205A DES VOEUX ROAD WEST (GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS), HONG KONG.
- \* CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WAN CHAI), 201 HENNESSY ROAD (GROUND FLOOR), HONG KONG.
- \* CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), 884-886 KING'S ROAD (GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS), HONG KONG.
- \* CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, COTTON TREE DRIVE, HONG KONG.

THE NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY STIPULATED THAT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE CASE OF PERMANENT CLOSURES AND ALTERATIONS, CLAIMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE STREET OR OF THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION.

IN THE CASE OF TEMPORARY ALTERATIONS AND CLOSURES, CLAIMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR WITHIN A YEAR AFTER THE RE-OPENING OR REINSTATEMENT OF THE STREET.

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NEW ROADS TO LINK SHA TIN WITH NEW TOWNS  
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NEW ROAD PROJECTS LINKING SHA TIN WITH TSUEN WAN, TAI PO AND SAI KUNG ARE EITHER ALREADY IN HAND OR LIKELY TO START WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE 23RD TERM OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, HE SAID FINE NEW ROADS TO THESE THREE DESTINATIONS WOULD BE OPEN BY 1984-86 AND SHOULD COPE WITH ALL ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC IN THESE DIRECTIONS FOR THE NEXT 15 YEARS.

AMONG THE PEOPLE ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE THE RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, AND LEADERS FROM LOCAL AND OTHER DISTRICTS.

SPEAKING OF THE REGARDING LINK TO CENTRAL KOWLOON, DR HASE SAID THE PRESENT PLANNING PROVIDED ONLY THE EXISTING ROAD AND RAIL TUNNELS UNDER THE LION ROCK. THESE TUNNELS MUST COPE WITH ALL THE TRAFFIC TO CENTRAL KOWLOON GENERATED BY A TOTAL POPULATION OF 1.6 MILLION FROM SHA TIN, INCLUDING MA ON SHAN, AND TAI PO AND FANLING.

+AT THE MOMENT,+ HE SAID, +THE NEED FOR FURTHER SITES FOR THE HOUSING PROGRAMME BEYOND 1987 IS LEADING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF FURTHER SITES IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES WHICH, IF AGREED, WOULD PUSH THE TOTAL POPULATION DEPENDENT ON THE LION ROCK CORRIDOR TUNNELS TO ALMOST TWO MILLION.

+THERE IS VERY CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT THE LION ROCK CORRIDOR TUNNELS AS PLANNED CAN COPE WITH THE LIKELY TRAFFIC GENERATED BY SO HUGE A POPULATION. THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR SOME TIME FOR AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT A SECOND RAIL LINE TO RUN BETWEEN MA ON SHAN AND TSIM SHA TSUI AND, HOPEFULLY, CENTRAL.

+IF SUCH AN ADDITIONAL RAIL LINK IS BUILT, 84 PER CENT OF THE RESIDENTS IN SHA TIN WILL LIVE WITHIN ONE-THIRD OF A MILE FROM A RAILWAY STATION, AND 90 PER CENT OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WILL BE EQUALLY CLOSED.+

+WITH SUCH A SECOND RAIL LINE SHA TIN WILL HAVE AN ADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NET, BUT, NONETHELESS, TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS REMAIN.+

THE FIRST WAS THAT EVEN IF A DECISION WERE TAKEN THIS YEAR ON THE SECOND RAIL LINE, ITS CONSTRUCTION COULD NOT BE COMPLETE BEFORE 1986 WHEN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES POPULATION WOULD ALREADY HAVE DOUBLED TO MORE THAN A MILLION.

THE SECOND, DR HASE SAID, WAS THAT NOT ALL TRAFFIC COULD GO BY RAIL -- SOME WOULD NEED TO GO BY ROAD -- AND WATERLOO ROAD WAS ALREADY CLOSE TO SATURATION POINT.

+NONETHELESS, THE PROBLEMS ARE RECOGNISED AND WORK TO ALLEVIATE THEM IS IN HAND.+

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HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE POPULATION OF SHA TIN WAS RISING BY ABOUT 225 PER WORKING DAY, AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT WAS MOST IMPORTANT.

IN RESPONSE TO COMMENTS MADE BY MR WAI EARLIER, DR HASE SAID: +THE FIRST TASK IN ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY SPIRIT IS TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW ESTATE, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, HAS ALL THE FACILITIES A MODERN POPULATION NEEDS.+

WITHOUT ADEQUATE FACILITIES SUCH AS PUBLIC TRANSPORT, SCHOOLS, POSTAL SERVICE, MEDICAL AND RECREATIONAL, THE INHABITANTS WOULD BE DISSATISFIED AND WOULD WISH THEY WERE LIVING SOMEWHERE ELSE: +NO COMMUNITY SPIRIT CAN EVER ARISE IN SUCH SITUATIONS.+

+AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE I MUST STRESS THAT WE NEED TO RECEIVE THE CRITICAL COMMENTS OF THE PUBLIC TO DO THIS JOB PROPERLY,+ HE SAID.

THE NEXT STAGE WAS TO ENSURE THAT A VITAL COMMUNITY LIFE WAS AVAILABLE -- NAMELY A FULL RECREATIONAL, SPORTING AND CULTURAL PROGRAMME, HE SAID.

HE SHARED THE VIEW OF MR WAI THAT THE PRESENT SENSE OF BELONGING WAS INADEQUATE, BUT HE ASSURED THE COMMITTEE THAT NECESSARY ACTION TO IMPROVE THE POSITION WAS BEING TAKEN, AND THAT THE PRESENT POSITION WAS ALREADY SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER THAN IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

DR HASE SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD THE STATUTORY RIGHT TO ADVISE ON ALL MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL BEING OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT, AND ON THE ADEQUACY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND PLANNING.

+THIS STATUTORY RIGHT CARRIES WITH IT THE RIGHT TO INSIST ON BEING GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF ADVISING WHENEVER ANY MATTER ARISES WHICH THE BOARD CONSIDERS AFFECTS THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT, AND ALSO THE RIGHT TO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPLAIN WHAT THEY ARE PROPOSING TO ENSURE THAT THE BOARD'S ADVICE IS BASED ON FULL INFORMATION.

+IN ADDITION, THE BOARD HAS THE STATUTORY RIGHT TO DEAL WITH ALL MATTERS CONCERNING COMMUNITY BUILDING WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SETTING POLICY, IMPLEMENTING IT, AND CONTROLLING WHAT IS DONE,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, A GREAT DEAL DEPENDED ON THE UNOFFICIALS ON THE BOARD.

+IF THEY SIT QUIETLY, UNCRITICALLY, ACCEPTING WHATEVER IS SAID TO THEM, NEVER QUESTIONING OR COMPLAINING, THEN THE BOARD WILL NOT BECOME WHAT WE ALL HOPE IT WILL BECOME.

+WE MUST HAVE VIGOROUS, REASONABLE BUT AT THE SAME TIME CRITICAL, VOCAL AND INTERESTED UNOFFICIALS, WILLING TO LOOK INTO PROBLEMS, RESEARCH THEM, WILLING TO LISTEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INTELLIGENT AND SENSIBLE,+ DR HASE SAID.

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REMINDER ON TAX PAYMENT

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT REMINDED TAXPAYERS TO CHECK THEIR DEMAND NOTES TO ENSURE THAT THE SALARIES OR PROFITS TAX DUE IS PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THE FIRST INSTALMENT, SHOULD NOW CHECK THEIR DEMAND NOTES AND ENSURE THAT THE SECOND INSTALMENT IS PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DATE STIPULATED.

HE SAID PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE AT IRD COLLECTION OFFICES: WINDSOR HOUSE, 3RD FLOOR, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG- PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON AND FOU WAH CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES- OR BY POSTING A CROSSED CHEQUE, MADE OUT IN FAVOUR OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE DEMAND NOTE TO +THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, GPO BOX 132, HONG KONG+.

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AMS TO HOLD FAMILY DAY

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES WILL HOLD A FAMILY DAY ON SUNDAY (APRIL 4) IN THE COMPOUND OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG WITH OVER 2 000 MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TAKING PART IN THE ANNUAL EVENT.

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCE BY THE AMS BRASS BAND, LION DANCE, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOW AND A CYCLING DEMONSTRATION. ON DISPLAY WILL BE A FIRE ENGINE AND CHILDREN WILL BE TREATED TO FREE ICE CREAM AND SOFT DRINKS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A LUCKY DRAW, WITH MANY ATTRACTIVE PRIZES TO BE GIVEN OUT.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WHO IS ALSO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE AMS, WILL PERFORM THE CEREMONY OF +DOTTING THE LION'S EYES+.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE AMS FAMILY DAY WILL BE HELD IN THE COMPOUND OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, OIL STREET, NORTH POINT ON SUNDAY (APRIL 4) FROM 1 PM TO 5.30 PM. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI  
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THE KERBSIDE LANE OF WESTBOUND HENNESSY ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE BUS ONLY LANE UNDER THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES EAST OF CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM ON SUNDAY (APRIL 4) TO 6 AM THE NEXT MORNING FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ALONG HENNESSY ROAD WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TURN INTO CANAL ROAD EAST OR THE BUS ONLY LANE UNDER THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR CANAL ROAD EAST CAN USE TANG LUNG STREET, WHICH WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY FROM HENNESSY ROAD TO CANAL ROAD EAST.

IN ADDITION, BUS ROUTES 38, 108, 112, 116 AND 122 WILL BE DIVERTED AT HENNESSY ROAD TO USE PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD AND CANAL ROAD WEST.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CHIEF LEAVES FOR TOKYO CONFERENCE  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR FRANCIS YANG WILL LEAVE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO ATTEND THE THIRD ASIAN AND PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS TO BE HELD IN TOKYO FROM APRIL 5 TO 9.

FOUR OTHER OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ACCOMPANY THE OFFICIAL DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS. THEY ARE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT CHOW SAI-WING, SUPERINTENDENTS WU CHUN-KAN, PI WING-LEE AND JOHNNY WONG.

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE, WHICH IS HOSTED BY JAPAN'S MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY, WILL BE ATTENDED BY HEADS OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES FROM THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION.

THE COMMISSIONER HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING ON APRIL 10 AS A MEMBER OF THE AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO DISCUSS FUTURE PROGRAMMES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSES TO BE HELD AT THE UNITED NATIONS ASIA AND FAR EAST INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS.

THE INSTITUTE, KNOWN AS +UNAFEI+ AND FOUNDED IN 1962, HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REBUILT AND THE NEW BUILDINGS WILL BE OPENED AT AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY ON APRIL 8.

HONG KONG, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY, LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCH CONFERENCE BY HOLDING THE FIRST CONFERENCE HERE, AND THIS IS RECOGNISED BY PARTICIPATING NATIONS WHICH HAVE ELECTED MR GARNER TO BE A CO-DIRECTOR OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT.

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BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS

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CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS WITH RELEVANT ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPER TRAINING WILL SURELY HAVE A VERY BRIGHT FUTURE, AS DEMAND GROWS, THE HON HU FA-KUANG, UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, SAID TODAY.

MR HU WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF GOVERNMENT TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT APPRENTICES AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

HE SAID, +THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR ARE GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROVISION OF EFFICIENT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN.

+IN THIS CONNECTION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS EARMARKED \$78 MILLION THIS YEAR FOR THE SETTING UP OF A NEW TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT TO BRING TOGETHER THE IMPORTANT AREAS OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING UNDER ONE ROOF.+

MR HU NOTED THAT THE ANNUAL INTAKE OF APPRENTICES UNDER THE GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME HAD INCREASED FROM 150 IN 1978 TO THE PRESENT FIGURE OF OVER 270 APPRENTICES - AN INCREASE OF OVER 80 PER CENT IN FOUR YEARS.

THERE ARE 628 CRAFT AND 192 TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES NOW RECEIVING TRAINING UNDER THIS SCHEME.

HE SAID THAT SOME 900 APPRENTICES HAD GRADUATED UNDER THE REVISED GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME SINCE 1969 WHEN THE SCHEME WAS RESTRUCTURED TO TRAIN CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS AT THE SAME TIME.

MANY OF THEM, HE ADDED, WERE NOW HOLDING JOBS AS ENGINEERS, TECHNICIAN ENGINEERS AND INSPECTORS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE OR SIMILAR POSITIONS IN THE PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

MR HU SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS WERE MAKING GREAT EFFORT TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED TECHNICAL STAFF TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR TO THE POOL OF SKILLED LABOUR FOR HONG KONG IN GENERAL.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, MR HU PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 23 TECHNICIANS AND 42 CRAFT APPRENTICES, ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN OFFERED APPOINTMENTS AS WORKS SUPERVISORS OR ARTISANS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HE ALSO PRESENTED THE BROWN CUP TO THE BEST TECHNICAL APPRENTICE, MR PANG WAI-CHUEN OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND THE LAISHLEY CUP TO THE TOP CRAFT APPRENTICE, MR MAO SHU-LUNG OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, PRESENTED MR HU WITH A SMALL BRASS ELEPHANT AS A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES.

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COURSE FOR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS

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TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS CAN NOW APPLY TO ATTEND THE LAST BLOCK-RELEASE TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE WILL COMMENCE ON MAY 17 AND WILL REQUIRE ATTENDANCE AT THE COLLEGE FOR TWO WEEKS FULL-TIME, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

TUTORS WILL VISIT STUDENTS AT THEIR INDIVIDUAL PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT TO GIVE FURTHER ADVICE WHEN THE COURSE IS COMPLETED, HE SAID.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY-TO-DAY DUTIES. COURSE CONTENTS WILL INCLUDE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION BASED ON THE STUDY OF EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY.

THE FEE FOR THE COURSE IS \$100.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED AS A TRADE OR WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR AND MUST BE FULLY SKILLED IN HIS TRADE. EXPERIENCED WORKERS WHO WILL TAKE UP INSTRUCTION DUTIES MAY ALSO APPLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE APRIL 24 TO THE COLLEGE.

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