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GO AHEAD GIVEN FOR TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH THE FIRST STAGE OF AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT TAI PO.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE ESTATE WAS PLANNED TO BE 136 ACRES, COMPLETE WITH ALL THE NECESSARY SERVICES INCLUDING A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO EXTEND THE AREA TO OVER 200 ACRES EVENTUALLY.

THE FIRST STAGE WOULD PROVIDE ABOUT 50 ACRES AND THE NECESSARY ROADS, WATER SUPPLIES AND FULL SEWAGE TREATMENT, HE SAID, AND WOULD COST ABOUT \$60 MILLION WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND. WORK ON THE SITE WOULD BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR.

THIS EARLY START REFLECTS THE HIGH PRIORITY THAT THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO THIS PROJECT. THE FIRST SITES WILL BE SOLD -- OR LET -- NEXT YEAR FOR OCCUPATION EARLY IN 1977.

IN ITS INITIAL STAGES THE WORKS WOULD BE HANDLED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE NORMAL WAY. +THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A STATUTORY INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION SHOULD BE SET UP TO OWN AND MANAGE THE ESTATES IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +BUT AN EARLY DECISION IS NOT EXPECTED.+

THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IS TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL AREAS OF LAND FOR INDUSTRIES THAT CANNOT OPERATE IN MULTI-STORY FLATTED FACTORIES, AT A PRICE THAT REFLECTS THE COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PROVIDING THE FORMED AND SERVICED LAND.

THE INDUSTRIES EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE ESTATE WILL TEND TO BE HEAVIER, AND MORE CAPITAL-INTENSIVE, THAN MOST OF THOSE NOW OPERATING IN HONG KONG. BUT THEY WILL BE OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE ECONOMY GENERALLY AND WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR MANY OF HONG KONG'S EXISTING LIGHT INDUSTRIES.

SITES FOR FURTHER INDUSTRIAL ESTATES HAVE BEEN PINPOINTED AT YUEN LONG AND AT JUNK BAY.

INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN BOTH THESE AREAS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO TAKE DECISIONS ON THE PROVISION OF FURTHER INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, IF THE DEMAND FOR SITES AT TAI PO PROVES STRONG ENOUGH.

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MAI PO MARSHES BECOME RESTRICTED AREA
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THE MAI PO MARSHES IN YUEN LONG WILL BECOME A RESTRICTED AREA AS FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THIS FOLLOWS A RECOMMENDATION FROM A COMMITTEE OF ECOLOGICAL EXPERTS THAT THE MARSHES SHOULD BE TURNED INTO A NATURE RESERVE AND WILD FOWL PARK.

THE RECOMMENDATION CAME FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NATURE CONSERVATION WHICH APPROVED A REPORT ON THE MARSHES BY ITS NATURE CONSERVATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE COST OF ESTABLISHING THE NATURE RESERVE AND WILD FOWL PARK PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS,+ HE SAID. +HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT FULLY APPRECIATES THE VALUE OF THE MARSHES AS A HABITAT FOR WILD FOWL AND IS ANXIOUS TO PROTECT THE AREA AS FAR AS RESOURCES WILL ALLOW.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT HUNTING IN THE MARSHES WAS ALREADY PROHIBITED UNDER THE FOURTH SCHEDULE TO THE WILD BIRDS AND WILD MAMMALS ORDINANCE.

+THE MAI PO MARSHES SHOULD BE GIVEN FURTHER PROTECTION BY THE INCLUSION OF THE AREA IN THE SEVENTH SCHEDULE TO THE WILD BIRDS AND WILD MAMMALS ORDINANCE,+ HE SAID.

AN ORDER DECLARING THE MARSHES A RESTRICTED AREA WILL BE PUBLISHED IN TOMORROW'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND WILL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. UNDER THE ORDER ALL PERSONS NOT RESIDENT IN THE AFFECTED AREA WILL NOW REQUIRE A PERMIT TO ENTER.

+SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR THE ISSUE OF PERMITS TO PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE PRESCRIBED AREA,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BUT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ENTER WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT FROM THE LICENCING AUTHORITY - THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES - GIVING FULL DETAILS OF THEIR REASONS FOR ENTRY.+

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PILOT CENSUS OF BOAT PEOPLE

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN A FOUR-DAY PILOT CENSUS OF HONG KONG'S BOAT PEOPLE NEXT TUESDAY (JUNE 10) TO PREPARE FOR THE MARINE BY-CENSUS IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

FORTY INTERVIEWERS WILL VISIT BOATS AT THE ABERDEEN AND YAU MA TEI ANCHORAGES FROM JUNE 10 TO 13 SEEKING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING THE CHANGING PATTERNS IN THE LIFE OF THE FLOATING POPULATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE PILOT CENSUS WAS NECESSARY TO TEST THE ADEQUACY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROPOSED QUESTIONS AND ALL ASPECTS OF NEXT YEAR'S BY-CENSUS.

+ON THE BASIS OF THE PILOT CENSUS RESULTS, THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND PROCEDURE MAY BE MODIFIED AND THE QUALITY OF WORK OF INTERVIEWERS WILL BE ASSESSED TO SEE HOW IT CAN BE IMPROVED,+ HE SAID.

+SOME 500 BOAT FAMILIES WILL BE COVERED IN THE PILOT CENSUS, WHICH HAS BEEN TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (TUEN NG) WHEN THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE FISHING FLEET IS IN PORT.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PILOT CENSUS WOULD ALSO COVER SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE NUMBER AND HORSE-POWER OF ENGINES, AND THE AGE AND TYPE OF BOATS.

THIS WAS BEING DONE AT THE REQUEST OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO ENABLE IT TO HAVE ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE FISHING HABITS AND TECHNIQUES OF HONG KONG'S FISHERFOLK AND THE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS THE MECHANISATION OF THE FLEET.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT INTERVIEWERS WOULD BE UNDER THE OATH OF SECRECY. +WE HOPE ALL PERSONS INTERVIEWED WILL CO-OPERATE BY GIVING ACCURATE ANSWERS,+ HE SAID.

+THE INTERVIEWERS WILL BE ISSUED WITH IDENTITY CARDS BEARING THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS UNDER THE SEAL OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WHICH THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE WHEN ENTERING HOUSEHOLDS OR BOATS.+

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OPEN DAYS AT SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS USING ACTIVITY APPROACH SCHEME
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TEACHERS, PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO SEE PUPILS BEING TAUGHT IN SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE ACTIVITY APPROACH SCHEME AS A PILOT PROJECT.

ONE OF THE SIX SCHOOLS WILL HOLD ITS OPEN DAY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM 10 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M. IT IS THE FUK WAH STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY A.M. SCHOOL.

TWO OTHERS WILL OPEN THEIR DOORS TO THE PUBLIC ON JUNE 11. THE SHENG KUNG HUI KEI MIN (EPIPHANY) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEAR BLOCK 5 OF THE UPPER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE WILL BE OPEN TO VISITORS FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. WHILE THE TRUE LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL OF HONG KONG (PRIMARY SECTION) IN TAI HANG ROAD WILL WELCOME VISITORS BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 12.30 P.M.

THE REMAINING THREE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE THEIR OPEN DAY ON JUNE 12 - THE ABERDEEN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY A.M. SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG ROAD FROM 9 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M., THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY A.M. SCHOOL FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON AND THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY P.M. SCHOOL FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

THE AIM OF THE ACTIVITY APPROACH IS TO PROMOTE ACTIVE AND SELF-INITIATED LEARNING.

ONE ASPECT OF THE SCHEME IS THE NEW ROLE OF THE TEACHER WHICH IS THAT OF A FRIEND HELPING THE PUPILS TO FIND OUT FOR THEMSELVES RATHER THAN A MERE INSTRUCTOR FEEDING THEM WITH FACTS AS IN THE TRADITIONAL FORMAL CLASS TEACHING.

THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE RUNNING TWO COURSES FROM JUNE 16 TO 20 FOR TEACHERS OF PRIMARY 1 TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH THE BASIC INFORMATION AND SKILLS REQUIRED IN ADOPTING THE ACTIVITY APPROACH.

THE COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE LANGUAGES TEACHING CENTRE, KOWLOON UNIT, ON THE 16TH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NATHAN ROAD.

THE COURSES, WHICH ARE FREE, WILL BE ATTENDED BY 80 PRIMARY 1 TEACHERS.

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ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER OPENS PARTIALLY ON TUESDAY.

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MOTORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FASTER FROM MONG KOK TO KAI TAK AND KWUN TONG NEXT TUESDAY (JUNE 10) WHEN THE EASTBOUND LANE OF THE ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

DRIVERS USING THE LANE ARE ADVISED TO APPROACH AND LEAVE THE FLYOVER WITH CAUTION AS THERE WILL BE MINOR DIVERSIONS. HOWEVER, ADEQUATE WARNING AND DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

THE WHOLE FLYOVER IS EXPECTED TO BE READY AND OPENED TO TRAFFIC BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

IN KWAI CHUNG MEANWHILE, SHEUNG KOK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN KWAI CHUNG ESTATE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS CLOSES TOMORROW

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TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS AND A CHANCE TO WIN YOURSELF A FORTUNE IN THE FIRST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY OF THE YEAR.

SALE OF TICKETS WILL CLOSE AT 9 P.M. TOMORROW AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SELLING BOOTHS. DURING THE DAY, TICKETS CAN ALSO BE BOUGHT AT THE HEAD OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF 30 BANKS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

UP TO 4.30 P.M. TODAY (THURSDAY), A TOTAL OF 541,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD.

WINNING NUMBERS OF THIS LOTTERY WILL BE DRAWN BY FOUR WELL-KNOWN RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON SATURDAY (JUNE 7).

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HIGH ISLAND REHOUSING SCHEME OPENED IN SAI KUNG

THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS, TODAY (THURSDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME REHOUSING BLOCKS IN SAI KUNG.

IN A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD UNDER TORRENTIAL RAIN, MR. CHAMBERS SAID THAT TODAY WAS A HISTORIC DAY IN THE HISTORY OF MAN YI WAN VILLAGE AND THE SETTLEMENT OF SHA TSUI FOR IT MARKED THE OCCASION OF THEIR REMOVAL FROM ANCESTRAL HOMES TO NEW HOMES IN SAI KUNG.

✦THE MOVE DOES NOT MERELY ENTAIL A RESITE OF YOUR VILLAGES IT WILL ALSO MEAN A RADICAL CHANGE IN YOUR WAY OF LIFE,✦
MR. CHAMBERS SAID.

THE ACTING SECRETARY ADDED THAT IT WOULD TAKE TIME FOR THE VILLAGERS TO SETTLE DOWN BUT GIVEN HARD WORK AND COMMON SENSE IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE THEY BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THEIR NEW LIFE.

SOME OF THE 110 FAMILIES INVOLVED IN THE REHOUSING SCHEME HAVE ALREADY MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HOMES AND OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE IN SHORTLY.

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Q.E.H. CASUALTY WARD TO BE ENLARGED

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THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL IS TO BE EXPANDED TO EASE THE INCREASING PRESSURE WHICH THE HOSPITAL'S ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICE HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO BEAR.

WORK WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT WEEK AND INVOLVE MAINLY ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EXISTING PREMISES. THE WAITING AREA WILL BE ENLARGED AND MORE TREATMENT CUBICLES WILL BE BUILT.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF SLIGHTLY OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE EXISTING CASUALTY DEPARTMENT IS NO LONGER ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PATIENTS REQUIRING URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION.

THE NUMBER OF ATTENDANCE AT THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT IN 1974 WAS 225,000, COMPARED WITH 112,000 IN 1964 WHEN THE HOSPITAL WAS OPENED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF ALTERATION WORK SOME INCONVENIENCE MAY BE CAUSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC USING THE HOSPITAL FACILITIES.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK DOES NOT CAUSE ANY DELAY IN THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS AT THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT.

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REGISTRATION FACILITIES IN SHA TAU KOK

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THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL NEXT WEEK SET UP A TEMPORARY OFFICE IN THE SHA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT SCHOOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE TEMPORARY OFFICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY (JUNE 9-11). PARENTS ARE URGED TO MAKE USE OF THE SPECIAL FACILITY TO REGISTER THEIR 11-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS.

HOLDERS OF JUVENILE I.D. CARDS WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18 SHOULD REGISTER FOR AN ADULT CARD.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT, ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS AND OTHER PARTICULARS SINCE REGISTERING FOR I.D. CARDS.

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