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TSING YI DEVELOPMENT TO COST \$1,121 MILLION
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THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO DEVELOP TSING YI ISLAND AS HONG KONG'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREA WILL COST \$1,121 MILLION. IT WILL INCLUDE A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THIS ESTIMATE WAS GIVEN TODAY ON THE RTHK PROGRAMME +NEW TERRITORIES WEEKLY+ BROADCAST ON THE CHINESE CHANNEL.

ACCORDING TO THE 10-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE ISLAND, THE TOTAL COST WILL INCLUDE \$364 MILLION ON ENGINEERING WORKS AND ANOTHER \$523 MILLION ON THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (LANDS) OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. FRANK AU SAID THAT MUCH EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE BIG INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON TSING YI.

THESE INCLUDED THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENTS BY SUCH LARGE UNDERTAKINGS AS DOW CHEMICALS, OUTBOARD MARINE, FEOSO OIL, CHEMSYN, HONG KONG UNITED DOCKYARD AND THE PLANS TO ESTABLISH TWO MORE SHIPYARDS ON THE WEST COAST OF TSING YI.

+BUT THESE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS WILL FORM ONLY PART OF THE TSING YI DEVELOPMENT PLAN,+ HE SAID. +LAND IS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR THE TARGETED POPULATION OF 185,000 PEOPLE WHO WILL LIVE ON TSING YI BY THE MID'80S.

+THESE FACILITIES INCLUDE HOUSING, SCHOOLS, CLINICS, POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS NECESSARY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TSING YI.+

MR. AU POINTED OUT THAT THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE, PROVIDING HOMES FOR 23,000 PEOPLE, HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED.

THE SECOND STAGE IS NOW UNDERWAY AND THE ESTATE WOULD EVENTUALLY PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 65,000.

MR. AU SAID THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ESTATE HAD AFFECTED THREE VILLAGES ON THE ISLAND -- SHEUNG CHUNG MEI, HA CHUNG MEI AND LO UK.

A VILLAGE-RESITING PROGRAMME WHICH WOULD COST THE GOVERNMENT \$1.1 MILLION WAS NOW UNDERWAY, HE ADDED.

MR. AU SAID THE AMOUNT OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AVAILABLE ON THE COASTLINE OF THE ISLAND HAD NOW BEEN REDUCED, AND THAT FURTHER AREAS WOULD BE OPENED UP INLAND FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

SITES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIES SUCH AS CEMENT STORAGE, FOUNDRIES AND AN INDUSTRIAL GAS PLANT.

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RECREATIONAL CENTRE FOR HANDICAPPED TO BE BUILT AT
POK FU LAM

A RECREATIONAL CENTRE FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IS TO BE BUILT AT POK FU LAM FROM A \$5 MILLION DONATION MADE BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE CENTRE WILL OFFER FACILITIES FOR BOTH HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED PEOPLE, INCLUDING VOLLEY BALL, BILLIARDS, CHESS AND HORSE RIDING.

DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 60 PEOPLE INITIALLY AND THIS WILL LATER BE EXPANDED TO 100.

OTHER FEATURES WILL INCLUDE ARCHERY FACILITIES AND AN OLYMPIC-SIZED BASKET BALL COURT. IT IS HOPED THAT A SWIMMING POOL WILL BE ADDED AT A LATER STAGE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE USE OF THE HORSE RIDING FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE ASSISTING THE DISABLED TO RIDE, AND FEES PAID WILL GO TOWARDS THE COST OF RUNNING THE CENTRE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID APPROVAL WAS RECENTLY GIVEN FOR THE LAND TO BE GRANTED TO THE HONG KONG PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED ASSOCIATION. THIS ASSOCIATION WILL CO-OPERATE WITH THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND WITH RIDING FOR THE DISABLED TO PRODUCE THE VARIOUS AMENITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SETTING FOR THE CENTRE -- BELOW THE POK FU LAM RESERVOIR DAM -- WAS IDEAL AS IT WAS IN A RURAL AREA CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE URBAN AREA FOR TRANSPORT PURPOSES.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRE IS TO START SHORTLY AND BE COMPLETED NEXT SUMMER. THE JOCKEY CLUB WILL MEET TOTAL RUNNING COSTS FOR A YEAR AND RIDING COSTS IN PERPETUITY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CLUB AND GOVERNMENT WILL JOINTLY MEET RECURRENT COSTS OF THE OTHER FACILITIES AFTER ONE YEAR.

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MORE SAFETY BEACONS TO AID NAVIGATION
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO INSTALL SEVEN MORE LIGHT BEACONS IN HONG KONG WATERS TO AID NAVIGATION OF FISHING VESSELS.

THE PLAN, YET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHT BEACONS ON ROCKS AND LANDSCAPES ALONG IMPORTANT ROUTES OFF SAI KUNG, SHA TAU KOK AND IN MIRS BAY.

MR. LEUNG PAK-CHUEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S NAVIGATIONAL AIDS SECTION, SAID THE REQUEST TO IMPROVE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS IN THESE AREAS WAS FIRST MADE BY FISHERMEN WHO FREQUENTLY USED THESE ROUTES.

+THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES AND HAZARDS IN THESE AREAS WHERE SUBMERGED ROCKS AND SHALLOW SEABEDS ARE MAJOR FEATURES. THE SITUATION IS MORE SERIOUS AT NIGHT OR WHEN THE HARBOUR IS SHROUDED IN MIST,+ MR. LEUNG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT DESPITE THE DANGERS, FISHERMEN STILL USE THESE SHORT-CUTS TO AND BACK FROM FISHING GROUNDS.

HE SAID THAT OFFICERS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD CONSULTED WITH THE FISHERMEN IN ORDER TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR PROBLEMS.

AN INSPECTION OF THE AREAS COMPLETED LAST MONTH ESTABLISHED THAT THERE WAS THE NECESSITY TO USE EXTRA BEACONS TO GUIDE NAVIGATION, MR. LEUNG SAID.

THE PLAN PROPOSES THAT IN THE SEA OFF SAI KUNG, THREE +TERN WINKERS+ OF A 1-1/2-MILE LIGHT INTENSITY BE INSTALLED ON WAVE ROCK SOUTH OF FU TAU PUN CHAU, ON THE NORTH OF MA CHAI PAI AND AT FAT TONG MUN. TWO SOLAR ENERGY LIGHTS OF THREE-MILE INTENSITY WILL BE FIXED ON THE NORTHERN TIP OF FU TAU PUN CHAU AND FANG TSANG MUN BETWEEN SAI KUNG MAINLAND AND FAN TSANG CHAU. A +TERN WINKER+ AND A FIVE-MILE LIGHT INTENSITY GAS BEACON WILL BE FIXED ON CHEUNG PAI TAU IN SHA TAU KOK AND WONG MA CHAU IN MIRS BAY.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED TWO DOUBLE FILAMENT LIGHTS AND ONE SET EACH OF SIGNAL GENERATOR, DIGITAL MULTIMETER AND TRANSITOR TEST SET TO REINFORCE THE SECTION'S EXISTING NAVIGATIONAL MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, MR. LEUNG SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DOUBLE FILAMENT LIGHTS HAVE THE EXTRA FUNCTION OF AUTOMATICALLY TURNING ON THE SECOND FILAMENT WHEN THE FIRST ONE IS BURNED OUT. THE SIGNAL GENERATOR, DIGITAL MULTIMETER AND TRANSITOR TEST SET ARE ADVANCED EQUIPMENT FOR TESTING ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS OF LIGHTS.

HE ADDED THAT THE SECTION'S BATTERY CHARGING ROOM AND ACETYLENE GAS ROOM HAVE BEEN EXPANDED RECENTLY FOR THE RECHARGING OF THE INCREASED NUMBER OF BATTERIES USED IN LIGHTHOUSES AND FOR THE STORAGE OF ADDITIONAL GAS CYLINDERS.

+WE EXPECT THAT MORE AND MORE LIGHTS AND SOPHISTICATED NAVIGATIONAL AID EQUIPMENT WOULD BE USED IN FUTURE IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE INCREASINGLY BUSY TRAFFIC IN THE HARBOUR,+ MR. LEUNG SAID.

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TOP PRIORITY GIVEN TO PART-TIME DAY COURSES AT
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

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THE RUNNING OF PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IS GIVEN TOP PRIORITY BY THE TECHNICAL DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) MR. DANIEL WATERS SAID THIS MORNING.

HE ADVISED EMPLOYERS INTERESTED IN SENDING STUDENTS ON SUCH COURSES TO CONTACT THEIR NEAREST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT MORRISON HILL, CHEUNG SHA WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND KWUN TONG OR THE TECHNICAL DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+SINCE 1970, INDUSTRIALISTS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE GOT PART-TIME DAY CLASSES GOING WITH A REASONABLE DEGREE OF SUCCESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE,+ MR. WATERS TOLD THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 12TH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

HE ADDED: + I SHOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PLEA TO INDUSTRIALISTS TO SUPPORT OUR PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES IN INSTITUTES. THESE PART-TIME COURSES ARE IN FACT LINKED VERY CLOSELY WITH APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING. THIS IS, IN TURN, LINKED WITH THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE.

+APPRENTICES ARE NORMALLY RELEASED BY THEIR FIRMS ON FULL PAY TO ATTEND SUCH COURSES AT AN INSTITUTE FOR ONE FULL DAY A WEEK. THIS CONSISTS OF SIX HOURS OF STUDY. IN ADDITION AN APPRENTICE NORMALLY STUDIES TWO EVENINGS A WEEK, WHICH CONSISTS OF FOUR HOURS, IN HIS OWN TIME. THUS HE STUDIES A TOTAL OF TEN HOURS A WEEK.

+THIS IS MORE SATISFACTORY THAN BY TRYING TO STUDY IN THE EVENINGS, WHEN ONE IS TIRED, AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK,+ MR. WATERS POINTED OUT.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WERE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS. IN ADDITION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WAS REPRESENTED ON THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL AND SYLLABUSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WERE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMMENT.

+IN THIS WAY WE ARE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT THE CURRICULA MEET THE ACTUAL NEEDS OF INDUSTRY. WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE GOOD OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

+WE NEED YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WHO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF INDUSTRY TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE NEED YOUNG PEOPLE WHO APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF AND ARE INTENSELY INTERESTED IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION. THIS WILL MAKE OUR CITY-STATE PROSPEROUS,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, HE SAID, WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INDUSTRY ITSELF AND RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING ABOUT WHAT HAD BEEN DONE IN THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR RECALLED THAT AT ONE TIME HONG KONG HAD ONLY ONE TECHNICAL COLLEGE -- NOW THE POLYTECHNIC.

+WE NOW HAVE FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN OPERATION. WE ALSO HAVE 10 PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN OPERATION AND THREE MORE IN THE PIPE LINE. WE ALSO HAVE 14 SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND OTHERS IN THE BUILDING PROGRAMME.+

A FIFTH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WAS DUE TO BE BUILT AT KOWLOON TONG AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1979. IN SEPTEMBER 1974, A TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WAS ESTABLISHED TO TRAIN TECHNICAL TEACHERS NOT ONLY FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES BUT ALSO FOR THE TEACHING OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN ALL TYPES OF SCHOOLS.

ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MR. WATERS SAID THAT A WORKING PARTY WAS SET UP TO LOOK AT ALL FORMS OF EDUCATION BEYOND FORM THREE, INCLUDING TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

MR. WATERS SAID THE WORKING PARTY CARRIED OUT A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH INTO THE PROBLEMS AND TO SEE WHAT FORM OF POST-FORM THREE EDUCATION WAS MOST SUITABLE FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE NEEDS. A GREEN PAPER ON IT WOULD BE PUBLISHED SOON.

IN CONCLUSION, MR. WATERS SAID: +WE ARE PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED. WE CONSIDER THAT WE ARE SERVING THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG AND THERE ARE EXCITING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.+

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