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PRESERVING HK'S RELICS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVESTING STEADILY INCREASING RESOURCES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LARGE AREAS OF MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRYSIDE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE CONCLUDING DINNER OF THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS CONFERENCE, SIR MURRAY SAID THE AREAS TO BE PRESERVED CONTAIN VILLAGES, WHICH ARE +RELICS OF A TRADITIONAL RURAL LIFE AND RURAL ARCHITECTURE THAT HAVE EXISTED FOR CENTURIES BUT IS NOW RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING FROM HONG KONG.+

EARLIER, SIR MURRAY SAID THAT IN HONG KONG WHERE CONSTRUCTION AND RE-CONSTRUCTION OF A GIGANTIC SCALE ARE GOING ON, THERE MIGHT BE CONTROVERSY ABOUT AESTHETICS — +ABOUT WHAT OF THE NEW IS GOOD AND ABOUT WHAT OF THE OLD SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETAINED.+

+BUT THE GREAT STRIDES IN BUILDING BETTER LIVING STANDARDS ARE THERE FOR ALL TO SEE,+ HE NOTED.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH :

+I AM HONOURED TO BE INVITED TO THIS DINNER AND DELIGHTED THAT THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS SHOULD BE HOST TO THIS COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS CONFERENCE AND I AM GLAD INDEED TO PROPOSE THE TOAST TO THIS PRESTIGIOUS BODY.

+IN PRACTICE I DO SO WITH SOME HESITATION, BECAUSE I PRESUME THAT IN THE PRECEDING WEEK EVERYTHING THAT CAN PROPERLY OR IMPROPERLY BE SAID ABOUT ARCHITECTURE HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID.

+IN A COMMUNITY SUCH AS OURS IN WHICH CONSTRUCTION AND RE-CONSTRUCTION IS ON SUCH A GIGANTIC SCALE, THE SCOPE FOR ARCHITECTS IS GREAT. OF COURSE THE PROFESSION IS OBLIGED TO OPERATE UNDER UNUSUAL PRESSURES OF SPACE — BECAUSE THERE IS SO LITTLE IN HONG KONG — AND OF TIME — BECAUSE IN HONG KONG WE ARE ALWAYS IN A HURRY.

+WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE ENORMOUS TASK OF IMPROVING LIVING STANDARDS AND CREATING NEW ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES, BY REDEPLOYING THE POPULATION INTO NEW TOWNS IN NEW AREAS AND BY REDEVELOPING THE OLD ONES, AND BY BINDING THE WHOLE INTO A SINGLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC UNIT BY A NEW NETWORK OF COMMUNICATIONS.

+IN THIS ENTERPRISE FOUGHT WITH BRICKS, STEEL AND CONCRETE, YOUR PROFESSION HAS SERVED HONG KONG WELL. AND THIS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN, AND IS, VERY MUCH DEPENDENT ON THE COMPETENCE, IMAGINATION AND HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS OF YOUR PROFESSION OF WHICH THE LOCAL CUSTODIAN IS THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

/+THERE MAY

+THERE MAY BE CONTROVERSY ABOUT AESTHETICS, ABOUT WHAT OF THE NEW IS GOOD AND ABOUT WHAT OF THE OLD SHOULD HAVE BEEN RETAINED, BUT THE GREAT STRIDES IN BUILDING BETTER LIVING STANDARDS ARE THERE FOR ALL TO SEE.

+I WILL NOT ENTER INTO THE GLORIOUS CONTROVERSY ABOUT WHAT SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT BE RETAINED OF COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE IN THE URBAN AREA.

+THE PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS AND TOMBS AND OTHER RELICS OF THE PRE-COLONIAL AND INDEED PRE-HISTORIC ERA IS LESS CONTROVERSIAL AND IN MANY WAYS MUCH EASIER. BUT THERE IS A SPECIAL SUBJECT I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS INVESTING STEADILY INCREASING RESOURCES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF LARGE AREAS OF MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRYSIDE. THESE CONTAIN VILLAGES, OFTEN NOW DESERTED, AND PRESERVATION OF SOME OF THESE WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO LATER GENERATIONS.

+THEY ARE RELICS OF A TRADITIONAL RURAL LIFE AND RURAL ARCHITECTURE THAT HAVE EXISTED FOR CENTURIES BUT IS NOW RAPIDLY DISAPPEARING FROM HONG KONG. MANY STILL EXIST IN HONG KONG UNCLUTTERED BY MODERN ADDITIONS AND WITH THEIR SITES STILL PROTECTED BY THEIR TRADITIONAL TREES.

+PROBLEMS OF OWNERSHIP ARE HARD TO OVERCOME AND MUCH ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORT AND ARCHITECTURAL CARE (THOUGH I THINK NOT MUCH MONEY) WILL BE NEEDED TO PRESERVE THEM- BUT I HOPE THAT BY THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE COUNTRY PARKS DEPARTMENT AND WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE ANTIQUITIES BOARD AND RURAL COMMITTEES PRESERVED SOME OF THEM WILL BE AND SO BE ABLE TO REMIND THE URBAN POPULATION OF THE FUTURE OF THE LIFE FROM WHICH THEIR FATHERS AND GRANDFATHERS CAME.

+BUT THIS CONFERENCE IS OF ARCHITECTS FROM ALL THE COMMONWEALTH AND NOT JUST FROM HONG KONG. IT IS PART OF THE UNOFFICIAL COMMONWEALTH, THAT COMMONWEALTH MADE UP OF THE MANY PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC BODIES WHICH PARALLELS THE OFFICIAL COMMONWEALTH OF GOVERNMENTS.

+THE VALUE OF THESE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE COMMUNIQUE OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN 1977, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN THE OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL COMMONWEALTH WAS SET UP ON WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR ASSOCIATION WAS INVITED TO SERVE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT WAS ON THE AGENDA OF YOUR OWN CONFERENCE.

+I AM SURE NOTHING BUT GOOD CAN RESULT FROM CLOSER TIES BETWEEN MEMBER INSTITUTIONS AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

+WE HERE IN HONG KONG ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO HOLD YOUR CONFERENCE IN HONG KONG. I HOPE IT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE. I NOW ASK YOU TO RISE AND DRINK A TOAST TO THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS.+

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 1979

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THERE WAS A SURPLUS OF \$418.8 MILLION IN THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 1979 COMPARED WITH A \$743.6 MILLION SURPLUS IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THIS HAS RESULTED IN AN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS OF \$1,276.4 MILLION FOR THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THE 1978-79 FINANCIAL YEAR, COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$956.6 MILLION FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977-78.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN JANUARY 1979, AT \$1,084.8 MILLION, WAS \$251.2 MILLION MORE THAN IN JANUARY LAST YEAR.

TOTAL REVENUE AND RECEIPTS, AT \$1,503.6 MILLION, WERE \$73.6 MILLION LESS THAN FOR THE SAME MONTH IN 1978.

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'SILVER' 50-CENT COINS WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER

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ALL 50-CENT CUPRO-NICKEL COINS WILL BE DEMONETISED AND WILL THEREFORE CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER FROM OCTOBER 1, 1979, THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THIS MEANS THE LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THESE COINS IN SATISFACTION OF DEBTS FOR AMOUNTS UP TO TWO DOLLARS IS REMOVED AS FROM OCTOBER 1.

BUT ANY PERSON OWNING ANY OF THESE SILVER COLOURED COINS WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN AN EQUIVALENT SUM OF CURRENT COINS OR NOTES WHEN THEY ARE PRESENTED AT A BANK.

A NEW SMALLER BRASS COLOURED 50-CENT COIN, MADE OF NICKEL-BRASS, WAS INTRODUCED ON AUGUST 15, 1977, AND SINCE THEN THE OLD CUPRO-NICKEL 50-CENT COINS WHICH HAVE BEEN LEGAL TENDER SINCE JULY 6, 1951, HAVE BEEN GRADUALLY WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION.

THE DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TWO COINS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

<u>ALLOY</u>	<u>DIAMETER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>EDGE THICKNESS</u>	<u>SHAPE</u>	<u>TYPE OF EDGE</u>
	(MM)	(GRAMS)	(MM)		
CUPRO-NICKEL	23.60	5.832	1.80	ROUND	MILLED
NICKEL-BRASS	22.50	4.92	1.72	ROUND	MILLED

/AS AT MARCH

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AS AT MARCH 31, 1979, 226 MILLION 50-CENT COINS WERE IN CIRCULATION, AND OF THIS NUMBER 82 MILLION WERE THOSE TO BE DEMONETISED.

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN DUE COURSE TO DEMONETISE THE OLD ONE DOLLAR COIN WHICH WAS REPLACED BY A NEW SMALLER COIN IN AUGUST, 1978.

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POOR VISIBILITY WARNINGS IN HK WATERS
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VESSEL MASTERS HAVE BEEN URGED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO EXERCISE EXTREME CARE WHEN NAVIGATING IN FOGGY OR MISTY CONDITIONS SO AS TO AVOID COLLISIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) POINTED OUT THAT WHEN RADAR IS USED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF PLOTTING FACILITIES, + THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE EQUIPMENT IS RATHER SCANTY AND SHOULD BE CONSTRUED ACCORDINGLY. +

HE ADDED THAT WHEN VISIBILITY IN ANY PART OF VICTORIA HARBOUR OR THE APPROACHES TO HONG KONG IS RESTRICTED BY FOG OR MIST TO LESS THAN TWO MILES, WARNING REPORTS WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE VISIBILITY REPORT WILL COVER WAGLAN, TATHONG CHANNEL, KOWLOON BAY, VICTORIA HARBOUR, EAST LAMMA CHANNEL AND THE WESTERN ANCHORAGE.

VISIBILITY WILL BE REPORTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

<u>VISIBILITY</u>	<u>REPORTED AS</u>
LESS THAN ONE CABLE	THICK FOG
BETWEEN 1 CABLE AND 1 MILE	VISIBILITY IN CABLES
BETWEEN 1 MILE AND 2 MILES	VISIBILITY IN MILES AND DECIMALS OF A MILE
BETWEEN 2 MILES AND 5 MILES	MODERATE VISIBILITY
OVER 5 MILES	GOOD VISIBILITY

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BROADCAST THE WARNINGS ON V.H.F. CHANNEL -- 15 MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR -- UNTIL SUCH TIME AS VISIBILITY IN ALL AREAS HAS IMPROVED TO MORE THAN TWO MILES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MASTERS THAT THEY SHOULD STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA, 1972.

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STREET CLOSURES FOR MTR TSUEN WAN DEPOT

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TSUEN WAN DEPOT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1982.

A NUMBER OF STREETS IN SAI LAU KOK, TSUEN WAN, WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY FROM MAY 28 TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS WITHIN THE GAZETTED AREAS.

PLANS SHOWING THE AFFECTED AREAS MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE FU WAH CENTRE, 310 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN- CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL- AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY (FRIDAY) STIPULATED THAT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CLAIMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE STREET OR FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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CAS DUTIES CALL FOR RESOURCEFULNESS, COURAGE

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CIVIL AID SERVICES MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE SOUND JUDGMENT, RESOURCEFULNESS AND COURAGE AS THEY OFTEN FACE CHALLENGES ARISING FROM DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES, SAID MR. HO TSE-KIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CAS THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING HIS LAST PASSING-OUT PARADE BEFORE RETIRING IN JUNE, HE SAID CAS MEMBERS PERFORM A WIDE RANGE OF DUTIES -- THEY ARE MOBILISED NOT ONLY DURING DISASTERS BUT ALSO IN QUIET DAYS TO ASSIST OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS IN RUNNING ALL KINDS OF ACTIVITIES.

HE PRAISED THE 150 RECRUITS ON THE PARADE FOR SACRIFICING SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME TO SERVE SOCIETY.

HE ALSO CONGRATULATED THREE RECRUITS ON RECEIVING SPECIAL CERTIFICATES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES AND SEVEN OTHER MEMBERS ON BEING AWARDED THE CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

THE RECRUITS HAVE COMPLETED BASIC COURSES IN FOOTDRILL, FIRST AID AND CIVIL DEFENCE, AND WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES WITH EASE AND LIVE UP TO THE EXPECTATION OF THE PUBLIC, HE SAID.

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SHA TIN-TAI PO TRUNK ROAD

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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD A DUAL THREE-LANE TRUNK ROAD TO LINK SHA TIN AND TAI PO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE NEW ROAD IS BEING PLANNED TO COPE WITH THE PRESENT TRAFFIC FLOW, AS WELL AS THAT EXPECTED TO BE GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO AREAS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PART OF THE ROAD WOULD BE CONSTRUCTED ON A MARINE EMBANKMENT.

THE MARINE SILT DREDGED FROM THE SEA BED, HE SAID, WOULD BE DISPOSED OF AT TWO AREAS OF SEA BED TOTALLING 378 HECTARES DESIGNATED AS DUMPING GROUNDS.

THE FIRST AREA IS LOCATED IN TOLO CHANNEL, NORTH OF FLAT ISLAND. THE OTHER IS IN MIRS BAY, EAST OF CHANNEL ROCK.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE TOLO CHANNEL DUMPING GROUND WOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES.

+DUMPING IN THIS AREA WILL BE STOPPED IF MARINE LIFE IS FOUND TO BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED,+ HE SAID. +DUMPING OPERATIONS WOULD THEN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SECOND DUMPING GROUND.+

HOWEVER, HE SAID THE MIRS BAY DUMPING GROUND WOULD ONLY BE USED IN THE EVENT OF DUMPING IN TOLO CHANNEL BEING STOPPED.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

OBJECTIONS, OR CLAIMS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH THE RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT:

- * THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.
- * CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.
- * DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES.

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MORE LAND TO BE RECLAIMED IN TAI PO
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM ABOUT 107 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED AT TOLO HARBOUR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT IN TAI PO.

THE RECLAMATION WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL, GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL, COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL USES, INCLUDING A SPORTS COMPLEX.

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OBJECTIONS OR CLAIMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION.

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 SEA BED CAN 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 AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE TAI PO, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES.

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TENDERS FOR SCHOOL PROJECT
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD ANOTHER SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT AT THE JAT MIN CHUEN HOUSING ESTATE OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL ARE BEING INVITED TODAY (FRIDAY).

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHOOL SITE WOULD COVER ABOUT 5,145 SQUARE METRES, AND THE DESIGN WOULD INCORPORATE:

- * A MAIN TEACHING BLOCK, COMPRISING 24 CLASSROOMS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND CHANGING ROOMS.
- * AN ASSEMBLY HALL WITH A COVERED PLAY AREA ON THE GROUND FLOOR.
- * A BLOCK OF SPECIAL ROOMS, PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS, A LIBRARY AND WORKSHOPS.
- * SEPARATE ANCILLARY BUILDINGS AND MENIAL STAFF QUARTERS.

+THIS PROJECT IS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. WE HOPE WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND THAT IT WILL BE FINISHED AROUND SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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39 PWD CONTRACTS AWARDED IN MARCH

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED 39 CONTRACTS WORTH MORE THAN \$289 MILLION LAST (MARCH) MONTH.

EIGHTEEN WERE AWARDED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND 21 ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE P.W.D. TENDER BOARD.

THE BIGGEST CONTRACT WAS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DENTAL TEACHING HOSPITAL IN SAI YING PUN.

IT FORMS PART OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE \$140 MILLION PROJECT. WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE, CONSISTING OF A \$22 MILLION CONTRACT FOR FOUNDATION WORK, IS NEARING COMPLETION.

THE HOSPITAL, WHEN COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, WILL BE 11 STOREYS HIGH.

OTHER MAJOR CONTRACTS AWARDED IN MARCH INCLUDED THE LAYING OF PIPELINES AND CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS TO TRANSPORT ADDITIONAL WATER FROM CHINA AND THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES FOR THE AIRPORT TUNNEL AND ITS WESTERN APPROACHES.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY DIRECTOR TO ATTEND METEOROLOGICAL MEETINGS

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THE DIRECTOR OF ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR. GORDON BELL LEAVES FOR GENEVA TODAY (FRIDAY) TO ATTEND THE EIGHTH CONGRESS OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATION.

MR. BELL IS REPRESENTING HONG KONG IN THE CONGRESS HELD EVERY FOUR YEARS FOR HEADS OF METEOROLOGICAL ORGANISATIONS TO DISCUSS PLANS TO IMPROVE WEATHER FORECAST AND NATURAL DISASTER PREVENTION.

THE LAST MEETING WAS HELD IN 1975.

AFTER THE MEETING, MR. BELL WILL PROCEED TO LONDON WHERE HE WILL ATTEND A CONFERENCE FOR COMMONWEALTH METEOROLOGISTS.

HE WILL RETURN ON JUNE 11. DURING HIS ABSENCE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR. JOHN PEACOCK, WILL ACT AS DIRECTOR.

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VOCAL-GUITAR DUO TO GIVE DEMONSTRATION CONCERT

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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL PRESENT THE RENOWNED DUO MAJERON-BALESTRA IN A DEMONSTRATION CONCERT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ITALIAN CONSULATE ON MONDAY.

/THE CONCERT

THE CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, FROM 6 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

ELISABETTA MAJERON IS A WELL-KNOWN SINGER IN ITALY, AND GIULIANO DALESTRA IS ONE OF ITALY'S LEADING GUITARISTS. HE IS ALSO THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE +FERNANDO SOR+ INTERNATIONAL GUITAR COMPETITION.

THE DUO HAS PERFORMED EXTENSIVELY IN EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST, AND WAS IN HONG KONG LAST YEAR TO GIVE THE PREMIERE OF +THE DIVAN OF MOSES-IBU-EZRA+ BY TEDESCO.

THE DEMONSTRATION CONCERT WILL BE THEIR ONLY APPEARANCE IN HONG KONG THIS TIME. THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE WORKS BY SOR, GIULIANI, VILLA LOBOS AND TEDESCO.

ADMISSION TO THE CONCERT IS FREE, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 12 DAYS NEXT (MAY) MONTH.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE FIRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR MAY IS :

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MAY 1 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MAY 2 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MAY 3 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MAY 4 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MAY 7 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MAY 8 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MAY 9 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MAY 10 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MAY 11 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
MAY 21 (MONDAY)	1 P.M. - 4.30 P.M.
MAY 24 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
MAY 29 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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