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TSING YI ISLAND DEVELOPMENT
MODERN 'MINI-TOWN' FOR 160,000 PEOPLE

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TSING YI ISLAND IS TO BE DEVELOPED INTO A SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP WITH SUFFICIENT EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING FOR AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 160,000 IN ABOUT TEN YEARS TIME.

TO MAKE THIS VISION A REALITY, GOVERNMENT PLANNERS HAVE DRAWN UP PROPOSALS TO TURN PART OF THE ISLAND FROM AN ALMOST BARREN TERRITORY INTO AN INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIP.

THE SIGNIFICANCE BEHIND THE TSING YI DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IS THE GRADUAL INDUSTRIALISATION OF THE ISLAND, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON HEAVY AND SPECIAL INDUSTRIES.

THIS IS EVIDENT IN ITS DEVELOPMENT PLANS WHICH ENVISAGE THE ALLOCATION OF MORE THAN 200 ACRES OF LAND, ABOUT HALF OF WHICH IS TO BE RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA, FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIAL USE.

THESE, TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER 185 ACRES CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY EXISTING HEAVY INDUSTRIES, WILL MAKE UP ABOUT ONE-SIXTH OF THE ISLAND'S TOTAL AREA.

FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY, THE PLANS CALL FOR THE RESERVATION OF 196 ACRES TO MEET THE EXPECTED DEMAND. AT PRESENT, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS ARE OPERATING ON 46 ACRES OF LAND ON THE NORTH AND EAST COASTS.

IN ADDITION, SITES TOTALLING ABOUT 35 ACRES ON THE WEST COAST HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR SALE FOR SPECIAL AND HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH THE RECLAMATION AND SITE FORMATION BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE DEVELOPERS.

THE MAN CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF TSING YI IS MR. EDDIE SHORT, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S PROJECT MANAGER OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WHICH HAS BEEN SPECIALLY CREATED FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

HE SAID THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON TSING YI WAS MAINLY CONCENTRATED IN THE NORTH-EASTERN QUARTER OF THE ISLAND WHICH WAS TO BE DEVELOPED INTO A 'MINI-TOWN' WITH AN ULTIMATE POPULATION OF ABOUT 160,000 PEOPLE.

+IT WILL HAVE THREE MAJOR PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 123,000 PEOPLE WHILE ABOUT 23 ACRES OF LAND WILL BE RESERVED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.+

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IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MINI TOWN AND BOUNDED BY THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IS A TOWN CENTRE COMPLEX ON NINE ACRES OF LAND FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USE AND, IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, LAND HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SO THAT PEOPLE COMING TO LIVE ON THE ISLAND WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE LAND TO BE FORMED AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID THERE WOULD BE A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL AREAS ON THE EAST AND WEST COASTS WHICH COULD BE RECLAIMED FOR HEAVY OR OTHER SPECIAL INDUSTRIES REQUIRING SEA ACCESS.

HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANT ROLE YET TO BE PLAYED BY HEAVY INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THESE INDUSTRIES SHOULD EITHER BE NEW TO HONG KONG OR REPRESENT A TECHNOLOGICAL UP-GRADING TO A SIGNIFICANT DEGREE OF AN EXISTING INDUSTRIAL PROCESS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT A GENERALLY HIGHER LEVEL OF SKILL THAN THOSE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE.

+GREAT IMPORTANCE HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN ATTACHED TO ATTRACTING TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED INDUSTRIES TO HONG KONG. HOWEVER, SUCH HIGH-TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES ARE USUALLY LAND-INTENSIVE.

+A NUMBER OF SITES ON TSING YI ISLAND ARE BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO SUCH INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS AND THE FIRST TWO SITES NOW BEING DEVELOPED WILL BE USED FOR MANUFACTURING OUTBOARD MARINE ENGINES AND POLYSTYRENE WHICH IS A BASIC RAW MATERIAL FOR MANY OF HONG KONG'S LIGHT INDUSTRIAL FACTORIES.+

MR. SHORT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE COMPLETION AND OPENING OF THE TSING YI BRIDGE EARLIER THIS YEAR REPRESENTED A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE ISLAND'S DEVELOPMENT AS IT PROVIDED A ROAD LINK BETWEEN THE ISLAND AND THE MAINLAND OVER THE 2,000-FOOT WIDE RAMBLER CHANNEL.

HE SAID TSING YI ITSELF ALSO OFFERED EASY ACCESS FOR LIGHTERS AND IT WAS WITHIN HALF A MILE OF THE NEW CONTAINER TERMINAL COMPLEX AT KWAI CHUNG.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAD BEEN LIMITED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ON TSING YI OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS AND, SO FAR, THIS HAD BEEN MAINLY RESTRICTED TO BOATYARDS, OIL TANK FARMS, A POWER STATION AND A FEW FACTORIES ENGAGED IN LAND-INTENSIVE RATHER THAN LABOUR-INTENSIVE ACTIVITIES.

THESE INDUSTRIES RELIED ON SEA TRANSPORT UNTIL THE TSING YI BRIDGE WAS COMPLETED, AND THERE IS NOW A TWO-LANE ROAD ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ISLAND, EXTENDING 8,000 FEET SOUTHWARDS FROM THE BRIDGE TO THE POWER STATION, AND 2,000 FEET NORTHWARD TO A CEMENT FACTORY.

THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE ISLAND ENVISAGE A ROAD SYSTEM WHICH WILL VIRTUALLY CIRCLE THE ISLAND AND WILL EVENTUALLY BE CONNECTED TO THE MAINLAND BY A SECOND BRIDGE FROM THE NORTH EAST TIP OF TSING YI TO THE TEXACO ROAD JUNCTION ON THE PROPOSED TSUEN WAN BY PASS.

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THIS SECOND BRIDGE HAS NOT YET BEEN INVESTIGATED IN DETAIL AND THE TIMING OF ITS CONSTRUCTION WILL DEPEND ON THE RATE OF DEVELOPMENT ON TSING YI.

BECAUSE OF TSING YI'S MOUNTAINOUS CONDITION, MR. SHORT SAID A LARGE PORTION OF THE ISLAND WOULD BE LEFT IN ITS NATURAL STATE FORMING A BELT AROUND THE MAIN DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ISLAND'S NEW POPULATION.

+TSING YI IS NOW VERY MUCH VIRGIN TERRITORY WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 6,000 ON AN ISLAND OF 2,300 ACRES. IT HAS A NUMBER OF TRADITIONAL VILLAGES, SOME DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE COAST LINE AND A SMALL TYPHOON SHELTER.

+WE HOPE TO CONVERT THE ISLAND INTO AN INDUSTRIAL TOWN WITH SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TOWARDS HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND, AT THE SAME TIME, HOME FOR A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW TERRITORIES WEEK LAUNCHED

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES THIS (MONDAY) MORNING OPENED THE "KNOWING OUR NEW TERRITORIES WEEK" AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL IN FANLING.

MR. AKERS-JONES WELCOMED THE YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMMES AS A "TIMELY" EVENT TO PROVIDE PARTICIPATING YOUTHS ON HOLIDAY WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN THEMSELVES BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY, AND AT THE SAME TIME ACHIEVING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF MR. AKERS-JONES' SPEECH: -

+EVERY SUMMER VACATION, YOUTH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE HELD IN ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES. HOWEVER, THE NEW TERRITORIES WEEK WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THREE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THREE PROMINENT ORGANISATIONS, IS EMINENTLY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES, THOUGH RESEMBLING, BECAUSE IT INCLUDES BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS LEADERSHIP TRAINING, FORUMS AND SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT COMPETITION/EXHIBITION. THIS ALL EMBRACING PROGRAMME WILL ENABLE THE PARTICIPANTS TO KNOW BETTER ALL THAT THEY CAN FIND IN NEW TERRITORIES AND AT THE SAME TIME OFFER THEM A WEEK'S MOST HEALTHY AND PLEASURABLE COLLECTIVE LIFE.

+IN THIS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE ORGANISATION OF THE "KNOWING OUR NEW TERRITORIES WEEK" IS A TIMELY EVENT AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY STRESSED. FOR THIS REASON I FEEL HONOURED TO BE ASKED TO OFFICIATE ON THIS OCCASION. IT IS MY WISH THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE CHOSEN TO TAKE PART WILL MAKE GOOD USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY WHICH OFFERS THEM GOOD TRAINING BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY.

+FINALLY I WISH TO THANK THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO MEET THE EXPENDITURE OF THE PROJECT AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR A JOB WELL DONE.+

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AMBULANCE SERVICE SETS NEW RECORD

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THE AMBULANCE SERVICE DEALT WITH 391 CALLS DURING THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT 7 A.M. LAST SATURDAY — BREAKING THE PREVIOUS RECORD SET ON MAY 17 BY TWO CALLS.

OF THESE CALLS, 247 WERE CLASSIFIED AS EMERGENCY.

KOWLOON HANDLED 165 CALLS, HONG KONG 136 AND NEW TERRITORIES 90.

MR. TONY MILFORD, ASSISTANT CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, SAID: +THE WAY THE TREND IS GOING, WE COULD VERY WELL BREAK THE 400 BARRIER ANY DAY.+

THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, WITH A STRENGTH OF 515 MEN AND A FLEET OF 86 AMBULANCES, PROVIDES A ROUND-THE-CLOCK SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ARMED WITH THE LATEST FIRST AID EQUIPMENT, THE SERVICE RESPONDS TO A VARIETY OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE INCLUDING FIRE, TRAFFIC AND OTHER ACCIDENTS.

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AIRPORT DUTY FREE CONCESSION CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE CONTRACT FOR THE AIRPORT DUTY FREE LIQUOR CONCESSION HAS BEEN AWARDED TO DUTY FREE SHOPPERS (1973) LTD.

THE TERM OF THE CONCESSION, FOR WHICH D.F.S. HAVE OFFERED A MINIMUM GUARANTEE OF \$77,975,000, IS FOR FOUR YEARS COMMENCING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1974.

THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONTRACT BE AWARDED TO D.F.S. AT A MEETING ON JUNE 26, AND THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS ACCEPTED BY THE DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

D.F.S. WAS THE ONLY ONE TO TENDER FOR THE CONCESSION. DETAILS OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NEXT WEEK.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (MONDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

GRADE OF RICE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE(\$/CATTY) AVERAGE
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE NEW		
- OLD CROP	---	-
- NEW CROP	---	-
S.C.JIEN		
- OLD CROP	---	-
- NEW CROP	GOOD	1.93
PO NGAI	---	-
CHU CHO	---	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	---	-
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.85
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.77
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WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.80
U.S. RICE	GOOD	1.87
AUSTRALIAN RICE	GOOD	1.77
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
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<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		
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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORKER (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)
NORMAL	310

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH
 (FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	3.40	2.10	2.80
BIG-EYES	GOOD	2.40	0.50	1.60
SQUID	LIMITED	7.00	2.00	5.50
HAIR-TAILS	NORMAL	1.70	0.60	1.20
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.20	1.50	1.20
CROAKERS	LIMITED	1.50	0.70	1.20
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	NORMAL	2.00	1.30	1.60
MELON COAT	LIMITED	1.60	1.20	1.50
BREAMS	LIMITED	4.70	2.80	4.00
YELLOW BELLY	GOOD	2.00	0.50	1.20
MACKERELS	LIMITED	4.50	3.00	4.00
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	1.00	0.40	0.80
FORK-TAIL	LIMITED	1.10	0.70	0.85
HORSE-HEAD	NORMAL	5.50	2.80	4.20
MELON SEED	GOOD	1.50	0.70	1.20
POMFRETS	SCARCE	10.00	8.50	9.00
GARROUPAS	NORMAL	6.50	5.00	5.50
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	8.00	6.00	6.50

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES
 (VMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
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FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.40	0.60	1.50
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.20	0.60	1.40
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	1.80	0.60	1.20
WATER SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.50
CHINESE KALE	SCARCE	2.00	0.80	1.40
STRING BEANS	LIMITED	2.80	0.60	1.80
SPRING ONION	NORMAL	1.40	0.40	1.00
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.60
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	NORMAL	2.00	0.50	1.40
CHINESE SPINACH	NORMAL	0.80	0.20	0.60
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