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SEAT-BELTS - IS THERE REALLY A CHOICE?

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THE CHOICE BETWEEN WEARING OR NOT WEARING SEAT-BELTS IN A CAR HAS BEEN A PUBLIC ISSUE, ESPECIALLY AMONG DRIVERS, SINCE THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS GOVERNING SAFETY BELTS CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1976.

THIS LAW STIPULATES THAT ALL PRIVATE CARS NEWLY REGISTERED AFTER JULY 31, 1976, MUST BE FITTED WITH SAFETY BELTS.

THERE ARE THREE CATEGORIES OF PRIVATE CAR EXEMPTED FROM INSTALLING SUCH BELTS, THESE ARE:

- A) CARS WITH FIRST REGISTRATION DATED ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 1976,
- B) CARS BEING USED UNDER TRADE LICENCES,
- C) CARS FITTED WITH AN ALTERNATIVE PASSIVE RESTRAINT SYSTEM DESIGNED TO PREVENT OR LESSEN INJURY, APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

ALTHOUGH IT IS COMPULSORY TO INSTALL SEAT-BELTS IN THE FRONT SEATS OF MOST PRIVATE CARS, WEARING THEM IS NOT MANDATORY UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATIONS IN HONG KONG.

AS A RESULT, ALTHOUGH MOST CARS ARE FITTED WITH SEAT-BELTS, MANY DRIVERS DO NOT BOTHER TO WEAR THEM. THEY USUALLY CONSIDER THEM A BURDEN, AND HAVE THE MISTAKEN IDEA THAT BY NOT WEARING A SEAT-BELT, THEY WILL BE FREE TO DODGE THE STEERING WHEEL AND STEERING COLUMN IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT.

A SPOKESMAN FROM THE TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, STRESSED THAT IT IS ADVISABLE FOR DRIVERS TO WEAR SEAT-BELTS BECAUSE THEY CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE MOST ESSENTIAL SAFETY FACTORS TO DRIVERS AS WELL AS PASSENGERS IN A VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A ROAD ACCIDENT.

EXPERIENCE FROM THE PAST REVEALS THAT THE MOST FREQUENT AND SERIOUS INJURIES TO DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS IN PRIVATE CARS OCCURRED WHEN, AS A RESULT OF RAPID DECELERATION AFTER A COLLISION, THEY WERE THROWN FORWARD ONTO THE STEERING WHEEL, DASH-BOARD OR WINDSCREEN.

IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION, A DRIVER USUALLY BREAKS MOST OF HIS RIBS OR SUFFERS SERIOUS HEAD AND FACIAL INJURIES. IF A DRIVER IS WEARING A SEAT-BELT, IT WILL USUALLY SAVE HIM FROM SUCH PAIN AND POSSIBLE DISFIGUREMENT AND, AT THE VERY LEAST, REDUCE INJURY TO A MINIMUM.

IN FACT, WHEN SEAT-BELTS ARE FITTED AND ADJUSTED CORRECTLY, THEY ARE VERY CONVENIENT TO USE, IT ONLY TAKES A FEW SECONDS TO FASTEN OR RELEASE THE QUICK ACTION BUCKLE. +USING A SEAT-BELT IS VERY EASY AND PROVIDES THE MOST PROTECTIVE FACTOR WITHIN AN AUTOMOBILE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACCORDING TO MR PHIL TAYLOR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION AND A STRONG BELIEVER IN SAFETY SEAT-BELTS, IT IS MORE THAN PROBABLE THAT BY NOW 50 PER CENT OF THE PRIVATE CARS ON HONG KONG'S ROADS HAVE BEEN FITTED WITH APPROVED STANDARD SEAT-BELTS, BUT ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO PER CENT OF THE DRIVERS ARE WEARING THEM. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE SAW NO DISADVANTAGES IN USING SEAT-BELTS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS HAS BEEN PROVED BEYOND DOUBT.

HE SAID, +WHEN YOU COMPARE A SEAT-BELT WITH ANY OTHER AUTO-PART, IT IS THE SINGLE MOST EFFECTIVE SAFETY FEATURE INCORPORATED INTO A CAR TO PROTECT THE DRIVER, SHOULD AN ACCIDENT OCCUR.+

EVIDENCE HAS SHOWN THAT IF SOME OF THE DRIVERS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG HAD TAKEN THE SIMPLE AND INEXPENSIVE PRECAUTION OF WEARING SEAT-BELTS, MOST OF THE FATALITIES WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED AND THE SEVERITY OF MANY OF THE INJURIES GREATLY REDUCED.

MR TAYLOR SAID: +ONE SET OF APPROVED SAFETY SEAT-BELTS ONLY COSTS AROUND \$150. IT IS ECONOMICAL AND YET OFFERS MORE PROTECTION THAN ANY OTHER SAFETY MEASURE IN A CAR. IT IS ILLOGICAL NOT TO WEAR A BELT WHEN IT HAS ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED IN A CAR.+

THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED MOTORISTS, MR STEPHEN NG, WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT SAID THAT WEARING SEAT-BELTS DEFINITELY HELPS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND INJURIES THROUGH ROAD ACCIDENTS.

MR NG SAID, +OF COURSE IT IS NECESSARY TO PUT ON A SEAT-BELT FOR ONE GOOD REASON: IT IS 'SAFE'.+

EUROPEAN STATISTICS HAVE PROVED THAT A SEAT-BELT IS NOT ONLY AN ACCESSORY IN A CAR, BUT IT IS ALSO A NOT-TO-BE IGNORED SAFETY FACTOR THAT CAN PROTECT A DRIVER OR PASSENGER FROM FATAL INJURIES, SHOULD THEIR VEHICLE BE INVOLVED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, ESPECIALLY A HEAD-ON COLLISION.

MANY TECHNICALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, HOLLAND, IRELAND, ISRAEL, LUXEMBURG, SWITZERLAND AND WEST GERMANY, HAVE PASSED LEGISLATION ENFORCING THE COMPULSORY USE OF SEAT-BELTS. AND MOST PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NON-USE.

DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS INVESTIGATIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT IF APPROVED SEAT-BELTS HAD BEEN IN GENERAL USE BY THE MOTORING PUBLIC IN HONG KONG, 80 PER CENT OF FATALITIES AND SERIOUS INJURIES SUFFERED BY DRIVERS AS A RESULT OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, WOULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED.

IT IS NOT ONLY ADULTS WHO SHOULD WEAR SAFETY BELTS, CHILDREN TOO, HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED.

USUALLY, CAR OWNERS INSTALL SEAT-BELTS FOR THEMSELVES AND THE FRONT-SEAT PASSENGER, BUT NEGLECT THE SAFETY OF A CHILD, OR OTHER OCCUPANTS, IN THE CAR.

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IN AUSTRALIA, SEVERAL EXPERTS ON ROAD TRAFFIC PROBLEMS WERE ASKED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT A SURVEY ON THE USEFULNESS OF SEAT-BELTS. ONE OF THESE EXPERTS, MR ERIC MONTGOMERY, DIRECTOR OF GOULBURN VALLEY DRIVER TRAINING COMPLEX SAID, +IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO START DEVELOPING THE CORRECT APPROACH (USING SEAT-BELTS) AT THE AGE OF 18. IT IS NECESSARY TO START AT THE TIME WHEN THE CHILD CAN FIRST USE A SEAT-BELT, AND MUST BE DEVELOPED THROUGH THE YEARS AN INTEGRATED EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WHICH MUST BE CARRIED ON.+

IN RECENT YEARS, PRE-DRIVER EDUCATION HAS BEEN APPROVED AS AN EXTRA CURRICULUM SUBJECT UNDER THE CONTROL OF SCHOOL TEACHERS. A SPECIAL TEACHER TRAINING COURSE ON ROAD SAFETY/DRIVING HAS BEEN STARTED AT THE GOULBURN VALLEY DRIVER TRAINING COMPLEX AT SHEPPERTON, AUSTRALIA.

IN NEW ZEALAND, PROVIDED THAT A CAR IS FITTED WITH SEAT-BELTS, LEGISLATION HAS MADE IT MANDATORY THAT CHILDREN EIGHT YEARS OF AGE AND OVER, MUST WEAR THEM.

HOWEVER, A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED IN AUCKLAND'S VEHICLE TESTING STATIONS REVEALED THAT 71 PER CENT OF CHILDREN EIGHT YEARS AND UNDER, USUALLY TRAVELLED IN A CAR WITHOUT ANY FORM OF RESTRAINING DEVICE.

DURING A COLLISION OR A SIMPLE ABRUPT STOP, A CHILD COULD BE HELPLESSLY THROWN FORWARD AGAINST THE INTERIOR OF THE CAR, THE WINDSCREEN, DASH BOARD OR EVEN THE STEERING WHEEL. IN THIS EVENT, A CHILD'S HEAD IS MOST VULNERABLE.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, APPROXIMATELY 60 PER CENT OF ROAD ACCIDENT INJURIES ARE TO THE HEAD AND 65 PER CENT OF FATALITIES RESULTING FROM ROAD ACCIDENTS, ARE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO HEAD INJURIES. SEVERE DISABILITY OFTEN FOLLOWS THE HIGH INCIDENT RATE OF BRAIN DAMAGE WHICH CAN BE THE OUTCOME OF SUCH HEAD INJURIES.

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PRISON SERVICE HAS WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION

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THE HONG KONG PRISON SERVICE HAS A WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION BOTH HERE AND ABROAD FOR COMPASSION, FAIRNESS AND RELIABILITY, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUIT PRISON OFFICERS AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY. THE RECRUITS COMPRISING SEVEN OFFICERS AND 123 ASSISTANT OFFICERS HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING IN THE INSTITUTE.

SIR DENYS TOLD THE RECRUITS THAT THEY HAD SELECTED A CAREER WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF SOCIETY AND WHICH SHOULD BRING THEM THE DEGREE OF PERSONAL SATISFACTION WHICH CAME FROM DOING WELL WORK WHICH WAS DIFFICULT AND DEMANDING.

HE SAID CONTROLLING PRISONERS REQUIRED A VARIETY OF ATTRIBUTES WHICH INCLUDED INTEGRITY, INEXHAUSTIBLE PATIENCE AND CHARITY.

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HE ALSO NOTED THAT A GOOD PRISON OFFICER MUST ALSO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, A MENTAL DISCIPLINE AND SELF-CONTROL AND MUCH STRENGTH OF CHARACTER.

SIR DENYS INSPECTED THE PARADE, TOOK THE SALUTE AND PRESENTED GOLDEN WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST ALL-ROUND RECRUITS, MISS KWONG CHAU-LING AND MR TO CHI-HUNG, BOTH ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF SIR DENYS' SPEECH :

+SINCE I CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1962, I HAVE OCCUPIED VARIOUS POSTS WHICH BROUGHT ME REGULARLY INTO CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE PRISON SERVICE.

+HAVING HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO OBSERVE THEM AT WORK, I HAVE DEVELOPED A DEEP ADMIRATION FOR THE PROFESSIONALISM, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND SENSE OF HUMANITY OF THE SERVICE WHICH THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE PASSING-OUT TODAY HAVE RECENTLY JOINED.

+IT FALLS UPON THE PRISON SERVICE TO DEAL, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, WITH THOSE WHO HAVE COME INTO CONFLICT WITH THE LAWS WHICH SOCIETY HAS MADE FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND FOR THE REGULATION OF ITS CITIZENS.

+INEVITABLY, SUCH A GROUP CONTAINS MANY WHO ARE NOT EASY TO CONTROL. SOME OF THEM WILL BE EMBITTERED BY WHAT THEY REGARD AS THE INJUSTICE OF THEIR TREATMENT. OTHERS WILL BE DEEPLY DEPRESSED BY THE SHOCK OF BEING LOCKED AWAY FROM NORMAL LIFE FOR SUBSTANTIAL PERIODS. MANY WILL BE RESENTFUL AND HOSTILE TOWARDS YOU AS THE SYMBOL OF THE SOCIETY WITH WHICH THEY HAVE CLASHED. AT BEST, THE MAJORITY OF PRISONERS WILL BE UNEASY AT BEING FORCED INTO AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS STRANGE, AND INTO A PATTERN OF LIFE IN WHICH THEY HAVE CEASED TO BE MASTERS OF THEIR OWN AFFAIRS AND HAVE BECOME SUBJECT TO THE ORDERS OF STRANGERS.

+TO CONTROL PRISONERS REQUIRES A VARIETY OF ATTRIBUTES, PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH IS INTEGRITY, BY WHICH I MEAN COMPLETE IMPARTIALITY BETWEEN PRISONERS. THIS IS NOT EASY SINCE, IN OUR PRIVATE LIVES, WE FREQUENTLY PERMIT A PREFERENCE FOR ONE PERSON OVER ANOTHER TO INFLUENCE OUR CONDUCT. IN A PRISON SERVICE THIS HAS TO BE AVOIDED.

+ANOTHER CHARACTERISTIC OF THE GOOD PRISON OFFICER IS INEXHAUSTIBLE PATIENCE, SINCE YOU MUST DEAL WITH A WIDE ASSORTMENT OF MEN, SOME QUICK IN THOUGHT AND ACTION, SOME STUPID AND SLOW, SOME PHYSICALLY STRONG AND SOME WEAK, SOME EAGER AND CO-OPERATIVE AND OTHERS HOSTILE AND OBSTINATE.

+YOU MUST ALSO HAVE CHARITY, WHICH REQUIRES AN ACCEPTANCE THAT YOUR CHARGES, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE IMPRISONED BECAUSE THEY HAVE OFFENDED SOCIETY, AND WHATEVER THEIR FAULTS MAY BE, REMAIN INDIVIDUAL MEN AND WOMEN, ENTITLED TO A MEASURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND TO SUCH CONSIDERATION AS IS PERMISSIBLE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE DISCIPLINARY STRUCTURE WHICH YOU MUST IMPOSE UPON THEM.

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+THESE ARE BUT A FEW OF THE QUALITIES REQUIRED OF A GOOD PRISON OFFICER, WHO MUST, IN GENERAL, MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL FITNESS, A MENTAL DISCIPLINE AND SELF-CONTROL AND MUCH STRENGTH OF CHARACTER.

+YOU HAVE SELECTED A CAREER WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE WELL-BEING OF SOCIETY AND WHICH SHOULD BRING YOU THAT DEGREE OF PERSONAL SATISFACTION WHICH COMES FROM DOING WELL WORK WHICH IS DIFFICULT AND DEMANDING.

+I CAN ALSO ASSURE YOU THAT THE HONG KONG PRISON SERVICE HAS A WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION, NOT ONLY HERE BUT ABROAD, FOR COMPASSION, FAIRNESS AND RELIABILITY. IT IS, THEREFORE, A SERVICE WHICH YOU CAN FEEL PROUD TO HAVE JOINED.

+I WISH YOU GOOD FORTUNE IN THE FUTURE IN THE CHALLENGING BUT REWARDING LIFE WHICH YOU HAVE CHOSEN.+

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ABATTOIR TO BE BUILT AT SHEUNG SHUI

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THE FIRST EVER GOVERNMENT ABATTOIR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE BUILT IN SHEUNG SHUI TO MEET THE LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESH MEAT IN THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPED NEW TOWNS IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES TOWARDS THE MID 1980S.

THE PROJECT INCLUDING EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ANCILLARY ENGINEERING WORKS IS ESTIMATED TO COST MORE THAN \$150 MILLION AND A SITE HAS BEEN RESERVED IN AREA 2B OF THE SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE PROPOSED ABATTOIR WILL HAVE AN INITIAL SLAUGHTERING CAPACITY OF 3 000 PIGS PER DAY RISING TO 4 500 PIGS PER DAY EVENTUALLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, SMALL CATTLE SLAUGHTERING FACILITY WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED WITH A DAILY CAPACITY OF 100 CATTLE AT THE ABATTOIR.

A BY-PRODUCT PLANT WILL BE INCLUDED FOR PROCESSING THE UNFIT MEAT INTERCEPTED AT THE ABATTOIR INTO ANIMAL FEED AND FERTILIZER AND WILL ALSO SUPPLEMENT THE SERVICES OF OTHER ABATTOIRS.

IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE UP-TO-DATE KNOWLEDGE ON THE SOPHISTICATED DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF THE MODERN ABATTOIR, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ABATTOIR AND FOOD OF THE NTS, MR CHUNG YIU-FAN, WILL BE LEAVING FOR GERMANY, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS AND ENGLAND NEXT MONTH TO SEE HOW ABATTOIRS IN THESE EUROPEAN LEADING PORK PRODUCING COUNTRIES OPERATE.

MR CHUNG WILL TOUR A NUMBER OF SLAUGHTERING PLANTS TO SEE HOW THEY CAN BE APPLICABLE TO LOCAL CONDITIONS AND VISIT ABATTOIR EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS IN THE FOUR COUNTRIES DURING HIS 28-DAY STUDY TRIP.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CURRENT DEMAND FOR FRESH MEAT THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES IS ABOUT 3 000 PIGS AND 150 CATTLE PER DAY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DAILY DEMAND WILL REACH 7 000 PIGS AND 350 CATTLE TOWARDS THE LATE 1980S.

AT PRESENT, FRESH MEAT SUPPLIED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE MAINLY FROM CHEUNG SHA WAN ABATTOIR AND TWO LICENSED PRIVATE SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AT YUEN LONG AND TAI PO.

A PRIVATE ABATTOIR FOR PIGS IN TSUEN WAN, FOR WHICH A SITE HAS BEEN GRANTED BY TENDERS, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. IT WILL HAVE AN INITIAL CAPACITY OF 2 000 PIGS PER DAY AND WILL EVENTUALLY EXPAND TO 3 000 PIGS PER DAY.

PROVISION OF TWO SMALL GOVERNMENT ABATTOIRS IS ALSO BEING PLANNED TO COPE WITH THE RISING DEMAND OF THE OUTLYING ISLANDS AND THE REMOTE AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WHERE DEVELOPMENTS ARE UNDERWAY AND RESIDENTS ARE RAPIDLY INCREASING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THREE BRIDGES FOR YUEN LONG NEW TOWN

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TWO VEHICULAR BRIDGES, ONE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND ASSOCIATED ROADS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS WILL SHORTLY BE BUILT IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE VEHICULAR BRIDGES WILL FORM PART OF A NEW ROAD BYPASSING YUEN LONG NEW TOWN ON THE NORTH, CONNECTING THE YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND INDUSTRIAL AREA IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TOWN TO THE YUEN LONG/AU TAU ROAD NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE FOOTBRIDGE, TO BE BUILT AT SHUI PIN WAI, WILL ENABLE PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE BUSY CASTLE PEAK ROAD SAFELY FROM THE RECENTLY COMPLETED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE TO MAJOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING THE TOWN HALL, SPORTS STADIUM, SCHOOLS AND TO THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT PRESENT.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT BRANCH OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, PWD.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE WORKS AND CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS UNDER TWO FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THEY ARE THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE AWARDS, SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REVIEW, WOULD BE TENABLE AT A UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG OR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. THEY WILL ALSO BE TENABLE AT AN ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS ACADEMIC OR TECHNOLOGICAL OR POST-GRADUATE INSTITUTION.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE STUDENTS WHO MAY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO EITHER AGRICULTURE OR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT MARKETING INDUSTRIES, OR MARINE FISHERIES OR FISH MARKETING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

THESE STUDENTS SHOULD NORMALLY STUDY AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY SCIENCE, BOTANY, ZOOLOGY OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO HONG KONG, OR ZOOLOGY, FISHERY, BIOLOGY, MARINE BIOLOGY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES, MARINE ENGINEERING, NAVAL ARCHITECTURE OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCES THAT ARE RELEVANT TO LOCAL MARINE FISHERIES OR FISH MARKETING INDUSTRIES.

APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO OPEN TO PEOPLE WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT MARKETING INDUSTRIES OR MARINE FISHERIES AND FISH MARKETING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND ADMITTED BY A RELEVANT ACADEMIC INSTITUTION. THEY SHOULD BE UNDER THE AGE OF 30 AND PREFERABLY BETWEEN 18 AND 25 YEARS OF AGE.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS OR LOANS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE INFORMATION COUNTER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JULY 17.

DETAILS OF THE APPLICATIONS ARE ADVERTISED IN THE PRESS TODAY, TOMORROW AND ON MONDAY.

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BEAUTIES GREET +JI FUNG+ VOYAGERS

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THERE WAS A PLEASANT SURPRISE FOR THE 39 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO RETURNED TO HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY) ON THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL'S TRAINING SHIP, THE +JI FUNG+, AFTER AN 18-DAY VOYAGE TO THE PHILIPPINES AND BACK.

WAITING AT QUEEN'S PIER TO WELCOME THEM HOME WERE SOME OF HONG KONG'S MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRLS - THE PRESENT MISS HONG KONG, MISS DORIS LOH, AND SEVERAL PAST HOLDERS OF THE TITLE.

THIS WAS THE THIRD VOYAGE OF THE +JI FUNG+, A 132-FOOT LONG BRIGANTINE, BUILT AT A HANG HAU BOATYARD WITH JOCKEY CLUB FUNDS AND LAUNCHED IN MARCH.

IT DEPARTED ON MAY 14, VISITING MANILA AND SAN FERNANDO. OF THE 39 TRAINEES ON BOARD, SEVEN WERE WOMEN.

IT IS THE LAST ONE TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON SEASON, ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE SHORT, LIVE-ABOARD CRUISES FOR CHILDREN UNTIL THE LONGER, 18-DAY JOURNIES START AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER.

ALSO PRESENT TODAY TO GREET THE RETURNED VOYAGERS WAS SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WHO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES AND BADGES TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SALE BY AUCTION

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SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$502 200 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT LECTURE HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER HK 6 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$120 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER CM 2 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$55 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR CK 802, CK 7313, CK 5525, CK 3183, CK 1956, CK 1839, CK 1970 AND CK 2572.

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THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

	\$		\$		\$
CK 113	3 000	CC 2222	40 000	AA 2828	45 000
CJ 7220	1 500	CK 618	11 000	CK 348	7 500
CK 280	6 500	CL 4	8 500	CK 1999	2 100
CK 213	2 800	CK 1668	19 000	CK 332	11 000
CK 308	9 000	BN 1	45 000	CK 108	6 000
CK 1283	3 100	CK 661	2 700	CK 3033	8 500
CC 353	4 000	CG 101	5 000	CK 329	13 500
8668	10 000	CK 223	12 000	CK 1932	1 500
AA 30	41 000				

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 64TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$19 249 532.

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LAM TSUEN VILLAGE OFFICE OPENED

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DISTRICT BOARDS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS, TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, SAID AT THE OPENING OF LAM TSUEN VILLAGE OFFICE TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THE NEW OFFICE, BUILT AT A COST OF \$230 000, MARKED A MILESTONE FOR PROMOTING VILLAGE AFFAIRS.

THE TWO-STOREY BUILDING IS ON A 65 SQUARE-METRE SITE GRANTED BY GOVERNMENT AND REPLACES THE PREVIOUS VILLAGE OFFICE AT TIN HAU TEMPLE.

INCLUDED IN THE BUILDING ARE OFFICES, RECEPTION AND CONFERENCE ROOMS.

MR LO APPEALED TO RESIDENTS OF TAI PO TO FULLY SUPPORT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH. HE SAID REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WOULD BEGIN IN AUGUST.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE LAM TSUEN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG CHE-FAN- TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR STEPHEN WONG, AND OTHER LOCAL LEADERS.

LAM TSUEN CONSISTS OF 23 VILLAGES AND DATES BACK NEARLY 700 YEARS.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR SITE FORMATION

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR SITE FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN AN AREA EAST OF THE SHA KOK AND POK HANG PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

UNDER THE CONTRACT, ABOUT 5.5 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE PRODUCED FOR PHASE TWO DEVELOPMENT OF THE POK HANG HOUSING ESTATE AND ASSOCIATED BUS TERMINAL AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES.

ROADS AND DRAINS WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO SERVE COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

IN ADDITION, TWO PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED. ONE WILL CONNECT THE SHA KOK HOUSING ESTATE WITH A PROPOSED BUS TERMINUS AND POK HANG HOUSING ESTATE, AND THE OTHER WILL LINK THE ESTATE WITH THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT EAST OF THE ESTATE.

WORKS ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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LEASE FOR CARGO HANDLING AREA

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO LEASE ABOUT 1.15 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED OFF LOK KWAN STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CARGO HANDLING AREA.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE YESTERDAY.

PEOPLE HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE (IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE) WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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SATURDAY, MAY 30, 1981

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SLIP ROADS TO BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE WORK

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FOUR SLIP ROADS NEAR COTTON TREE DRIVE AND HARCOURT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT ONE AND A HALF HOUR INTERVALS BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 6.30 AM ON JUNE 2, 3 AND 5, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE SLIP ROADS (AND THE TIMES THEY WILL BE CLOSED) ARE FROM COTTON TREE DRIVE NORTHBOUND TO COTTON TREE DRIVE SOUTHBOUND (12.30 AM TO 2 AM)- FROM HARCOURT ROAD EASTBOUND TO COTTON TREE DRIVE SOUTHBOUND (2 AM TO 3.30 AM)- HARCOURT ROAD EASTBOUND TO QUEENSWAY (3.30 AM TO 5 AM)- AND HARCOURT ROAD WESTBOUND TO COTTON TREE DRIVE (5 AM TO 6.30 AM).

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK ON THE SLIP ROADS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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