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PRAYERS OFFERED TO TIN HAU

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE VESSEL CRUISED TO THE SHORES OF JOSS HOUSE BAY THIS MORNING FOR THE CREW TO OFFER PRAYERS AND RESPECT TO TIN HAU, THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND PROTECTOR OF SEAFARERS.

THE TRADITIONAL RELIGIOUS SERVICE WAS CARRIED OUT NEAR THE TIN HAU TEMPLE ON THE HK\$10-MILLION FIREBOAT SIX LED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON.

MR WATSON TOGETHER WITH THE HONG KONG COMMAND'S CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, STEPHEN CHEUNG AND THE CREW OF 'FIREBOAT SIX' BURNED JOSS STICKS AND CANDLES IN THEIR OFFERINGS TO TIN HAU.

THE 350-TON 'FIREBOAT SIX', DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED IN HONG KONG WAS RECENTLY HANDED OVER TO THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IT IS THE FASTEST OF THE SIX FIREBOATS IN SERVICE, AND HAS A TOP SPEED OF 13 KNOTS.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THIS NEW ADDITION TO THE FIREBOAT FLEET CONSIDERABLY BOOSTS THE RESPONSE TO MARINE AND COASTAL INCIDENTS.

THE NEW FIREBOAT IS EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH FIRES AT SEA OR ON SHIPS ALONGSIDE, INCLUDING CONTAINER VESSELS.

A PROMINENT FEATURE ON THE 34-METRE LONG VESSEL IS THE HYDRAULIC PLATFORM WHICH IS CAPABLE OF TURNING A FULL CIRCLE AND BEING RAISED 24 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

IT IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH A DRY CHEMICAL UNIT WITH A CAPACITY TO STORE 1 030 KILOGRAMS OF DRY CHEMICAL POWDER AND COMPLEMENTING THIS EQUIPMENT ARE THREE FOAM/WATER MONITORS AT BOW AND THREE WATER MONITORS AT STERN TOGETHER WITH FACILITIES FOR EXTRA HOSE LINES.

THE HYDRAULIC PLATFORM AND MONITORS CAN BE SUPPLIED WITH FOAM COMPOUND FROM VARIABLE INDUCTORS ON BOARD FROM A LIQUID FOAM STORAGE CAPACITY OF SOME 8 600 LITRES.

IT IS POWERED BY TWIN DIESEL ENGINES OF 950 HORSE POWER WHICH ALSO SUPPLY POWER TO TWO OF THE THREE SETS OF DUAL-STAGE CENTRIFUGAL PUMPS. A THIRD PUMP IS DRIVEN BY AN INDEPENDENT ENGINE WHICH PERMITS PUMPING AND BOAT MANOEUVRING TO BE CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

VARIABLE PITCH PROPELLERS ENABLE THE COXSWAIN TO MANOEUVRE THE VESSEL COMFORTABLY AND WITH EASE. THE TOTAL PUMPING CAPACITY IS ABOUT 27 275 LITRES PER MINUTE.

OTHER EQUIPMENT ON 'FIREBOAT SIX' INCLUDE MODERN NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENTS, TELECOMMUNICATION AND INTERCOM SYSTEMS, LIFE-SAVING AND BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT.

FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED AND CARRYING A CREW OF 12, THE VESSEL WILL BE DOCKED AT THE FIRE BOAT BERTH NEAR TSING YI ISLAND.

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CAREERS EXHIBITION HELD IN SHA TIN

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A CAREERS EXHIBITION IS BEING HELD TODAY AND TOMORROW (SATURDAY AND SUNDAY) AT WO CHE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, SHA TIN.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WITH DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP, IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN.

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BANKS, LOCAL FACTORIES AND EDUCATIONAL BODIES.

EACH OF THEM IS OPERATING A STALL INTRODUCING THE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE SLIDE SHOWS AND A CAREER TALK.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING WERE SHA TIN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHEUNG- SHA TIN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER, MRS TSUI LO SIU-KING AND A SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MR LEUNG WING-WAH.

MR CHENG SAID SHA TIN IS ONE OF THE FAST DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS- ITS RESIDENTS MOVED IN FROM ALL DISTRICTS AND ARE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS WOULD HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF HEAVY ROAD TRAFFIC DURING PEAK HOURS, AND ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARDS ACHIEVING SHA TIN AS A SELF-CONTAINED NEW TOWN, HE SAID.

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SQUASH COMPETITION AT YUEN LONG

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AN OPEN SQUASH COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS FROM JULY 21 TO AUGUST 2.

TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS, THE TOURNAMENT IS AIMED AT PROMOTING AND RAISING THE STANDARD OF THE SPORT IN THE DISTRICT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS -- THE MEN'S SINGLES AND THE WOMEN'S SINGLES.

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS OFFICE AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT TAI YUK ROAD.

ENROLMENT IS FREE AND THE CLOSING DATE IS TUESDAY (JULY 14).

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PLAN TO RECLAIM SEABED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM OR TO GRANT PERMISSION UNDER A LEASE TO RECLAIM ABOUT 39 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TAI LAM KOK, TUEN MUN, FOR CARGO HANDLING AND RELATED PURPOSES.

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

ALL PERSONS HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE AND PLAN, ARE POSTED FOR VIEW NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, 8TH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, SALISBURY ROAD, KOWLOON OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TSUEN WAN), 2ND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, TSUEN WAN OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TUEN MUN), TUEN MUN BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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MAJOR ROAD WORKS IN WONG TAI SIN

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TENDERS ARE BEING CALLED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR MAJOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE WONG TAI SIN AREA.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE WIDENING OF A SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM SOUTH OF FUNG TAK STREET.

LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, BETWEEN PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND HAMMER HILL ROAD, IS NOW ONLY TEN METRES WIDE AND CARRIES TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. THE NEW WORK WILL PROVIDE A TEN-METRE WIDE SEGREGATED CARRIAGEWAY IN EACH DIRECTION. THE WORK WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE EXTENSION OF FOOTBRIDGE TO CROSS OVER THE NEW CARRIAGEWAY NEAR SOCIAL AVENUE.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COMPLETION OF THE WORK WOULD MEAN THAT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WOULD HAVE A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY OVER ITS FULL LENGTH.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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