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JENKINS BILL THREAT STILL TO SINK HOME

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THE THREAT TO AMERICAN CORPORATIONS IN SECTORS REMOVED FROM TEXTILES AND APPAREL THAT IS REPRESENTED BY THE JENKINS BILL HAS NOT YET SUNK HOME, ACCORDING TO HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK, MR BILL DORWARD.

A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT BY MR DORWARD TO 1 000 HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS IN THE UNITED STATES WARNING OF THE AWFUL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF PROTECTIONISM AND DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE JENKINS BILL WHICH SEEKS TO RADICALLY REDUCE TEXTILE AND APPAREL IMPORTS.

+THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS OF THE BILL IS HARD TO PREDICT,+ HE WROTE, +BUT THE TRADE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS CALLED HEARINGS ON JULY 15.

+ONE ASSUMES THAT ON THIS AND SIMILAR OCCASIONS THE VOICES OF U.S. CORPORATIONS WHO STAND EVENTUALLY TO LOSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN TERMS OF EXPORT MARKETS AS A RESULT OF THIS PROPOSED ACTION WILL BE HEARD IN OPPOSITION, FOR IT IS ONLY THEY WHO CAN EFFECTIVELY SWAY THE OUTCOME.

+THE RETAIL INDUSTRY, THE IMPORTERS AND THE GRAIN EXPORTERS ARE ALREADY EXERCISED, BUT THERE IS AS YET LITTLE INDICATION THAT THE WIDER IMPLICATIONS HAVE SUNK HOME IN INDUSTRIES, SERVICE AND MANUFACTURING, FAR REMOVED FROM TEXTILES AND APPAREL. THEIR MARKETS ARE, HOWEVER, BECOMING VERY CONCERNED.+

MR DORWARD SAID THAT THE TEXTILE AND APPAREL TRADE ENFORCEMENT BILL, +IS PROGRESSING LIKE A JUGGERNAUT, FUELLED BY A U.S.\$ 500 000 A MONTH LOBBYING CAMPAIGN WHICH APPARENTLY REPRESENTS AN ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF INDUSTRY AND UNIONS TO TURN BACK A TIDE OF WORLD OPINION MOVING TOWARD GREATER LIBERALISATION IN THIS MANUFACTURING SECTOR WHICH HAS ALREADY ENJOYED, FOR 25 YEARS, GREATER PROTECTION THAN ANY OTHER SINCE THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION.+

THE BILL WOULD CYNICALLY LEAVE THE MAIN SOURCE OF THE GROWTH IN IMPORTS, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, UNSCATHED WHILE HITTING AT THIRD WORLD SUPPLIERS. IT WOULD CONTRAVENE THE MFA. IT WOULD INVITE RAPID AND DAMAGING RETALIATION. IT WOULD THREATEN WORLD TRADE GENERALLY. IT WOULD NOT FURTHER THE WISH OF THE U.S. TO SEE A MAJOR NEW ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO HALT AND REVERSE THE SPREAD OF PROTECTIONISM AND TO ACHIEVE GREATER LIBERALISATION OF TRADE AND SERVICES, SAID MR DORWARD.

+MEMORIES OF THE AWFUL ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF PROTECTIONISM IN THE THIRTIES PROMPT ONE TO RECALL SANTAYANA'S APHORISM THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF HISTORY ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT THEM,+ HE SAID.

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RENT AMENDMENTS TAKE EFFECT MONDAY
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THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION)(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1985, GAZETTED ON JUNE 14, COMES INTO OPERATION TOMORROW (MONDAY, JULY 1).

HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS EXCLUDING FROM PART II CONTROLS +LUXURY+ PREMISES WITH AN OLD RATEABLE VALUE (AS AT JUNE 10, 1983) OF \$30 000 OR MORE AND ALSO THE RAISING OF THE MINIMUM PERCENTAGE COMPONENT IN THE RENT INCREASE MECHANISM FROM 45 PER CENT TO 55 PER CENT OF THE PREVAILING MARKET RENT WILL NOT BECOME OPERATIVE UNTIL DECEMBER 19.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE MORE IMPORTANT OF THE AMENDMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT ARE THE RAISING OF THE PERMITTED RENT OF PRE-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES FROM 21 TO 27 TIMES THE STANDARD RENT, AND THE INTRODUCTION OF FEES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE FEES AFFECTED INCLUDE APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW OF RENT INCREASE CERTIFICATES, APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW OF DECISIONS ON TRANSFER OF TENANCIES FROM PART II TO PART IV, AND APPLICATIONS TO LET DOMESTIC PREMISES PREVIOUSLY REPOSSESSED FOR SELF-OCCUPATION OR FOR REBUILDING.

UPDATED EXPLANATORY PAMPHLETS ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, BOTH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED. THESE ARE NOW AVAILABLE, FREE OF CHARGE, FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT, 17TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, OR DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ANYONE HAVING ENQUIRIES ON THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE CAN OBTAIN ASSISTANCE FROM RENT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 5-7957888) OR THE STAFF OF DISTRICT OFFICES.

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NEW I.D. CARDS FOR MEN BORN 1933-1936
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MEN BORN IN 1933, 1934, 1935 AND 1936 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARDS BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND AUGUST 3.

DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD, ABOUT 120 000 APPLICATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

/THESE OFFICES

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID, +THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS WHEN THEY APPLY FOR NEW ONES.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS CARRIED THE AGE OF THE HOLDER, AND NOT THE BIRTH DATE.

+BECAUSE OF THIS,+ HE SAID, +WE HAVE RECENTLY COME ACROSS CASES WHERE THE APPLICANT WAS UNABLE TO TELL OUR COUNTER-STAFF THE EXACT YEAR IN WHICH HE WAS BORN, THUS CAUSING SOME SLIGHT DELAY IN THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

+IT WOULD HELP NOT ONLY OUR STAFF BUT ALSO THE APPLICANT HIMSELF IF HE COULD ASCERTAIN THE YEAR OF BIRTH BEFORE HE VISITS OUR OFFICE.

+AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THEIR EXACT YEARS OF BIRTH, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR THEM TO BRING ALONG THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS PASSPORTS OR CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED APPLICANTS THAT THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF A NEW PHASE ARE USUALLY THE BUSIEST, AND IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE TO AVOID THE RUSH.

+THOSE WHO WISH TO VISIT A PARTICULAR OFFICE AT A SPECIFIC TIME CAN MAKE USE OF THE MAIL-IN APPOINTMENT SERVICE,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND IMMIGRATION OFFICES.

+DULY COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ISSUE OFFICE OF ONE'S CHOICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE PHASE,+ HE SAID.

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TWO MORE CENTRES SERVE PUBLIC

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TWO MORE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRES (PESC) HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE NETWORK OF PESC'S, PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE TWO NEW CENTRES, THE CHEUNG WAH ESTATE PESC IN FANLING (TEL: 0-909547) AND THE SIU HONG COURT PESC IN TUEN MUN (TEL: 0-851925), BRING TO 65 THE NUMBER OF PESC'S SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

RUN BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE PESC'S ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEIR BRANCH OFFICES AS WELL AS THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

+THE CENTRES

+THE CENTRES PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES SUCH AS ANSWERING ENQUIRIES ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES, ADMINISTERING STATUTORY DECLARATION, FREE LEGAL ADVICE AND OTHER MATTERS,+ A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE PESCS HANDLED MORE THAN FIVE MILLION CASES AND ENQUIRIES IN THE PAST FINANCIAL YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

THE FIRST CENTRE WAS SET UP IN 1961, BUT WITH THE GROWTH OF PUBLIC DEMAND AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN RECENT YEARS, THE PESCS NETWORK EXPANDED STEADILY THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

+THEY ALSO HELP IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TWO-WAY FLOW OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ALTHOUGH THE CENTRES HAVE NO EXECUTIVE POWER, COMPLAINTS AND PUBLIC OPINION ARE REFERRED TO DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES FOR FOLLOW UP ACTION,+ HE ADDED.

THE CENTRES ALSO DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN 250 DIFFERENT TYPES OF GOVERNMENT FORMS, FACT SHEETS, PAMPHLETS, LEAFLETS AND BOOKLETS. LAST YEAR, THE PESCS DISTRIBUTED NEARLY 9.5 MILLION SUCH FORMS.

DURING TYPHOONS AND HEAVY RAINSTORMS, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE SECTION IN CNTA HEADQUARTERS OPERATE A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE SERVICE, ANSWERING ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WEATHER CONDITION. OFFICERS MANNING THE TELEPHONE AT 3-692255 HANDLE AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 1 000 CALLS A DAY.

ANYONE WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES OF THE CENTRES MAY TELEPHONE OR APPROACH THE PESCS OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS AT 7 CANTON ROAD, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 13TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CITY, KOWLOON (TEL: 3-692255).

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NEW APPOINTMENTS TO HOUSING AUTHORITY'S COMMITTEES

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UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATION ON THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S COMMITTEES IS BEING FURTHER STRENGTHENED WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR NEW CO-OPTED MEMBERS EFFECTIVE FROM TOMORROW.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID THE NEW APPOINTMENTS COMPRISED THREE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

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THEY ARE MR CHAN KAM-CHEUNG WHO IS APPOINTED TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR JACOB CHAN LAI-SANG TO THE APPEALS COMMITTEE, MR LAM HOI-HAM TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND MR LAI KAM-CHEUNG TO THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE NEW APPOINTMENTS REPRESENT AN INJECTION OF NEW BLOOD WHICH WILL FURTHER BROADEN THE BASE OF EXPERIENCE AND REPRESENTATION IN THE COMMITTEES.

+THEIR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACTS WITH THE PUBLIC WILL ENSURE A CONSTRUCTIVE INPUT IN THE FORMULATION OF EFFECTIVE AND BALANCED POLICY DECISIONS.+

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF THE FOUR NEW APPOINTMENTS:

CHAN LAI-SANG, JACOB - MR CHAN, 34, IS A SOCIAL SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR. HE IS AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD FOR 1982-85 AND FOR 1985-88. HE HAS GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIAL WORK AND HAS CONNECTIONS WITH MANY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

CHAN KAM-CHEUNG - MR CHAN, 39, IS A SOLICITOR. HE IS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD. HE LIVES IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME SUI WO COURT IN SHA TIN, AND IS A MULTI-AID-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. MR CHAN IS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY WORK IN SHA TIN.

LAM HOI-HAM - MR LAM, 46, IS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT. HE HAS PROMOTED AND CONTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN HONG KONG.

LAI KAM-CHEUNG - MR LAI, 40, IS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME, TAI PO. HE IS AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD. SELECTED AN +OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSON+ IN 1981, HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SOCIAL WELFARE MATTERS.

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WORK TO PAVE WAY FOR LRT PROPOSED
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A SERIES OF ROAD WORKS IS PROPOSED IN YUEN LONG TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THE WORK INVOLVES SITE FORMATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE CARRIAGEWAYS ALONG THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG CORRIDOR TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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IT ALSO INCLUDES THE REALIGNMENT OF THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN PING SHAN AND A MODIFIED JUNCTION WITH THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS.

AN INTERCHANGE WILL BE BUILT ADJACENT TO THE EASTERN END OF THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS WHILE THE EXISTING FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL ALSO BE REALIGNED.

IN YUEN LONG ITSELF, THE WIDTH OF THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE REDUCED IN THE VICINITY OF THE TOWN CENTRE. THE FOOTPATH IN CERTAIN PARTS OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL ALSO BE NARROWED.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE THE WIDENING OF EXISTING BRIDGES, CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTBRIDGES AND THE EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING SUBWAY AT HUNG SHUI KIU.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH - 11TH FLOORS, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES; AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES; AND AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 27.

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REVISED KOWLOON PARK PLAN SPARES OLD BANYANS
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HONG KONG'S BIGGEST BANYAN TREE, STANDING FOR ABOUT 250 YEARS AT THE NORTHERN END OF KOWLOON PARK, IS TO BE SAVED FROM THE BULLDOZERS - THANKS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO REVISE THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PARK.

THE TREE MEASURES ABOUT 40 METRES BY 40 METRES AND THE DIAMETER OF ITS TRUNK IS ABOUT FIVE METRES. IT HAS A HIGH AMENITY VALUE AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

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ANOTHER TWO BANYAN TREES IN THE VICINITY, ABOUT 80 AND 150 YEARS OLD RESPECTIVELY, WILL ALSO BE PRESERVED, ENABLING LOCAL RESIDENTS TO ENJOY THE NATURAL SHADE OF THESE GRACEFUL TREES DURING THEIR LIFETIME.

THE REVISED PLAN, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND CAPITAL WORKS SELECT COMMITTEES, INVOLVED EXCHANGING THE LOCATION OF THE FUN POOLS IN THE PARK'S SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WITH THAT OF THE INDOOR SWIMMING POOLS.

THE FUN POOLS WILL NOW BE SHAPED ACCORDING TO THE PARK'S NATURAL CONTOURS WHILE THE INDOOR POOLS WILL BE BUILT ON THE MORE LEVEL PART OF THE SITE, THUS REDUCING SITE FORMATION COSTS AND IMPROVING SERVICE ACCESS.

IN ADDITION, THE REVISED PLAN WILL PROVIDE LARGER AREAS FOR THE FUN POOLS, WHICH WILL BE THE FIRST OF THEIR KIND TO BE BUILT BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND FOR THE INDOOR POOL COMPLEX, WHICH IS SET TO BECOME A VENUE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN LATE 1986 AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1989.

THE PROPOSED INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL BE MOVED FROM ITS ORIGINAL SITE TO THE SOUTH-WESTERN CORNER OF THE PARK NEAR HAIPHONG ROAD TO GIVE A BETTER SPREAD OF THE BUILDING ELEMENTS OF THE PARK AND RENDER THE ENVIRONMENT AESTHETICALLY MORE ATTRACTIVE.

WORK ON THE INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL NOT START UNTIL THE TEMPORARY MUSEUM OF HISTORY, WHICH NOW OCCUPIES CONVERTED BARRACKS BUILDINGS IN THE PARK, IS REPROVISIONED.

ALSO TO BE RELOCATED TO THE SOUTH-WESTERN SECTION WILL BE THE SPORTS AND GAMES AREA. THE SITE SO RELEASED WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A PASSIVE RECREATION AREA TO FORM A BARRIER AGAINST TRAFFIC NOISE FROM NATHAN ROAD, THEREBY ENHANCING THE TRANQUILITY OF THE PARK AREA.

THE 14-HECTARE KOWLOON PARK, ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS THE SIZE OF VICTORIA PARK ON HONG KONG ISLAND OR OF MORSE PARK IN KOWLOON, WAS HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPMENT IN 1969 AFTER BEING VACATED BY THE BRITISH ARMY.

SINCE THEN, KOWLOON PARK HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED IN PHASES INTO A COLOURFUL BEAUTY SPOT, CONTAINING BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

TO DATE, ABOUT 8.5 HECTARES OF THE SITE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. EXISTING FACILITIES INCLUDE A ROSE GARDEN, A FOOTBALL PITCH, THREE BASKETBALL COURTS, AN AVIARY, A JOGGING TRACK, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, A REST GARDEN AND A TRADITIONAL CHINESE GARDEN FEATURING LOTUS PONDS, AN ORNATE ISLAND PAVILION AND A ZIG-ZAG STONE BRIDGE.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE PARK INCLUDE A SUNKEN GARDEN AND A FITNESS TRAIL.

THE SUNKEN GARDEN, MEASURING ABOUT 850 SQUARE METRES, IS BEING BUILT NEXT TO THE AVIARY. IT WILL CONSIST OF A FOUNTAIN, FLOWER BEDS, PATHS, A PAVILION AND A SUN SHELTER. THE SURROUNDING AREAS WILL BE LANDSCAPED WITH DECORATIVE LIGHTING. CONSTRUCTION WORK, ESTIMATED AT \$1.3 MILLION, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

AS FOR THE 1 000-METRE FITNESS TRAIL, IT WILL HAVE 10 PIECES OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT INSTALLED AT SIX STATIONS ALONG THE TRAIL. COSTING SOME \$2.8 MILLION, IT WILL BE READY FOR USE BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

ANOTHER PROJECT, A SITTING-OUT AREA AT THE JUNCTION OF AUSTIN ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD, WILL BE BUILT NEXT YEAR. MAJOR FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A WATER FEATURE, PERGOLAS WITH SEATING, A PAVILION, A TODDLERS PLAY AREA, PLANTERS AND A LANDSCAPED AREA.

+WHEN THE PARK IS FULLY DEVELOPED IT WILL BECOME A MOST POPULAR RECREATIONAL ESCAPE FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

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HIRING CHARGES FOR YUEN LONG STADIUM INCREASED

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HIRING CHARGES FOR THE YUEN LONG STADIUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMERCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS AND CERTAIN SPORTS WILL BE INCREASED BY AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 27 PER CENT WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY (JULY 1), THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

BUT THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE REVISED SCALE OF CHARGES FOR SCHOOLS, CLUBS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WOULD BE DEFERRED TO APRIL 1, 1986.

AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO THESE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH NORMALLY PLAN THEIR ACTIVITIES ON A YEARLY BASIS, TO BUDGET FOR THE INCREASE.

THE REVISED CHARGES WILL MEAN THAT A TYPICAL HIRER OF THE STADIUM WILL ONLY HAVE TO PAY MARGINALLY MORE, E.G. \$50 FOR AN ATHLETIC MEET, \$20 FOR A FOOTBALL MATCH. THE CHARGING METHOD IS AT THE SAME TIME SIMPLIFIED AND A HIGHER PERCENTAGE ON THE GATE RECEIPT IS AIMED FOR, WHERE GATE RECEIPT IS CHARGED.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE REVISION IS NECESSITATED BY THE FACT THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FEES COULD ONLY RECOVER ABOUT TWO PER CENT OF THE OPERATING COSTS, RESULTING IN A DEFICIT OF CLOSE TO \$1 MILLION A YEAR.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT STADIUM FEES HAVE NOT BEEN REVISED FOR 11 YEARS. BUT IT WILL FROM NOW ON BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW.

THE YUEN LONG STADIUM CURRENTLY HAS A USAGE RATE OF 55 PER CENT AND IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THIS WOULD BE AFFECTED TO ANY SIGNIFICANT DEGREE BY THE NEW CHARGES.

WHEN IMPLEMENTED, THE NEW CHARGES ARE EXPECTED TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE OF \$17 000 IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1985/86 AND \$24 000 FROM 1986/87 ONWARDS, EXCLUDING ANY REVENUE GENERATED FROM GATE RECEIPTS.

INTERESTED PARTIES WHO WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE REVISED SCALE OF CHARGES SHOULD CONTACT THE RSD'S DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER FOR YUEN LONG, MR T.K. LAM, AT TELEPHONE 0-753674.

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DB TO BE BRIEFED ON NEW ESTATE PROJECT
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MEMBERS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW HOUSING ESTATE IN JORDAN VALLEY NORTH AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

SENIOR ARCHITECT OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR DENNIS KO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO INFORM MEMBERS OF THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES, DESIGN CONCEPT AND GENERAL LAYOUT OF THE JORDAN VALLEY NORTH PUBLIC RENTAL ESTATE PROJECT.

THE ESTATE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED TO COINCIDE WITH THE DEMOLITION OF THE MARK I AND MARK II BLOCKS IN THE EXISTING JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE BY 1990.

AT THE MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE REVISED STANDING ORDERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE BOARD'S PLANS FOR 1985-86.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS FROM THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS, AND FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETING.

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APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR FIELD STUDY COURSE
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT 16 RESIDENTIAL GEOGRAPHY COURSES FOR FORM SIX STUDENTS DURING THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY AND ENJOYMENT IN A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

THE ACADEMIC CONTENT OF THE COURSES WILL BE BASED ON THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION AND THE HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION GEOGRAPHY SYLLABUSES RESPECTIVELY.

ALL COURSES, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

OF THE 16 COURSES, 13 ARE FOUR-DAY COURSES FOR LOWER AND UPPER SIX STUDENTS WHILE THE REMAINING THREE TWO-DAY COURSES FOR MIDDLE AND FORM SIX STUDENTS DURING TERM-TIME IN THE 1985-86 SCHOOL YEAR STARTING OCTOBER.

EACH ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE, WHICH INCLUDES RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, WILL START ON TUESDAY AND END ON FRIDAY OF THE SAME WEEK.

EACH OF THE HIGHER LEVEL COURSES WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY AND END ON WEDNESDAY OR FROM THURSDAY TO FRIDAY.

THE COURSES WILL ACCOMMODATE 640 STUDENTS AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLACES WILL BE 40 STUDENTS FOR EACH COURSE.

AT LEAST ONE TEACHER FROM EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE EXPECTED TO STAY IN THE CAMP WITH THE STUDENTS AND TO ASSIST IN CONDUCTING THE COURSES.

NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED BUT ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AT \$90 FOR ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE AND \$38 FOR HIGHER LEVEL COURSE PER STUDENT OR TEACHER.

SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS WISHING THEIR STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSES SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE INSPECTOR, FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, TUI MIN HOI, NEW TERRITORIES, ON OR BEFORE JULY 10.

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HOCKEY, BASEBALL COURSES FOR YOUTHS
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YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN HOCKEY AND BASEBALL MAY NOW ENROL IN ELEMENTARY COURSES BEING OFFERED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE DIVISION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

A MSB SPOKESMAN SAID PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE ABLE TO LEARN THE BASICS OF THE SPORTS AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL FOR ONLY \$10.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HOCKEY HAD NOT ATTRACTED A BIG FOLLOWING PARTLY BECAUSE IT WAS HARD TO MASTER THE SKILLS WITHOUT EXPERT INSTRUCTIONS, AND ALTHOUGH BASEBALL WAS BECOMING MORE POPULAR, MANY YOUNGSTERS HAD NOT YET TRIED IT.

+APART FROM INTRODUCING THE SPORTS TO MORE PEOPLE, OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO DISCOVER TALENT AT A YOUNG AGE,+ HE SAID.

THE HOCKEY TRAINING COURSES ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE HONG KONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

EIGHT CLASSES, EACH OF EIGHT SESSIONS, ARE TO BE HELD AT THE KING'S PARK HOCKEY GROUND AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE STARTING MID-JULY. THOSE WHO ARE AGED 14 OR ABOVE ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART.

TWO LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL COURSES, JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE HONG KONG LITTLE LEAGUE, ARE OPEN TO CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHT AND 14.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE PERTH STREET SPORTS GROUND FROM JULY 18 UNTIL AUGUST 10.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE DIVISION, MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AT 14TH FLOOR, RUTTONJEE HOUSE, 11 DUDELL STREET, CENTRAL.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE RING 5-224415.

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SWIMMING COMPETITION IN YUEN LONG
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SWIMMERS IN YUEN LONG WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST THEIR SKILL IN A DISTRICT-WIDE COMPETITION TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH (JULY).

THE THIRD YUEN LONG DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL ON JULY 20 (SATURDAY) FROM 1 PM.

THE ANNUAL ACTIVITY IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE SPORT AS WELL AS BOOSTING THE STANDARD OF LOCAL SWIMMERS, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION ARE INVITED AND ANYONE WHO EITHER LIVES, WORKS OR STUDIES IN YUEN LONG DISTRICT IS ELIGIBLE.

ENROLMENT FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT NO. 8 TAI YUK ROAD, OR THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES. THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY (JULY 5).

ENQUIRIES ON THE SWIMMING GALA SHOULD BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 0-784342 OR 0-785768, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NEW REST GARDEN FOR RENNIE'S MILL
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A REST GARDEN, PROVIDING MUCH NEEDED LEISURE FOR RENNIE'S MILL RESIDENTS, WAS OPENED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, MR HO SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD DONE MUCH TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

HE SAID THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO UPGRADE THE LIVING STANDARD IN RENNIE'S MILL.

MR HO ALSO URGED RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTLY OR THROUGH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THE REST GARDEN WAS BUILT WITH FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH ALSO CONSTRUCTED A BASKETBALL COURT AT THE SAME SITE LAST YEAR.

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AMENITY AREA FOR CENTRAL
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A 2 650-SQUARE-METRE AMENITY AREA IS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN CENTRAL.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE CONCRETE BENCHES, RAILINGS PLANTERS AND WATER POINTS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY NEXT FEBRUARY.

MEANWHILE, A SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURE FOR TWO CHANGING ROOMS WITH SHOWER FACILITIES, TOILETS, A TOILET FOR THE DISABLED AND A STOREROOM IS TO BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING SHEK KIP MEI PARK AT NAM CHEONG STREET.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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HEUNG YIP ROAD TRAFFIC CHANGES
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THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT HEUNG YIP ROAD IN WONG CHUK HANG FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 3):

- * HEUNG YIP ROAD BETWEEN NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND OCEAN PARK ROAD WILL BE AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY. NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED PERIODS.
- * THE ENTIRE HEUNG YIP ROAD WILL BECOME TWO WAYS.

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