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MP'S INSPECT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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FIVE BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT VISITED SHAM SHUI PO AND SHA TIN TODAY (THURSDAY) TO HAVE A FIRST HAND LOOK AT COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

THE CONSERVATIVE MP'S, MR GRAHAM BRIGHT, MR TREVOR SKEET, MR CYRIL TOWNSEND, MR JOHN LEE AND MR MICHAEL COLVIN, WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, DR PATRICK HASE.

AT SHAM SHUI PO, THEY WERE JOINED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MARTIN WHITE; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES, MR T.K. CHOY AND THE CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER OF THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION, MR JOHN DODWELL.

THE GROUP FIRST TOURED THE TAI HANG TUNG AND NAM SHAN ESTATES WHERE THE MP'S WERE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING, FROM THE EARLY DAY RESETTLEMENT BLOCKS TO THE LATEST SELF-CONTAINED HOUSING ESTATES.

THEY ALSO SAW A WALL MURAL PROJECT FUNDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD BEFORE GOING TO THE PEI HO STREET BAZAAR TO SEE THE OPERATION OF MORE THAN 1 000 HAWKERS TRADING THERE. THEY WERE TOLD OF PLANS TO RESITE THE HAWKERS TO A NINE-STOREY MARKET COMPLEX TO BE BUILT ON THE SITE.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO THE NAM CHEONG AREA TO INSPECT REAR LANES WHERE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES HAD BEEN CLEARED AS PART OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ON-GOING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME.

THE MP'S ALSO WENT UP TO A ROOFTOP FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE OLD SHAM SHUI PO AS WELL AS THE CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION AND THE SHAM SHUI PO PARK NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THEY LATER TRAVELLED BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TO MEI FOO SUN CHUEN AND THEN TO CHING LAI COURT TO SEE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS NOW TAKING PLACE AT THE LAI CHI KOK BAY RECLAMATION.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE MP'S WENT TO THE LION'S PAVILION IN SHA TIN WHERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, BRIEFED THEM ON THE NEW TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

LATER, THEY MET A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHOY KAN-PUI AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, MR RICHARD BURN, FOR A TOUR OF TIN SAM VILLAGE.

TIN SAM IS UNDERGOING THE FIRST VILLAGE EXPANSION SCHEME TO INCORPORATE THE RESUMPTION OF PRIVATE LAND.

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE SCHEME IS THAT WHILE RETAINING THE EXISTING OLD VILLAGE CENTRE, TOWN PLANNERS HAVE DESIGNED VARIOUS SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT THE VILLAGE WILL INTEGRATE WITH THE SURROUNDING MODERN HIGHRISE BUILDINGS.

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MEETING NEEDS OF THE DISABLED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS JUST COMMISSIONED A SURVEY TO IDENTIFY AND QUANTIFY THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE DISABLED, THE EXTENT TO WHICH THESE NEEDS ARE BEING MET AND THE SHORTFALL, A SENIOR GOVERNMENT SOCIAL WORK OFFICER, MR C.M. LEUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

MR LEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE 1983 FAR EASTERN REGIONAL CAMP OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN POKFULAM.

OUTLINING THE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED WERE MET, HE SAID THAT FOLLOWING A SERIES OF ACCESS SURVEYS, THE GOVERNMENT TOOK STEPS TO MAKE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED.

+ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PREPARED A CODE OF PRACTICE ON THE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HANDICAPPED SO AS TO FACILITATE THE DISABLED WITH LOCOMOTIVE CAPABILITY IN GOING TO WORK, TREATMENT, TRAINING AND OTHER DAILY ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO THEIR REHABILITATION AND INTEGRATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT IF A DEFECT OR ABNORMALITY WAS SUSPECTED, A CHILD WOULD BE REFERRED TO A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CHILD ASSESSMENT CENTRE.

SIX SUCH CENTRES, SERVING ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG, ARE PLANNED FOR COMPLETION BY 1986.

HE ALSO SAID 360 PLACES WERE PROVIDED IN SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES AND 366 PLACES IN ORDINARY CHILD CARE CENTRES AS PART OF A PROGRAMME TO INTEGRATE CHILDREN WHO HAVE LESS SEVERE DISABILITIES, WITH NORMAL CHILDREN.

+PRESENT PLANNING,+ HE SAID, +PROVIDES FOR THESE NUMBERS TO INCREASE BY 120 AND 90 PER ANNUM.+

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG SAID, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING PROGRAMMES TO PROVIDE NINE YEARS OF FREE GENERAL EDUCATION FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR DEGREE OF HANDICAP.

REFERRING TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING, MR LEUNG SAID THAT THIS WOULD, WHERE POSSIBLE, TAKE PLACE IN ORDINARY TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, BUT SPECIAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES WERE ALSO PROVIDED.

HE SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE RECENTLY TOOK OVER FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO FIND SUITABLE OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE PLACEMENT SERVICE TO THE EX-MENTALLY ILL AND THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

MR LEUNG SAID THAT SHELTERED WORK WAS PROVIDED FOR THOSE SERIOUSLY DISABLED PEOPLE WHO WERE UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE PRESSURES OF A NORMAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT OR OF INDEPENDENT LIVING.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD JUST COMPLETED A REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS OF SHELTERED WORKSHOPS. +THIS REVIEW HAS UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES TO CATER FOR THE VARYING ABILITIES AND ASPIRATIONS OF DISABLED WORKERS,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM PROVIDING DOMESTIC UNITS FOR THE DISABLED EITHER THROUGH THE COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING SCHEME OR THROUGH THE NORMAL PUBLIC ALLOCATION SYSTEM, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ALSO FUNDED COMPREHENSIVE HOME AND ESTATE MODIFICATIONS, TO MAXIMISE MOBILITY AND ACCESS WITHIN AND AROUND THE HOMES OF THE DISABLED PERSONS, HE SAID.

MR LEUNG SAID RESIDENTIAL CARE WAS NEEDED FOR THOSE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE WHO:

* LIVE IN REMOTE AREAS AND HAVE TO ATTEND SCHOOLS;

* ARE CHILDREN WHO CANNOT BE CARED FOR AT HOME FOR VARIOUS SOCIAL REASONS;

* HAVE NO FAMILIES OR RELATIVES TO CARE FOR THEM AND WHO CANNOT LIVE INDEPENDENTLY.

HE SAID ALSO THAT RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE DISABLED IN TWO BROAD CATEGORIES:

* BY ESTABLISHING SPECIAL FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE AND CONDUCTING PROGRAMMES TAILORED TO THE INDIVIDUALS' PARTICULAR ABILITIES AND POSSIBLE POTENTIAL; AND

* BY MAKING GENERAL FACILITIES ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED PEOPLE.

+THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND ITS SUBVENTED AGENCIES ARE INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING AND ENCOURAGING BOTH FORMS OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE TEXT OF MR LEUNG'S SPEECH MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM.

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CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WITH SPECIAL APPEAL
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS SOLD 2 157 CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS, RAISING OVER $29 MILLION FOR CHARITY, SINCE AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION MARKS BEGAN TEN YEARS AGO.

THE PRICES PAID FOR THEM SHOW THE SPECIAL APPEAL THESE LICENCE NUMBERS HAVE FOR SOME PEOPLE.

A LONE NUMBER +3+ FETCHED A RECORD SUM OF $1 030 000 AT A RECENT AUCTION. IT HAD BEEN ALLOTED BEFORE THE FIRST AUCTION WAS INTRODUCED AND WAS SURRENDERED TO THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY.

THE NUMBER WITH THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE ON RECORD WAS +6+, SOLD FOR $330 000 AT THE 40TH AUCTION IN DECEMBER 1978.

IT WENT TO A SHAW FAMILY FOR WHOM +6+ APPEARS TO HAVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. THE SAME FAMILY HAS SUCCESSFULLY BID FOR AX66, AZ66 AND AE6 AT OTHER AUCTIONS.

ANOTHER FAMILY HAS BEEN MORE INTERESTED IN +7+. RECORDS SHOW THAT HK7, XX7, XX7777, AC7 AND AH7777 ALL WENT TO IT.

TO NAME ANOTHER EXAMPLE -- 2222, AA2222, XX2222, AE2222, AC2222 AND AF2222 WERE GRASPED BY A PRIVATE COMPANY.

THE THIRD HIGHEST PRICE ON RECORD IS $290 000, FOR NUMBER 7777, FOLLOWED BY $210 000 FOR CM1, $206 000 FOR 10 AND $200 000 FOR 118.

THERE ARE 472 NUMBERS SET ASIDE BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR AUCTIONS FOR EACH PREFIX -- LETTERS PRECEDING THE NUMERAL -- TO BE ISSUED. THEY ARE LISTED IN THE SIXTH SCHEDULE OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS (CAP. 220). THESE NUMBERS ARE OF INTERESTING PATTERNS, SUCH AS 101, 1100, 1111, OR 1010.

IN ADDITION, ALL NUMBERS WITHOUT A PREFIX ARE ALSO SCHEDULED FOR AUCTION.

IN JULY 1978, LEGISLATION WAS AMENDED TO GIVE THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT POWER TO SELL +NON-SCHEDULED+ REGISTRATION MARKS IN VIEW OF KEEN INTEREST IN SOME NUMBERS OUTSIDE THE REGISTRATION MARKS SCHEDULE.

TO AVOID SCRAMBLE AND MALPRACTICE, A SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED BY WHICH ANYONE MAY APPLY FOR THE RESERVATION OF A NON-SCHEDULED REGISTRATION MARK FOR AUCTION ON PAYMENT OF $1 000, PROVIDED THE NUMBER IS AVAILABLE.

NON-SCHEDULED REGISTRATION MARKS HAVE SPECIAL OR LUCKY MEANINGS FOR THE BIDDER. FOR INSTANCE, IN CANTONESE THE NUMBER 1328 PHONETICALLY SOUNDS MUCH LIKE +EASY TO BECOME RICH THE WHOLE LIFE THROUGH+ AND +662+ SOUNDS CLOSE TO +EVERY WAY EASY+.

THE LOWEST AUCTION PRICE ON RECORD IS $1 000. THE SECOND AND THIRD LOWEST ARE $1 300 AND $1 500.

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THE AVERAGE PRICE IS ABOUT $20 300 FOR A SCHEDULED NUMBER AND ABOUT $3 900 FOR A NON-SCHEDULED NUMBER.

OF THE NUMBERS SOLD THROUGH AUCTIONS SO FAR, THE EARLIEST REGISTRATION MARK IS +3+ AND THE LATEST +DA 7879+.

MR WARREN CHENG, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF LICENSING, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SAID THE PURPOSE OF AUCTIONING SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION MARKS WAS TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM PROFITEERING THROUGH SELLING THE NUMBERS THEY HAD ACQUIRED.

MR CHENG RECALLED THAT SPECULATION ON CAR NUMBERS HAD BEEN COMMON BEFORE AUCTIONS WERE INTRODUCED.

HE EMPHASISED THAT ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE AUCTIONS ARE GIVEN TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND, WHICH IS USED FOR CHARITY.

MR CHENG CAUTIONED THE PUBLIC AGAINST UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE WHO OFFER TO SELL THEM CARS TOGETHER WITH SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKS.

+SCHEDULED REGISTRATION MARKS CAN ONLY BE ACQUIRED THROUGH AUCTIONS AND ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.

+ON THE DEATH OF THE OWNER, THE NUMBER WILL BE TAKEN BACK BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT FOR POSSIBLE RE-ALLOCATION THROUGH ANOTHER AUCTION,+ HE EXPLAINED.

AUCTIONS OF CAR REGISTRATION MARKS DATE BACK TO 1973 WHEN THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WAS EMPOWERED BY LAW TO SELL SCHEDULED REGISTRATION MARKS.

THE FIRST AUCTION WAS HELD ON MAY 9, 1973, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CANTEEN. FORTY-NINE NUMBERS WERE SOLD FOR $343 800. THE HIGHEST PRICE -- $30 000 -- WAS FETCHED BY AR333.

FROM THE FOURTH AUCTION ONWARD, THE CITY HALL HAS BEEN THE VENUE -- WHENEVER IT IS AVAILABLE -- BECAUSE OF ITS CENTRAL LOCATION, MR CHENG SAID.

THE INTERVAL BETWEEN AUCTIONS, MR CHENG SAID, DEPENDS ON THE DEMAND FOR SPECIAL NUMBERS, WHICH, IN TURN, IS AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 206 000 PRIVATE CARS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG.

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES IN HONG KONG BEGAN IN 1887 WHEN THE LICENSING CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE (NO. 21 OF 1887) WAS INTRODUCED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVITING TENDERS FOR 300 URBAN AND 150 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY), A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TENDER FORMS FOR THE NEW LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE AT MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL, OR THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE AT DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

TENDER FORMS FOR URBAN TAXI LICENCES WILL BE BLUE IN COLOUR AND THOSE FOR NT TAXI LICENCES WILL BE WHITE.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT $25 000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH URBAN TAXI LICENCE AND $15 000 FOR EACH NT TAXI LICENCE THEY SEEK.

ONE TENDER FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR UP TO 300 URBAN TAXI LICENCES AND UP TO 150 OF NT TAXI LICENCES.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS WHICH OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD.

THEY SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1983.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

BOARD MEMBERS TO VISIT SHA TIN

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ABOUT 35 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARDS WILL VISIT SHA TIN ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) MORNING.

THE ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO THE LION'S PAVILION, THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, THE TSOK POK HANG RESITE VILLAGE AND THE MEI LAM PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.30 AM FOR SHA TIN.

THOSE WISHING TO MAKE THEIR OWN JOURNEY TO SHA TIN SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD AT 9 AM.

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FIVE NT SPORTS GROUNDS RE-OPEN

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FIVE SPORTS GROUNDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE RE-OPENED THIS WEEK FOLLOWING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND RENOVATION WORK.

THEY ARE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND, FANLING RECREATION GROUND, TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, YUEN LONG STADIUM AND SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE REMAINING TWO -- THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND IN TSUEN WAN AND THE WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND IN KWAI CHUNG -- WILL RE-OPEN ON OCTOBER 1.

BESIDES SOCCER PITCHES, THESE SPORTS GROUNDS PROVIDE TRACK AND FIELD FACILITIES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BOOK THE SPORTS GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSIVE USE SHOULD CONTACT THEIR DISTRICT URBAN SERVICES OFFICES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TRACKS AT TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND AND SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND ARE OPEN TO JOGGERS DAILY FROM 7 AM TO 9 AM.

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SUPPORT URGED FOR YOUTH CLUB

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SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS IN HONG KONG ARE URGED TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MOVEMENT ADMINISTERED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

IN A CIRCULAR TO SCHOOLS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ASKS TEACHERS TO ENCOURAGE PRIMARY 4 TO FORM 7 STUDENTS TO JOIN THE CYC, WHICH AIMED AT OFFERING INFORMAL EDUCATION WITHIN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WITH PARTICULAR COMMITMENT TO MORAL EDUCATION AND THE TRAINING OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB WAS FORMED IN 1978, AND NOW HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 87 275 FROM 453 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND 212 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE RANGE OF CYC ACTIVITIES IS WIDE, AND INCLUDES VISITS, TALKS, SEMINARS, SURVEYS, COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS AND DEBATES RELATED TO VARIOUS THEMES, SUCH AS CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS, FIRE PREVENTION, ANTI-CORRUPTION, ROAD SAFETY AND ANTI-SMOKING.

SCHOOL HEADS INTERESTED IN FORMING CYC IN THEIR SCHOOLS CAN CONTACT THE CYC SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 4TH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-8392376.

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SPORTS EVENTS FOR SOUTHERN RESIDENTS

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ENTRANTS ARE BEING INVITED FOR A WALKATHON, A MARATHON RACE AND A TELEMATCH WHICH HAVE BEEN ORGANISED AS PART OF A SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER.

THE WALKATHON AND THE MARATHON RACE, IN WHICH SOME 1 000 RESIDENTS WILL TAKE PART ON NOVEMBER 6 AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK, WILL ALSO MARK THE OPENING OF THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

PARTICIPATION IN THE TELEMATCH ON NOVEMBER 13 AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND, WILL BE LIMITED TO 32 TEAMS FROM THE INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL SECTORS IN THE DISTRICT ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE MARATHON RACE, THE TELEMATCH AND THE WALKATHON WILL BE SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 7 AND OCTOBER 15 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS WAH FU AND STANLEY SUB-OFFICES, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (SOUTHERN), AND THE ICAC WONG CHUK HANG SUB-OFFICE.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE THREE FUNCTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 5-540271.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SUNDAY CARNIVAL

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A +POPULATION AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION+ CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 5 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) AT THE MAIN SQUARE OF TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY.

THE CARNIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL FEATURE AN EXHIBITION ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, 10 GAMES STALLS, AND A VARIETY SHOW.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 1.30 PM.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR TUEN MUN PROJECTS

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THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER TWO PROJECTS AS PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE FIRST PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PILING, FOUNDATIONS AND LOWER FLOOR TO A NEW PASSENGER FERRY PIER NEAR THE BUTTERFLY AND WU KING ESTATES AND MELODY GARDENS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID THAT, ON COMPLETION, THE NEW FERRY PIER WILL REPLACE THE TEMPORARY FERRY PIER FACILITIES NOW IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER, TO PROVIDE MUCH IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR FERRY SERVICES TO THE MAIN URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE WHOLE NEW FERRY PIER, THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF WHICH WILL BE BUILT UNDER ANOTHER SEPARATE CONTRACT, IS EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION BY THE END OF 1985.

WORK ON THE SECOND PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF TSING WUN ROAD AND LUNG MUN ROAD AND TWO SUBWAYS AND AN ELEVATED WALKWAY TO PROVIDE SAFE CROSSINGS FOR PEDESTRIANS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SMALL SECTION OF DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY TO COMPLETE A NEW ROAD WHICH WOULD PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS FROM TUEN MUN ROAD TO THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING BUTTERFLY ESTATE, IN THE WESTERN PART OF TUEN MUN.

WORK ON THIS CONTRACT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC PLAN

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24), THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORK AT THE JUNCTION OF NELSON STREET AND FA YUEN STREET FOR ABOUT EIGHT DAYS :-

(1) THERE WILL BE NO LEFT TURN FROM FA YUEN STREET SOUTHBOUND INTO NELSON STREET EASTBOUND= AND NO RIGHT TURN FROM FA YUEN STREET NORTHBOUND INTO NELSON STREET EASTBOUND.

(2) SHAN TUNG STREET BETWEEN FA YUEN STREET AND SAI YEE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

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PROHIBITED ZONES IN TUEN MUN

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FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 24), THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED PROHIBITED ZONES:

(A) CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR SAN HUI BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND THE UNNAMED ROAD CONNECTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND ROAD D9 WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES;

(B) PUI TO ROAD BETWEEN TUEN MUN ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES;

(C) THE UNNAMED ACCESS FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR SAN HUI TO ROAD 4B WILL BE DESIGNATED A PROHIBITED ZONE TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING PROHIBITED ZONE ON PUI TO ROAD BETWEEN TUEN MUN ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD WHICH PROHIBITS ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM ENTERING, WILL BE RESCINDED.

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