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FEEES REVISED FOR RESIDENTIAL WELFARE INSTITUTIONS
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT, FROM OCTOBER 1, FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED WOULD BE REVISED ON THE BASIS OF A NEW FORMULA RECOMMENDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) AND ENDORSED BY THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (RDCC).

THIS FOLLOWS A DETAILED STUDY BY A WORKING GROUP OF THE SWAC, WHICH WAS SET UP TO CONSIDER CLAIMS BY THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR THAT INCREASED FEES WOULD CREATE HARDSHIP.

UNDER THE NEW FORMULA, FEES WILL IN FUTURE BE LINKED TO, AND AUTOMATICALLY ADJUSTED AGAINST, CERTAIN FIXED PERCENTAGES OF THE PREVAILING RATES OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, INCLUDING BOTH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES. THESE PERCENTAGES ARE NOT IMMUTABLE AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW.

THE FEES WILL COMPRISE TWO ELEMENTS -- A PERCENTAGE OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BASIC RATE BASED ON THE TOTAL OF THE PERCENTAGES ATTACHED TO THOSE COMPONENT ITEMS IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INDEX PROVIDED BY A SPECIFIC TYPE OF INSTITUTION-- AND A PERCENTAGE OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE REPRESENTING THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN INSTITUTION AND WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INDEX.

THE COMBINATION OF THESE TWO ELEMENTS WILL ENSURE THAT THE RESULTING FEE LEVELS REFLECT PART OF THE COSTS OF SERVICES WHICH ARE PROVIDED BY THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS. A LARGE MEASURE OF THE FULL COSTS OF SERVICES ARE MET BY THE GOVERNMENT BY SUBVENTIONS TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE FEES DETERMINED WILL CONSTITUTE A PORTION ONLY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS RECEIVED BY AN ELDERLY OR DISABLED PERSON, AND WILL ENABLE THEM TO HAVE MONEY LEFT OVER TO SPEND, AS THEY WISH, AFTER PAYING THEIR FEES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE ELDERLY AND SOME OF THE DISABLED PEOPLE IN RESIDENTIAL CARE RECEIVE EITHER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE, OR BOTH.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, IS INTENDED TO MEET THEIR BASIC NEEDS, AND THE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE IS FOR SERVICES ARISING OUT OF THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS.

+A FORMULA BASED ON THESE TWO ELEMENTS IS THEREFORE A LOGICAL AND EQUITABLE METHOD OF ASSESSING FEES AND WILL ENSURE THAT OLD OR DISABLED PEOPLE IN INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE MEETING COSTS ON THE SAME TERMS AS THOSE LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE TO MEET THEIR BASIC AND SPECIAL NEEDS OUT OF THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FEES FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES, FOR HISTORICAL REASONS, TENDED TO BE LOWER THAN THOSE FOR THE ELDERLY.

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+THE NEW FEES PRODUCED BY THE FORMULA REPRESENT A VERY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FOR THE DISABLED, AND IN ORDER TO AVOID HARDSHIP, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED THAT THE FEE ADJUSTMENT SHOULD BE PHASED OVER A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS STARTING FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR FOR CLIENTS IN REHABILITATION INSTITUTIONS WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE,+ HE SAID.

BASED ON THE FORMULA TO BE ADOPTED, THE LEVELS OF FEES PER MONTH IN THE VARIOUS TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS (THE AMOUNT OF MONEY LEFT OUT OF SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS AFTER PAYING FEES IS IN BRACKETS):

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| OLD PEOPLE'S HOSTELS
(SELF-CARE SECTION). | - \$35 | (LEAVING \$385 OUT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCE OR OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT PAYMENTS- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE A LONG TERM SUPPLEMENT OF \$355 PER ANNUM) |
| OLD PEOPLE'S HOSTELS
(MEAL SECTION). | - \$270 | (LEAVING \$150 OUT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCE OR OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT PAYMENTS- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE A LONG TERM SUPPLEMENT OF \$355 PER ANNUM) |
| HOMES FOR THE AGED-
HOMES FOR THE BLIND AGED-
HOSTELS FOR THE DISABLED
(FOR THOSE OF MILD OR
MODERATE GRADE). | - \$270 | FOR CLIENTS RECEIVING BOTH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCE/ OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT/OR DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT (LEAVING \$150- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE A LONG TERM SUPPLEMENT OF \$355 PER ANNUM) |
| | - \$290 | FOR CLIENTS RECEIVING BOTH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCE (LEAVING \$270- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WOULD ALSO HAVE A LONG TERM SUPPLEMENT OF \$355 PER ANNUM) |

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OLD PEOPLE'S CARE-AND-
ATTENTION HOMES-
HOSTELS FOR THE DISABLED
(FOR THOSE OF SEVERE
GRADE).

- \$306 FOR CLIENTS RECEIVING
BOTH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
AND OLD AGE ALLOWANCE/
OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT/OR
DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT
(LEAVING \$114- PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS
WOULD ALSO HAVE A
LONG TERM SUPPLEMENT
OF \$355 PER ANNUM)

- \$362 FOR CLIENTS RECEIVING
BOTH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
AND DISABILITY
ALLOWANCE (LEAVING
\$198- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
RECIPIENTS WOULD ALSO
HAVE A LONG TERM
SUPPLEMENT OF \$355 PER
ANNUM)

HALF-WAY HOUSES FOR
THE DISABLED.

- \$257 (LEAVING \$163 FOR THOSE
CLIENTS RECEIVING BOTH
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND
OLD AGE ALLOWANCE/OLD
AGE SUPPLEMENT- PUBLIC
ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS
WOULD ALSO HAVE A LONG
TERM SUPPLEMENT OF
\$355 PER ANNUM)

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF \$72 PER MONTH FOR ACCOMMODATION. FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE, THIS CHARGE WILL BE MET SEPARATELY BY A RENT ALLOWANCE PAYABLE UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED THAT THE REVISED FEES WILL BE WITHIN THE MEANS OF THE MAJORITY OF OLD AND DISABLED CLIENTS IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, ANY PERSON IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE IS UNABLE TO PAY THE NEW FEES SHOULD APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE NEAREST FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP THE NEW FEE LEVELS UNDER CLOSE WATCH AND WILL CONSIDER ANY CHANGE THAT MIGHT BE INDICATED BEFORE THE NEXT ADJUSTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR,+ HE ADDED.

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT RATES ARE INCREASED FROM TIME TO TIME IN STEP WITH INFLATION ACCORDING TO MOVEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INDEX TO MAINTAIN THEIR REAL PURCHASING POWER.

THEY WERE LAST INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL GO UP BY ANOTHER 22 PER CENT FROM SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE NEW PAYMENT RATES IN THE CASE OF A SINGLE PERSON WILL BE \$280 A MONTH FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE- \$355 A YEAR FOR LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT- \$280 A MONTH FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCE- AND \$140 A MONTH FOR OLD AGE ALLOWANCE, OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT OR DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT.

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SEMINAR ON THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT
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A SEMINAR ON +THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT+, ORGANISED BY KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY), FROM 3 PM TO 6 PM AT THE UNITED COLLEGE, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE SEMINAR, ONE OF A SERIES ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING GOOD COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TO MEET INCREASING DEMANDS GENERATED BY THE GREATER SCOPE FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

THE ACTING CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF KWUN TONG, MR WONG YING-WAI, SAID THE SEMINAR WOULD BE USEFUL AND CHALLENGING SINCE IT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL LEADERS TO EXPLORE THEIR ALREADY RICH EXPERIENCES.

+THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL IF LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND HOW THE EXISTING AND FUTURE CONSULTATIVE CHANNELS CAN BE USED MORE EFFECTIVELY TO IMPROVE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ MR WONG ADDED.

AT THE SEMINAR, A SLIDE SHOW ON THE WORK OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE SHOWN BY THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR DAVID TSUI KWAN-PING.

IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TALK ON +THE CONSTITUTION OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND ITS WORK+ BY URBAN COUNCILLOR MR STEPHEN LAU MAN-LUNG.

MR ANDREW WONG WANG-FAT, LECTURER IN GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, WILL SPEAK ON +GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP+.

THE SEMINAR WILL CLOSE WITH A PANEL DISCUSSION FOR PARTICIPANTS TO EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS AND IDEAS.

A SIMILAR SEMINAR, ORGANISED FOR ALL CHAIRMEN OF THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN KWUN TONG, WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SEMINAR. TRANSPORT TO UNITED COLLEGE WILL LEAVE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 2 PM TOMORROW.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CARNIVAL

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MORE THAN 5 000 YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILY GROUPS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND A FREE ENTERTAINMENT-PACKED CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT SHA TIN RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 24 (SUNDAY).

THE CARNIVAL IS BEING ORGANISED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE. ALL ARE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION (CCCYR).

+THIS CARNIVAL IS THE BIGGEST TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT EVER ORGANISED FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME. IN PREVIOUS YEARS ONLY DISTRICT ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THIS YEAR WE HAVE ALTERED THE FORMAT A LITTLE BY PROVIDING RECREATION FOR ALL,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE.

A FUN FAIR, WITH 21 SPECIALLY DECORATED STALLS, WILL MARK THE OPENING OF THE DAY'S EVENTS.

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE WILL ORGANISE 19 GAMES STALLS. AND YOUNG PEOPLE WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO REQUEST THEIR SONGS FROM RADIO DISC JOCKEYS IN THE RTHK CORNER.

TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE CARNIVAL-LIKE ATMOSPHERE, PARTICIPANTS MAY JOIN IN THE FUN OF A LANTERN RIDDLE STALL, ALSO PREPARED BY RTHK.

CO-OPERATION AND TEAM SPIRIT WILL BE DISPLAYED TO ITS FULL IN A TELEGAME MATCH, WHICH WILL START AT 3 PM.

CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES AND YOUTHS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS WILL TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF CHALLENGING GAMES. THE WINNING TEAM WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE WITH A SPECIAL CELEBRITY TEAM COMPRISING WELL-KNOWN JOCKEYS, DISC JOCKEYS, SINGERS AND RADIO AND TELEVISION ARTISTES, IN THE FINAL ABOUT 5 PM.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CARNIVAL WILL BE A POP CONCERT, FEATURING THE POPULAR LOCAL SINGER MISS JENNY YAN AND OTHER SUPPORTING SINGERS. ACCOMPANYING THEM WILL BE A 18-PIECE ORCHESTRA AND A GROUP OF TELEVISION DANCERS. THE CONCERT WILL START SHORTLY AFTER 6 PM BRINGING THE DAY'S PROGRAMME TO A CLOSE AT 7.30 PM.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE SUMMER CARNIVAL ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT COMMUNITY YOUTH OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND THE 17 DISTRICT OFFICES AND HEADQUARTERS OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE. TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE CARNIVAL, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL HAVE FOUR SPECIAL TRAINS ON THE DAY. TWO SPECIAL 'UP-TRAINS' WILL LEAVE HUNG HOM STATION AT 1.42 PM AND 2.01 PM AND ARRIVE AT THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE STATION AT 2.01 PM AND 2.23 PM RESPECTIVELY. THE TWO SPECIAL 'DOWN-TRAINS' WILL LEAVE THE RACE COURSE AT 8.28 PM AND 8.50 PM RESPECTIVELY.

KCR HAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR TWO REGULAR 'DOWN-TRAINS' TO PICK UP PASSENGERS AT THE RACE COURSE AT 8.32 PM AND 9.03 PM RESPECTIVELY. RETURN TICKETS AT \$4 EACH CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE HUNG HOM STATION. ADVANCE BOOKING WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THURSDAY (AUGUST 21).

AS AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF TRANSPORT, SPECTATORS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE KMB ROUTE NO. 888 WHICH WILL TAKE THEM FROM SHA TIN MARKET TO THE RACE COURSE AT 20-MINUTE INTERVALS, UP TO 8.30 PM. THE SHA TIN MARKET IS ACCESSIBLE BY FEEDER BUS ROUTE NO. 70M FROM THE KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION.

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MR JUSTICE YANG APPOINTED JUSTICE OF APPEAL
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MR JUSTICE YANG, THE COMMISSIONER OF INQUIRY IN RESPECT OF THE DEATH OF INSPECTOR JOHN MACLENNAN, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A JUSTICE OF APPEAL BY THE QUEEN.

NOTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO LANDSLIDES IN 1972 AND AS COMMISSIONER OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE CASE OF LEUNG WING-SANG, MR JUSTICE YANG HAD SAT IN THE COURT OF APPEAL ON MANY OCCASIONS.

HE JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1956 AND WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR MAGISTRATE IN 1963.

HE WAS APPOINTED AS DISTRICT JUDGE IN 1968 AND A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT IN 1975.

BORN IN SHANGHAI ON JUNE 30, 1929, MR JUSTICE YANG RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION AT THE SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, SHANGHAI, AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

HE THEN WENT TO LONDON TO STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND WAS A MEMBER OF GRAY'S INN.

MR JUSTICE YANG WAS CALLED TO THE ENGLISH BAR IN 1953 BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG AS A BARRISTER.

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2 000 SCHOOL VAN APPLICATION FORMS ISSUED
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SINCE WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 13), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED MORE THAN 2 000 APPLICATION FORMS FOR PERMITS TO OPERATE PRIVATE CARS AND VANS TO TAKE CHILDREN TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

ONE THOUSAND FORMS WERE ISSUED TO THE YOUNG CHILDREN SCHOOL MINIBUS ASSOCIATION.

COMMENTING ON PRESS REPORTS AFTER YESTERDAY'S (THURSDAY) MEETING WITH THE ASSOCIATION, SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR CHIU PAT-YEE, SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT RELAX THE RULE REQUIRING APPLICANTS TO PROVE THAT THEY SERVE SCHOOLS, NOR WOULD THE ASSOCIATION BE GRANTED PRIORITY FOR ITS APPLICATIONS.

+APPLICANTS MUST HAVE WRITTEN PROOF OF THEIR LINKS WITH SCHOOLS FROM THE SCHOOL CONCERNED,+ SAID MR CHIU, +AND ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED EQUALLY.

+IF MORE THAN 2 000 ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A BALLOT,+ HE SAID.

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HANG HAU TEACHERS INVITED FOR SURPLUS SAI KUNG FLATS
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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM TEACHERS WORKING IN HANG HAU, IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT, TO PURCHASE SURPLUS HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME FLATS.

NINE FLATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE TEACHERS, 17 HAVING BEEN SOLD WHEN SIMILAR APPLICATIONS WERE INVITED LAST YEAR.

THE SURPLUS AROSE BECAUSE SOME OF THE FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR, FOR WHOM THEY WERE BUILT, CHOSE TO TAKE CASH COMPENSATION INSTEAD OF A FLAT.

EACH FLAT MEASURES 64 SQUARE METRES WITH PRICES RANGING FROM \$215 000 TO \$225 000.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR COLIN BOSHER, SAID THAT FULL TIME TEACHERS WORKING IN GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED SCHOOLS SITUATED SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION OF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD IN SAI KUNG WERE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, APPLICANTS MUST HAVE TAUGHT IN THE SAI KUNG AREA FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS= BE UNDER 56 YEARS OF AGE, AND NOT OWN ANY OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

+ANOTHER CONDITION OF SALE IS THAT A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SELL THE FLAT ON THE OPEN MARKET FOR FIVE YEARS,+ MR BOSHER SAID.

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+ IF THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IS IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE FLATS, SELECTION WILL BE BY BALLOT, + HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FULL PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE AT SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, KOWLOON. COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 28.

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NEW LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION PREMISES IN LANTAU
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NEW PREMISES FOR MUI WO, LANTAU, LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION WERE OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO.

THE PREMISES, COSTING \$420 000, INCLUDE A TRAINING HALL AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

THEY HAVE BEEN BUILT ON A 112 SQUARE METRE SITE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

MR LO SAID THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT OF THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICE BEARERS, WHOSE SIXTH TERM HE WAS INAUGURATING, WAS +MOST ENCOURAGING+.

HE SAID, SINCE SWIMMING WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SPORTS AMONG HONG KONG PEOPLE, SAFETY FACILITIES WERE VERY IMPORTANT.

+ I HOPE THE ASSOCIATION WILL EXTEND ITS LIFE SAVING SERVICES TO ALL THE BEACHES OF LANTAU AND ORGANISE MORE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, + MR LO SAID.

RECENTLY THE ASSOCIATION, WITH MORE THAN 200 QUALIFIED LIFE GUARDS, BECAME A LIMITED COMPANY AND MR LO BELIEVED THIS CHANGE WOULD FURTHER FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF ITS SERVICE.

IT IS ONE OF THE 372 MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB AND IT PROVIDES SERVICES AT MUI WO AND PUI O BEACHES.

THE NEW TRAINING HALL WILL ALSO BE USED AS A CANTEEN AND LECTURE ROOMS FOR LIFE GUARD TRAINEES.

THERE ARE PLANS TO EXPAND SERVICES TO OTHER BEACHES ON LANTAU, PROBABLY TO CHEUNG SHA INITIALLY.

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NEW CMB SUBURBAN ROUTE

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A NEW CMB SUBURBAN ROUTE NO. 63 BETWEEN NORTH POINT FERRY AND STANLEY VILLAGE WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE FOR A TRIAL PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 12 MONTHS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

THE FARES WILL BE FIXED AT \$1.50 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY. SECTIONAL FARES FOR AN OUTWARD JOURNEY BETWEEN REPULSE BAY AND STANLEY VILLAGE AND AN INWARD JOURNEY BETWEEN STUBBS ROAD/TAI HANG ROAD JUNCTION AND NORTH POINT WILL BE 70 CENTS.

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FARE REVISION FOR MAXICAB ROUTE 28

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THE FARE FOR MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 28 OPERATING BETWEEN BAGUIO VILLAS (NORTH) TO CAUSEWAY BAY (PAK SHA ROAD) WILL BE INCREASED FROM SUNDAY (AUGUST 17).

THE REVISED FARE WILL BE \$2.50.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REVISION WAS LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO INCREASES IN FUEL COSTS, DRIVERS' WAGES AND INSURANCE PREMIUM.

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CAS OFFICER RECEIVES ISM

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A TRAINING ASSISTANT OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES (CAS), MR WONG WING-WO, HAS BEEN AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL BY THE QUEEN ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 27 YEARS WITH THE SERVICE.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE CAS CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR J.A. FORTUNE, ON PRESENTING A CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR TO MR WONG, COMMENDED HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAS CADET CORPS' 20 HECTARE CAMPSITE AT YUEN TUN.

MR WONG JOINED THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE CORPS IN 1951 AND WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO TRANSFER TO THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WHEN IT WAS FORMED IN 1952.

DURING HIS 28 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, MR WONG HAD ALWAYS BEEN AN INDUSTRIOUS AND LOYAL OFFICER SERVING IN THE HEAVY RESCUE TEAM AND THE CADET CORPS.

MR WONG WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF LONG AND LOYAL SERVICE WITH THE CAS BY MR FORTUNE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF MR WONG RECEIVING HIS CITATIONS FROM MR FORTUNE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GIS PRESS BOXES, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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FIRING PRACTICE AT BASALT ISLAND RANGE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN BASALT ISLAND RANGE FOR THREE MORE DAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 8 TO 10 BETWEEN 8 AM AND NOON.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO AN EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FIRING PRACTICE AT THE RANGE WOULD BE FROM SEPTEMBER 15 TO 17 BETWEEN 8 AM AND NOON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING PRACTICE TIMES.

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PROHIBITION OF TURNING IN HING FONG ROAD
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ALL VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG HING FONG ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO TAI WO HAU ROAD FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITION.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KWAI HEI STREET
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THE KWAI HEI STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 17) TO 6 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18).

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE LIFTING OF PRECAST BEAMS INTO POSITION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE OVER KWAI HEI STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WAN CHAI WATER CUT
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THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS BETWEEN 11 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 18) AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY (TUESDAY) FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY MORRISON HILL ROAD- TIN LOK LANE- HOUSE NOS. 344-372, HENNESSY ROAD- OI KWAN ROAD- HOUSE NOS. 234-240, WAN CHAI ROAD, AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST FROM KENNEDY ROAD TO MORRISON HILL ROAD JUNCTION.

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