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COTTAGE AREAS GETTING METERED WATER SUPPLY  
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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED A \$4 MILLION SCHEME TO UPGRADE FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN COTTAGE AREAS.

A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE SCHEME IS TO SUPPLEMENT COMMUNAL STANDPIPES WITH INDIVIDUAL METERED WATER SUPPLY IN EIGHT COTTAGE AREAS.

HE SAID THE SCHEME WOULD BENEFIT ABOUT 8 000 COTTAGE AREA RESIDENTS ON COMPLETION IN TWO YEAR'S TIME.

AT FO TAN COTTAGE AREA WORKS HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED.

+SIMILAR INSTALLATIONS ARE UNDERWAY AT THREE COTTAGE AREAS OF SO KON PO IN CAUSEWAY BAY, TUNG TAU IN KOWLOON AND MOUNT DAVIS IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

+PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP FOR NEXT YEAR COVERING THE REMAINING FOUR COTTAGE AREAS, NAMELY, FU TAU WAT, CHAI WAN SECTION V, TAI WO HAU AND SHUI NGAU LING.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AS MOST OF THE COTTAGE AREAS WERE BUILT OVER 30 YEARS AGO WITH MINIMAL FACILITIES PROVIDED, IT WAS NECESSARY TO UPGRADE THEIR FACILITIES.

+THEREFORE, THERE ARE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS INCORPORATED IN THE SCHEME AS WELL.

+THEY INCLUDE THE REPLACEMENT OF AQUA PRIVIES WITH FLUSHING LATRINES, REINFORCEMENT OF STREET LIGHTING AND THE PROVISION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS WHERE SUITABLE SITES ARE AVAILABLE.

+IN ADDITION, FIRE HYDRANTS ARE INSTALLED OR ADDED.+

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MODERN COMPLEX FOR MONG KOK TO MEET CHANGING NEEDS  
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IN ORDER TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE URBAN AREAS, IT IS THE CONTINUING AIM OF THE URBAN COUNCIL TO REPROVISION OLD MARKETS AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, REBUILD ON THE SAME SITE NEW MARKET COMPLEXES WITH MODERN FACILITIES.

TO THIS END, PLANS ARE NOW IN HAND TO REDEVELOP THE EXISTING FA YUEN STREET MARKET AND HAWKER BAZAAR INTO A 13-STORY MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING. THE OLD BAZAAR HAS CATERED FOR THE COMMUNITY NEEDS OF MONG KOK RESIDENTS FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS.

THE SITE, MEASURING SOME 1 650 SQUARE METRES, IS BOUNDED BY FA YUEN STREET, MONG KOK ROAD, TUNG CHOI STREET AND FIFE STREET.

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THE GROUND, FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS OF THE NEW BUILDING WILL BE EARMARKED FOR A MARKET. THERE WILL BE SOME 370 MARKET AND MINI STALLS TO SELL FISH, MEAT, POULTRY, VEGETABLES AND SUNDRY GOODS. A COOKED FOOD CENTRE WITH 26 STALLS WILL OCCUPY THE THIRD FLOOR.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE SHOPPERS, THE MARKET FLOORS AND THE COOKED FOOD CENTRE WILL BE LINKED UP BY ESCALATORS.

THE 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS ARE SCHEDULED TO ACCOMMODATE AN ADULT LIBRARY, A JUNIOR LIBRARY, AN AUDIO VISUAL LIBRARY, AN EXTENSION ACTIVITIES HALL AND A STUDY ROOM FOR MORE THAN 200 STUDENTS.

THE KOWLOON (WEST) REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE UP THE NEXT FOUR FLOORS.

FROM THE 10TH FLOOR UPWARDS, THERE WILL BE AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, FOUR GAMES ROOMS, SIX SQUASH COURTS, A TOURNAMENT SQUASH COURT WITH A STAND FOR SOME 100 SPECTATORS, AND A FENCING ROOM.

SEPARATE ENTRANCES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE MARKET, THE COOKED FOOD SECTIONS AND THE REST OF THE BUILDING.

WORK ON THE \$71 MILLION PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY LATE 1987 OR EARLY 1988.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL SAID THAT THE BUILDING OF NEW MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEXES WILL PROVIDE LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH MARKET, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND LIBRARY FACILITIES ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

THEY WILL ALSO BE USED TO RESITE ON-STREET HAWKERS THUS CONTRIBUTING TO A CLEANER AND NEATER LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

UNDER THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CURRENT CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 22 MARKET COMPLEX PROJECTS WHICH ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN VARIOUS PLANNING STAGES.

THOSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION INCLUDE THE WESTERN COMPLEX, LOCKHART ROAD COMPLEX, PO ON ROAD COMPLEX, NGAU CHI WAN COMPLEX AND KOWLOON CITY COMPLEX. THEY ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION BETWEEN 1986 AND 1988.

AND THE QUARRY BAY COMPLEX AND SHUI WO STREET COMPLEX, WORK ON WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START SHORTLY, SHOULD ALSO BE READY SOMETIME IN 1987.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES IN URBAN AREAS UP FOR AUCTION  
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AUCTIONING OF THE 1985 LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES IN THE URBAN AREAS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE BETWEEN JANUARY 10 AND 17, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MORE THAN 1 300 SITES INCLUDING TWO FAST FOOD CENTRES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT VICTORIA PARK, FA HUI PARK, KOWLOON PARK AND KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND WHERE THE FAIRS WILL BE HELD.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE GRANTED TEN DAYS - FROM FEBRUARY 11 TO 20 - TO OPERATE THEIR BUSINESSES AS COMPARED WITH EIGHT DAYS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SITES WILL BE FOR THE SALE OF WET GOODS AND DRY GOODS AND THEIR UPSET PRICES RANGE FROM \$225 TO \$1 013. THE TWO FAST FOOD CENTRES, WHICH WILL BE SET UP IN VICTORIA PARK, WILL EACH CARRY AN UPSET PRICE OF \$20 250.

THE AUCTIONING DATES FOR THE SITES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

KOWLOON PARK (164 SITES)	-	JANUARY 10
FA HUI PARK (312 SITES)	-	JANUARY 14
KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND (260 SITES)	-	JANUARY 15
VICTORIA PARK (568 SITES)	-	JANUARY 16 AND 17

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE BEFORE 9 A.M. FOR A MORNING AUCTION OR 2 P.M. FOR AN AFTERNOON AUCTION. THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS AND TWO PASSPORT SIZE FULL-FACE PHOTOGRAPHS.

A TEMPORARY LICENCE FEE OF \$135 PLUS THE AMOUNT OF THE BID WILL BE PAYABLE BY EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT.

DETAILS OF THE LAYOUT AND LOCATION PLANS SHOWING THE SITES TO BE AUCTIONED ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE REGIONAL HAWKER RECORDS OFFICES OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF COMMODITIES PERMITTED FOR SALE CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKER RECORDS OFFICES.

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SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY  
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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN THE DISTRICT AND TO FAMILIARISE LOCAL MANUFACTURERS WITH FIRE REGULATIONS.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 28), STARTING AT 2.30 PM, IN THE ACTIVITIES ROOM, 7TH FLOOR, OF THE YAN OI TONG CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR WONG FAT-KEE, AND MR LO KAI-HUNG, DIVISIONAL OFFICER (N.T./WEST) OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A 15-MINUTE SLIDE SHOW ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND A ONE-HOUR FILM SHOW ON INDUSTRIAL FIRES DURING THE SEMINAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND FIRE REGULATIONS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 28 (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 PM IN THE ACTIVITIES ROOM ON THE 7TH FLOOR OF THE YAN OI TONG CENTRE, YAN CHING CIRCUIT, TUEN MUN.

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NEW RATEABLE VALUES  
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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HAS NOW DEALT WITH ALL PROPOSALS OBJECTING TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT URGED ANY PERSON WHO HAD SERVED A PROPOSAL IN MARCH THIS YEAR AND HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A NOTICE OF DECISION, TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR YEUNG CHE-KEUNG OF THE DEPARTMENT AT TEL. NO. 5-7957629.

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NEW SAI KUNG MARKET READY SOON  
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THE FIRST PERMANENT MODERN MARKET AT SAI KUNG TOWN CENTRE WILL BE READY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE TWO-STOREY MARKET IS BEING BUILT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$7 MILLION ON A 2 200-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT YI CHUN STREET.

DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE MARKET ON COMPLETION WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT.

THE MARKET WITH 215 STALLS WILL ACCOMMODATE ALL STALL-OPERATORS AT THE OLD SAI KUNG MARKET AS WELL AS ELIGIBLE ON-STREET HAWKERS CURRENTLY TRADING AT SAI KUNG TOWN CENTRE.

THE OLD MARKET WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN COOKED FOOD MARKET.

OTHER FACILITIES AT THE NEW MARKET WILL INCLUDE A POULTRY-SCALDING ROOM, A VEGETABLE-SORTING ROOM, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, A SITTING-OUT AREA AND AN OFFICE FOR NTSD STAFF.

THE MARKET WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS. IT WILL ALSO HAVE AN ESCALATOR.

RAMPS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE DISABLED AT VARIOUS ENTRANCE.

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TWO MORE BIG PUMPING STATIONS  
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TWO MAJOR PUMPING STATIONS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PACKAGE OF PROJECTS FOR DISTRIBUTING FUTURE INCREASES IN WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, WILL BE SIGNING THE \$147 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GAMMON (HONG KONG) LIMITED/KIER INTERNATIONAL LIMITED JOINT VENTURE TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY IN THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 14TH FLOOR, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD AT 2.30 PM.

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MORAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

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A WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ON THE PROMOTION OF MORAL EDUCATION.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN SUGGESTED APPROACHES ON HOW TO PROMOTE MORAL EDUCATION THROUGH THE TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE, AND WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 26 AT HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN CAUSEWAY BAY. THERE WILL BE A KEYNOTE SPEECH FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND A PLENARY SESSION.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS FOR PARTICIPATION SHOULD RETURN NOMINATION FORMS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, RELIGIOUS/ETHICAL EDUCATION SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 5/F, LEE GARDENS NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 10, 1985.

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WORK BEGINS TO CLEAR ODOUR NUISANCE

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DREDGING WORK HAS BEGUN TO REMOVE ORGANIC SEDIMENT FROM KAI TAK NULLAH AND KOWLOON BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AS PART OF A SCHEME TO TACKLE THE POLLUTION AND ODOUR NUISANCE THERE.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$9 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE 10-MONTH DREDGING PROJECT WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT ALONG THE CHANNEL NEXT TO THE AIRPORT RUNWAY.

THE WORK WILL BE THE FIRST MAJOR PHASE IN STAGE II OF A SCHEME TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY THERE.

WASTE DEPOSITS - THE MAJOR SOURCE FOR HYDROGEN SULPHIDE GAS FORMATION AND THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF ODOUR NUISANCE IN THE VICINITY - WILL BE REMOVED.

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PROHIBITED ZONE

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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 28), ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE WESTERN TRAFFIC LANE OF THE SLIP ROAD CONNECTING THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HONG CHONG ROAD.

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