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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO OPEN ISLAND CORRIDOR
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, WILL OPEN THE FIRST SECTION OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 3 PM. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

A COACH WILL TAKE THE PRESS TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR. IT WILL LEAVE MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 1.45 PM. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MEET AT THE LIFT LOBBY OF MURRAY BUILDING BY 1.35 PM. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WANTING TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR SHOULD ASSEMBLE ON THE TONG SHUI ROAD SLIP ROAD NOT LATER THAN 2.30 PM. THOSE ARRIVING BY VEHICLE SHOULD PARK ON THE TONG SHUI ROAD SLIP ROAD, WITH THE GUIDANCE OF GIS OFFICERS, NOT LATER THAN 2.30 PM.

A MAP SHOWING WHERE TO ASSEMBLE AND WHERE TO PARK WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION TODAY. AS ACCESS TO THE CORRIDOR WILL BE CONTROLLED FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY, PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE URGED TO USE THE ABOVE TWO FACILITIES, AT WHICH GIS STAFF WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

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SCHEMES TO DEAL WITH CORRIDOR TRAFFIC RUSH
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TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEMES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT BOTH ENDS OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS OPENING ON JUNE 8 TO EASE EXPECTED TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR TSOH MING, IN A TALK TO MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST.

MR TSOH SAID THAT THE CORRIDOR WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE OVERALL TRAFFIC SITUATION, AND SHORTEN JOURNEY TIMES FOR ALL MODES OF TRANSPORT. IT WOULD ALSO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE KING'S ROAD/JAVA ROAD AREA BY DIVERTING ALL THE THROUGH TRAFFIC ONTO THE CORRIDOR.

GIVING AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID IT WOULD TAKE LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES TO TRAVEL FROM TAI KOO SHING TO VICTORIA PARK ROAD AT NORMAL SPEED.

MR TSOH SAID THAT THE GENERAL CONCERN EXPRESSED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE CORRIDOR ON THE TRAFFIC SITUATION AT BOTH ENDS, PARTICULARLY NEAR THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, WAS +UNDERSTANDABLE+.

+HOWEVER THE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND REMEDIAL MEASURES HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING TAKEN TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

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AT THE WESTERN END, GLOUCESTER ROAD DOWNSTREAM OF THE CORRIDOR WOULD BE REDUCED TO TWO LANE TRAFFIC BECAUSE ROADWORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER WAS BEING CARRIED OUT.

BUT THIS BOTTLENECK WOULD BE REMOVED AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WORK, WHEN THE CORRIDOR IS OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

MR TSOH SAID THAT PLANS WERE IN HAND TO WIDEN THE CARRIAGEWAY OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD FROM THREE TO FOUR LANES.

FURTHER DOWNSTREAM, IN GLOUCESTER ROAD, THE PROBLEM WAS CAUSED BY THE TAILING BACK OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL QUEUE. HOWEVER, THIS COULD BE OVERCOME BY EXTENDING THE EXISTING SCHEME TO DISALLOW VEHICLES FROM USING THE EXIT IN GLOUCESTER ROAD OUTSIDE WORLD TRADE CENTRE TO COVER A LONGER PERIOD, FROM 8 AM TO 7 PM.

THE SCHEME HAD PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY OF GLOUCESTER ROAD TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, HE SAID.

MR TSOH SAID THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WAS CLOSELY MONITORING THE EFFECT OF THE TAX RECENTLY IMPOSED ON THE USE OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WHICH TENDED TO REDUCE THE TUNNEL QUEUE FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

AT THE EASTERN END OF THE CORRIDOR, TRAFFIC IN SAI WAN HO WOULD LIKELY BECOME HEAVIER UNTIL THE CORRIDOR WAS EXTENDED FURTHER TO SHAU KEI WAN IN 1985, MR TSOH SAID.

TO IMPROVE THE ROAD CAPACITY FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, A SECTION OF THE TRAM TRACK HAD ALREADY BEEN MOVED TO THE NORTH, SO AS TO GIVE AN ADDITIONAL LANE FOR THE CENTRAL-BOUND TRAFFIC.

THE LAYOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WITH TAI KOO SHING ROAD WAS BEING MODIFIED TO ALLOW A BETTER MOVEMENT OF CENTRAL-BOUND TRAFFIC WISHING TO ENTER THE CORRIDOR VIA TAI KOO SHING.

TRAFFIC FLOW IS EXPECTED TO BECOME SMOOTHER WHEN A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AT THIS JUNCTION IS COMPLETED WITHIN A MONTH'S TIME.

TO REDUCE THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF THE THROUGH TRAFFIC ON THE TAI KOO SHING ESTATE, A NEW TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI KOO SHING.

UNDER THE SCHEME, A ONE-WAY GYRATORY TRAFFIC SYSTEM WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE TAI KOO SHING AREA.

AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS WITH PEDESTRIAN PHASES WOULD BE INSTALLED AT TWO JUNCTIONS IN THE ESTATE. ALL THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE AREA WOULD BE PUT UNDER CENTRAL COMPUTER CONTROL TO REGULATE THE FLOW OF CORRIDOR TRAFFIC THROUGH TAI KOO SHING TO MANAGEABLE LEVELS, HE SAID.

CORRIDOR BUS SERVICES START FRIDAY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT FIVE BUS ROUTES ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL START OPERATING ON FRIDAY AT 4 PM.

THE FIVE ROUTES AND THE FARES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- NO. 720 SHAU KEI WAN - CENTRAL (QUEEN VICTORIA STREET)
- FARES: SHAU KEI WAN TO CENTRAL -- \$2.00
FLEMING ROAD TO CENTRAL -- \$1.00
TAIKOO SHING TO SHAU KEI WAN -- \$0.80
- NO. 721 TAIKOO SHING - CENTRAL (JACKSON ROAD)
- FARES: TAIKOO SHING TO CENTRAL -- \$2.00
FLEMING ROAD TO CENTRAL -- \$1.00
- NO. 722 QUARRY BAY - ADMIRALTY (EAST)
- FARES: QUARRY BAY TO ADMIRALTY (EAST) -- \$2.00
FLEMING ROAD TO CENTRAL -- \$1.00
HEALTHY STREET TO QUARRY BAY -- \$0.80
- NO. 780 CHAI WAN (SAN HA STREET) - CENTRAL (WING WO STREET)
- FARES: CHAI WAN (SAN HA STREET) TO CENTRAL -- \$2.50
SHAU KEI WAN (ALDRICH STREET) TO CENTRAL -- \$2.00
FLEMING ROAD TO CENTRAL -- \$1.00
TAIKOO SHING TO CHAI WAN (SAN HA STREET) -- \$0.80
- NO. 781 CHAI WAN (HING WAH) - CENTRAL MTR STATION (DOUGLAS STREET)
- FARES: HING WAH TO CENTRAL MTR STATION -- \$2.50
SHAU KEI WAN (ALDRICH STREET) TO
CENTRAL MTR STATION -- \$2.00
FLEMING ROAD TO CENTRAL MTR STATION -- \$1.00
TAIKOO SHING TO HING WAH -- \$0.80

THE ROUTES WILL ONLY OPERATE DURING THE MORNING AND EVENING PEAK HOURS -- FROM 6 AM TO 9.30 AM AND 4 PM TO 7.15 PM -- AT A FREQUENCY RANGING FROM 6 TO 20 MINUTES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ALL EXISTING +M+ ROUTES, INCLUDING NO. 20M, NO. 22M, NO. 81M AND THE OTHER SERVICES, NO. 20 AND NO. 80 RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE NEW ROUTES BETWEEN THE EASTERN DISTRICT AND THE CENTRAL AREA, WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE VIA KING'S ROAD AT THE USUAL FARE SCALE.

+MOREOVER, THE EXISTING BUS ROUTES, NO. 2, NO. 8, NO. 21, NO. 22, NO. 81 AND NO. 81A WILL ALSO BE RUNNING WITHOUT ANY CHANGE IN FREQUENCIES AND BUSES EMPLOYED,+ HE SAID.

BUS FARES EXPLAINED

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COMMENTING ON THE INTRODUCTION OF EXPRESS BUS ROUTES ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE FARES HAVE BEEN SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROAD TRAFFIC POLICY AND CONDITIONS AND NOT WITH REGARD TO THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE MTR.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IN DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF FARES, THE FOLLOWING POINTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT :-

- (A) THE HIGHER STANDARD OF SERVICE AND THE SHORTER JOURNEY TIMES;
- (B) FOR IEC ROUTES THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF STOPS AND ONCE THE BUSES ARE ON THE CORRIDOR, THEY CANNOT PICK UP FURTHER PASSENGERS;
- (C) THEY ARE PEAK-HOUR SERVICES ONLY; AND
- (D) THEY ARE ADDITIONAL TO EXISTING ROUTES.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE EXISTING BUS SERVICES ON KING'S ROAD WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. THERE IS NO INTENTION TO RAISE THE FARE LEVELS OF THESE SERVICES, EITHER NOW OR LATER, TO THE LEVELS NOW DETERMINED FOR THE NEW IEC ROUTES. THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE EXISTING BUS SERVICES, AND IN ADDITION THE CHOICE OF USING THE IEC ROUTES. THE ANXIETY EXPRESSED BY SOME CRITICS THAT THE NEW IEC ROUTE FARES WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE COST OF LIVING IS THEREFORE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE KING'S ROAD SERVICES ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE WITH QUICKER TRAVEL TIMES BY THE REDUCTION OF CONGESTION WHEN THE CORRIDOR OPENS.

ON THE CRITICISM BY EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS THAT BUSES USING THE TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL CHARGE LOWER FARES THAN THOSE USING THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUCH ROUTES ARE NOT DIRECTLY COMPARABLE WITH THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR ROUTES. THE IEC ROUTES WILL OFFER SUPPLEMENTARY PEAK HOUR SERVICES ADDITIONAL TO THE EXISTING KING'S ROAD SERVICES. THIS IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE ADDITIONAL COST TO CMB SINCE THERE WILL LIKELY BE LITTLE ADDITIONAL OVERALL BUS PATRONAGE. THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND TUEN MUN HIGHWAY ROUTES ARE MAIN ARTERIAL ROUTES OPERATING NORMAL SCHEDULED HOURS AND SERVICES. SINCE THE IEC ROUTES ARE ALTERNATIVES WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN UPGRADED, FASTER SERVICE THAN THE EXISTING KING'S ROAD ROUTES, IT IS CONSIDERED REASONABLE THAT THE IEC FARES SHOULD BE SET AT A HIGHER LEVEL, NOT ONLY TO REFLECT THE ENHANCED NATURE OF THE IEC SERVICES, BUT ALSO WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING A REASONABLE BALANCE OF SERVICES BETWEEN THE IEC AND THE KING'S ROAD.

ON CONSULTATION WITH THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WAS CONSULTED ON MAY 24 ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF POSSIBLE IEC BUS SERVICES, THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE HAVE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THE MATTER IN MARCH. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO CONSULT THE DISTRICT BOARD ON FARES AT THAT STAGE SINCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WERE STILL UNDER WAY. SINCE AGREEMENT WAS ONLY SUBSEQUENTLY REACHED WITH THE COMPANY ON THE FIVE ROUTES AND RELATED FARES FOR BUSES OPERATING VIA THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO FURTHER CONSULT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD ON THIS MATTER IN VIEW OF THE IMMINENT OPENING OF THE IEC AND THE NEED TO AVOID DEPRIVING THE PUBLIC OF BUS SERVICES ON THIS CORRIDOR. THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT INFORMED THE DISTRICT OFFICER, EASTERN ON MAY 29, 1984, AS SOON AS AGREEMENT WAS REACHED, AND HE PROMPTLY INFORMED THE DISTRICT'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE AND WRITTEN INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE FIVE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR BUS ROUTES ARE TEMPORARY AND WILL BE REVIEWED NOT ONLY IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR PATRONAGE BUT ALSO IN THE LIGHT OF THE OVERALL PATTERN OF PATRONAGE OF OTHER TRANSPORT MODES.

NOTE :

THE FOLLOWING IS THE REPLY BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT TO A LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIM BY THE PEOPLE'S COALITION FOR THE MONITORING OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND THE COMMITTEE OF CONCERN ON PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD IN CHAI WAN ON THE IEC BUS FARES:

+DEAR SIR,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF THE 2ND JUNE ABOUT THE FARES OF THE FIVE TEMPORARY BUS SERVICES ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

THE ANXIETY YOU EXPRESS THAT HIGH BUS FARES ARE BEING IMPOSED IN ORDER TO WEAKEN THE COMPETITIVENESS OF BUS SERVICES IS BASED ON A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITION. THE FARES SET ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FOR THE FIVE SERVICES TO OPERATE VIA THE IEC, TWO BETWEEN CENTRAL AND SHAU KEI WAN, ONE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND TAI KOO SHING AND TWO BETWEEN CENTRAL AND CHAI WAN, HAVE BEEN SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROAD TRAFFIC POLICY AND CONDITIONS,

AND NOT WITH REGARD TO THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE MTR.

FURTHER, THE EXISTING BUS SERVICES ON THE KING'S ROAD WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AND THERE IS NO INTENTION TO RASIE THE FARE LEVELS OF THOSE SERVICES, EITHER NOW OR LATER, TO THE LEVELS NOW DETERMINED FOR THE NEW IEC ROUTES. THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE EXISTING BUS SERVICES, AND IN ADDITION THE CHOICE OF USING THE IEC ROUTES. YOUR ANXIETY THAT THE NEW IEC ROUTE FARES WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON THE COST OF LIVING IS THEREFORE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

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IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT OF THE TRAFFIC ON THE KING'S ROAD AT PRESENT, ABOUT 10 PER CENT ARE BUSES, AT PEAK HOURS. THEREFORE, THE TRAFFIC WHICH WILL TRANSFER TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR FROM THE KING'S ROAD WILL BE ALMOST TOTALLY VEHICLES OTHER THAN BUSES, AND THE EFFECT WILL BE TO IMPROVE THE MOVEMENT OF THE TRAFFIC REMAINING ON THE KING'S ROAD.

THE ACTUAL FARE LEVELS FOR THESE FIVE TEMPORARY IEC ROUTES WILL BE REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR PATRONAGE (WHICH IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT IN THIS CASE) AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE OVERALL PATTERNS OF PATRONAGE OF OTHER TRANSPORT MODES. IF CHANGES TO ROUTES OR THE FARE LEVELS THEN SEEM TO BE NECESSARY, THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE CONSULTED.

THE FARES FOR THE NEW TEMPORARY ROUTES ON THE IEC REFLECT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- (A) THE HIGHER STANDARD OF SERVICE AND THE QUICKER JOURNEY TIMES;
- (B) FOR IEC ROUTES THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF STOPS AND ONCE THE BUSES ARE ON THE CORRIDOR, THEY CANNOT PICK UP FURTHER PASSENGERS;
- (C) THEY ARE PEAK-HOUR SERVICES ONLY;
- (D) THEY ARE ADDITIONAL TO EXISTING ROUTES. THE KING'S

ROAD ROUTE FARES WILL NOT BE INCREASED. THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC WILL HAVE A CHOICE OF SERVICES AND AS I POINTED OUT ABOVE THE KING'S ROAD SERVICES ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE WITH QUICKER TRAVEL TIMES BY THE REDUCTION OF CONGESTION WHEN THE CORRIDOR OPENS.

I WOULD ALSO COMMENT ON YOUR SUGGESTION THAT AS A RESULT OF THE IEC FARES BEING SET LOWER (AS YOU REQUEST), ANY DECREASE IN REVENUE SHOULD BE MET FROM CMB'S DEVELOPMENT FUND. YOU SEEM TO HAVE OVERLOOKED THE FACT THAT THE CONTENTS OF THAT FUND DERIVE FROM THE REVENUE OF THE COMPANY, IN OTHER WORDS, FARES PAID BY PASSENGERS. SO YOU SEEM TO BE SUGGESTING THAT PASSENGERS ON OTHER ORDINARY BUS ROUTES SHOULD SUBSIDISE THOSE TRAVELLING ON EXPRESS ROUTES.

I HAVE MADE AVAILABLE COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND TO THE MEDIA, TO ENABLE FULLER PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING.+

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\$21-M COMPUTER PROJECT FOR LAND OFFICE
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WORK HAS BEGUN ON A \$21-MILLION PROJECT TO COMPUTERISE THE LAND RECORDS OF THE LAND OFFICE OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON, SAID TODAY.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE PROJECT WILL MEAN CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS IN BOTH WORK TIME AND ANNUAL STAFF AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS, HE SAID.

THE COST WILL INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, AT \$8.5 MILLION AND COMPUTER SITE PREPARATION, AT \$1.4 MILLION.

WORK ON THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE DEVISING OF A WORK SCHEDULE, THE PREPARATION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, THE DESIGNING OF WORK PROCEDURES, THE DRAWING UP OF COMPUTER SITE PLANS, THE COMPILATION OF WORK MANUALS AND THE DRAFTING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND REGISTRATION REGULATIONS.

A PART OF THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE TECHNICAL CONVERSION OF INFORMATION ON SOME 1.2 MILLION LAND OFFICE REGISTER CARDS INTO COMPUTER DATA.

THE TECHNICAL CONVERSION, WHICH WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE AND REQUIRE A TEAM OF 66 STAFF, IS EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY 1986.

BY THAT TIME THE WHOLE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING THE LAND OFFICE, WILL HAVE MOVED TO NEW AND IMPROVED GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION IN QUEENSWAY, NEXT TO THE NEW SUPREME COURT BUILDING.

COMPUTERISATION OF LAND OFFICE REGISTER CARDS WILL ENABLE THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE, BY REDUCING THE TIME REQUIRED FOR MAKING A LAND SEARCH FROM ABOUT 20 MINUTES TO ABOUT FIVE MINUTES, BY SIMPLIFYING SEARCH PROCEDURES AND BY REDUCING THE TIME FOR REGISTRATION OF A DEED FROM TWO WEEKS TO ABOUT TWO DAYS.

THE COMPUTERISATION WOULD ALSO RESULT IN SAVINGS OF ABOUT \$6 MILLION IN STAFF COST PER ANNUM AND ABOUT \$1.3 MILLION IN ACCOMMODATION COST PER ANNUM, MR GLEESON SAID.

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HK SEEN AS BEST PLACE FOR MANUFACTURING
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THE DECISION BY A HONG KONG-BASED INTERNATIONAL COMPANY TO OPEN A NEW BRANCH FACTORY IN TAI PO SHOWS THAT HONG KONG IS RECOGNISED AS THE BEST PLACE IN WHICH TO LOCATE A MANUFACTURING FACILITY.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR JOHN YAXLEY, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE BRANCH FACTORY OF LAWS FASHION KNITTERS LTD IN TAI PO.

THE COMPANY, WHICH BEGAN OPERATIONS IN 1975, HAS IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS ESTABLISHED NEW PLANTS AND SUBSIDIARY FACTORIES IN CHINA, SRI LANKA, TAIWAN AND MACAU.

+SINCE THE COMPANY IS ALREADY ESTABLISHED OVERSEAS, ITS DECISION TO OPEN ITS NEWEST BRANCH FACTORY IN HONG KONG ASSUMES GREATER SIGNIFICANCE. THIS SHOWS A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR HONG KONG AS A BASE FOR EXPANSION IN THE LIGHT OF ITS MANUFACTURING EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE IN THE REGION, AND IN THE FACE OF SOME ALARMIST TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

+THIS IS NOT MERELY A SENTIMENTAL ATTACHMENT TO HONG KONG. IT IS A STRICTLY COMMERCIAL DECISION WHICH RECOGNISES THAT THIS IS SIMPLY THE BEST PLACE, TAKING ALL THE FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION, TO LOCATE A MANUFACTURING FACILITY,+ MR YAXLEY SAID.

THE 3 717-SQUARE-METRE NEW PLANT IN TAI PO, MAKING SWEATERS AND KNITTED SHIRTS, IS THE FOURTH FACTORY OF LAWS FASHION IN HONG KONG. IT WILL EMPLOY SOME 600 WORKERS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, INCREASING THE COMPANY'S TOTAL LOCAL WORKFORCE TO ABOUT 2 000.

+I AM PLEASED TO ALSO NOTE THAT THE TAI PO FACTORY FORMS ONLY PART OF THE COMPANY'S PLANS FOR EXPANSION LOCALLY, AND WE MAY EXPECT TO HEAR OF MORE PRODUCTION SPACE BEING ACQUIRED IN THE NEAR FUTURE,+ MR YAXLEY REMARKED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LAWS FASHION, MR T.P. LAW.

HE SAID THAT THE DECISION TO EXPAND PRODUCTION FACILITIES WAS NEVER AN EASY ONE, BUT THE REASONS FOR CHOOSING HONG KONG FOR THE EXPANSION WERE SIMPLE.

+FIRSTLY, WE BELIEVE THAT FROM HERE WE CAN PROVIDE OUR CUSTOMERS WITH A BETTER PRODUCT AND BETTER SERVICE.

+SECONDLY, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A PROGRAMME OF EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION DESIGNED TO PUT OUR COMPANY IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE KNITTING AND GARMENT INDUSTRY, AND WHERE BETTER TO DO THAT THAN IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST CENTRE OF KNITWEAR AND APPAREL.

+THIRDLY AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY, JUST AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE HAVE PUT OUR FACTORY HERE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE HONG KONG REMAINS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, THE ONE PLACE WHERE ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEUR - WHETHER HE BE TRADER, FINANCIER OR MANUFACTURER - CAN BE FULLY MET,+ MR LAW STRESSED.

+WE SPEAK WITH SOME EXPERIENCE BECAUSE THE LAWS GROUP EMPLOYS NEARLY 8 000 PEOPLE WORLD-WIDE WITH FACTORIES IN CHINA AND SRI LANKA BESIDES HONG KONG, AND SALES OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES.

+BUT OUR PRINCIPAL FACTORIES ARE HERE, OUR INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS HERE, WE PLAN NO MOVES TO BERMUDA, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO PROSPER,+ MR LAW SAID.

OVER 32 000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN TRANSPORT SECTOR

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THERE WERE 32 756 ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES IN HONG KONG FOR THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1982, A DECREASE OF ONE PER CENT OVER 1981, ACCORDING TO SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BUT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED ROSE BY ABOUT ONE PER CENT TO 124 960.

IN 1982, TOTAL BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE ESTIMATED AT \$36 000 MILLION, UP 15 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THEY SPENT \$5 054 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES (AN INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT), AND \$27 324 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES (AN INCREASE OF 17 PER CENT).

THEIR GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS (BEING ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS LESS PROCEEDS FROM SALES OF FIXED ASSETS) WERE \$5 603 MILLION (AN INCREASE OF 12 PER CENT).

VALUE ADDED GENERATED BY THE ENTIRE TRANSPORT SECTOR IN 1982 WAS \$9 616 MILLION, UP 10 PER CENT OVER 1981.

THE MORE IMPORTANT MAJOR TRANSPORT GROUPS, RANKED ACCORDING TO THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO VALUE ADDED, WERE : +LAND PASSENGER TRANSPORT+ (\$2 819 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL), +OCEAN AND COASTAL WATER TRANSPORT+ (\$1 785 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT), +AIR TRANSPORT+ AND +LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT+ (\$1 330 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT EACH).

THE LARGEST INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED WAS RECORDED IN +SUPPORTING SERVICES TO WATER TRANSPORT+. THE INCREASE, AT NINE PER CENT, WAS FOLLOWED BY +LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT+ AT SEVEN PER CENT AND +AIR TRANSPORT+ AT FIVE PER CENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECLINES WERE REGISTERED IN +OCEAN AND COASTAL WATER TRANSPORT+ (SEVEN PER CENT), +IN LAND WATER TRANSPORT+ (FOUR PER CENT), AND +SUPPORTING SERVICES TO LAND TRANSPORT+ (TWO PER CENT).

DESPITE THE SLUGGISH GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, THE INCREASE IN COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES WAS SUBSTANTIAL, PARTICULARLY FOR +LAND PASSENGER TRANSPORT+ (42 PER CENT), +LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT+ (30 PER CENT), AND +SERVICES INCIDENTAL TO TRANSPORT+ (22 PER CENT).

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IN TERMS OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS, +LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT+ HAD THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GROWTH (28 PER CENT) OVER 1981. THIS MAJOR GROUP ALSO HAD THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN OPERATING EXPENSES (46 PER CENT).

ON GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS, LARGE INCREASES WERE FOUND IN +INLAND WATER TRANSPORT+ (68 PER CENT) AND +LAND PASSENGER TRANSPORT+ (65 PER CENT). AN INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT WAS ALSO REGISTERED IN +LAND FREIGHT TRANSPORT+. ALL OTHER MAJOR GROUPS SHOWED DECLINES WHEN COMPARED TO 1981.

FIELD WORK FOR THE 1982 SURVEY WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN MAY 1983 AND JANUARY 1984.

THE SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR AND UPDATING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

DATA COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY INCLUDED TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME, AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

A TABLE COMPARING THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS BY MAJOR TRANSPORT GROUP BETWEEN 1981 AND 1982 WILL BE ISSUED BY FACSIMILE AND BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A REPORT ON THE 1982 SURVEY, WHICH WILL CONTAIN A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS BY MAJOR TRANSPORT GROUP AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE SURVEY METHODOLOGY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE TRANSPORT AND SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE 3-661045.

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EXPERTS TO CONDUCT JOURNALISM COURSES

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TWO OVERSEAS EXPERTS IN COMMUNICATION WILL BE BROUGHT IN FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) TO CONDUCT COURSES HERE.

THE TWO CANADIAN EXPERTS, PROFESSORS LINDSAY CRYSLER AND GRAEME DECARIE OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, WILL CONDUCT A THREE-WEEK +JOURNALISM WORKSHOP AND SEMINARS+ FROM JULY 23 TO AUGUST 10 AT THE COUNCIL'S OFFICE IN WAN CHAI.

+WE ARE INVITING WORKING JOURNALISTS TO ENROL IN THIS INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRAINING BOARD SAID.

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HE SAID HE FELT IT WOULD BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL JOURNALISTS TO LEARN ABOUT THE LATEST COMMUNICATION THEORY AND TECHNIQUES.

THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES, FEATURE WRITING, MAGAZINE JOURNALISM, PROFESSIONAL ETHICS, INTERPRETATIVE REPORTING, BUSINESS JOURNALISM AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

WITH A \$40 000 SUBSIDY FROM THE COUNCIL, THE BOARD IS ABLE TO OFFER THE FULL COURSE AT \$2 000 A PARTICIPANT.

AND TO PROVIDE FOR JOURNALISTS UNABLE TO TAKE THE FULL COURSE, THE BOARD HAS ARRANGED SEPARATE AFTERNOON SEMINARS AT FEES OF \$100 TO \$300 EACH.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS JULY 3.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MR FRANK NG, SECRETARY FOR THE BOARD DURING OFFICE HOURS AT 5-8932341, EXT. 283.

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MUSEUM ACQUIRES WARTIME PAPERS

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FIFTY ENGLISH AND CHINESE NEWSPAPERS PRINTED DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF HONG KONG HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED BY THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY.

SOME WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LAST WEEKS OF THE OCCUPATION, WHICH ENDED IN AUGUST 1945 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ADMIRAL HARCOURT'S ROYAL NAVY FLEET.

THE NEWSPAPERS ARE: 20 COPIES OF WAH KIU YAT PO DATED FROM SEPTEMBER 30, 1944, TO AUGUST 6, 1945; 10 COPIES OF WAH KIU MAN PO DATED FROM JULY 12 TO AUGUST 10, 1945; AND 20 ISSUES OF THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST DATED FROM NOVEMBER 21, 1941 - ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE JAPANESE ATTACK - TO DECEMBER 12, 1945. ANOTHER INTERESTING OLD NEWSPAPER IN THE COLLECTION IS A COPY OF THE NOW DEFUNCT CHINA MAIL DATED DECEMBER 11, 1924.

ANOTHER ACQUISITION MADE RECENTLY BY THE MUSEUM WAS A COLLECTION OF 523 USED HONG KONG STAMPS KINDLY DONATED BY MR RICHARD CHAN.

OTHER MUSEUM ACTIVITIES RECENTLY INCLUDED A VISIT BY STAFF TO NG HOP GAI, YUEN LONG, WHERE THEY COLLECTED SOME INTERESTING SMALL ETHNOGRAPHICAL OBJECTS.

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ANOTHER PARTY WENT TO TUNG LUNG FORT ON TUNG LUNG ISLAND, SOUTH OF CLEAR WATER BAY, TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE INSTALLATIONS AND OF THE EXCAVATION WORK BEING DONE AT PRESENT. THESE WILL BE USED AS DISPLAY MATERIAL WHEN AN EXHIBITION ON THE OLD CHINESE COASTAL FORT IS STAGED LATER THIS YEAR AT THE MUSEUM OF HISTORY.

THE OLD FORT IS ON THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF TUNG LUNG ISLAND AND IN OLDER TIMES HELD A COMMANDING POSITION OVER FAT TONG MUN, THE STRAIT SEPARATING THE ISLAND FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST POINT OF THE CLEAR WATER BAY PENINSULAR, AND NEARBY JOSS HOUSE BAY.

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HOS FLATS ON SALE
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THE NEWLY-REVISED MONTHLY INCOME LIMIT OF \$7 500 WILL APPLY TO APPLICANTS FOR RETURNED HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS UNDER THE FIFTH RESALE EXERCISE WHICH WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN.

+ON 13 ESTATES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TOWNS, THE FLATS ARE OFFERED TO APPLICANTS FROM BOTH THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND TENANTS OF HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY TODAY.

TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY, HE SAID APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, COPIES OF FAMILY MEMBERS' IDENTITY CARDS, HOUSEHOLD INCOME PROOF AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

+APPLICANTS FROM PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL HAVE TO PRODUCE THEIR TENANCY CARD AS WELL.

+WITH GROSS AREAS RANGING BETWEEN 43.3 AND 65.3 SQUARE METRES, THE FLATS WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

+THEY ARE PRICED FROM \$193 600 TO \$358 700. SOME OF THEM ARE LAND-VALUE-FREE.

+FULL DETAILS OF THE FLATS, TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS AND COPIES OF AN HOS GUIDE, ARE NOW OBTAINABLE DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON TO THE CENTRE FROM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) WHEN ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WOULD BE INVITED TO SELECT THEIR FLATS.

+A NUMBER OF NEW FLATS AT SIU SHAN COURT AND SIU HONG COURT PHASE III IN TUEN MUN ARE ALSO CURRENTLY ON SALE AT THE CENTRE WHERE DETAILS OF THE FLATS ARE OBTAINABLE.

+THEY ARE PRICED FROM \$124 600 TO \$195 000, WITH GROSS AREAS RANGING BETWEEN 43.3 AND 62.2 SQUARE METRES.+

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FOUR SITES FOR RENT
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FOUR SITES ARE BEING OFFERED ON SHORT-TERM TENANCIES BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

THREE ARE AT KWAI CHUNG AND ONE IS AT SHEK O.

THE KWAI CHUNG SITES, MEASURING 933, 576 AND 600 SQUARE METRES AND BEING BOUNDED BY KWAI HEI STREET, WING KIN ROAD AND WING KEI ROAD, ARE FOR SPRAYING, REPAIRING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES.

THE INITIAL TENANCY FOR THESE SITES IS ONE YEAR, RENEWABLE QUARTERLY AFTERWARDS.

THE SHEK O SITE AT HEADLAND ROAD, MEASURING 36 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR USE AS A LOCK-UP SHOP. THE INITIAL TENANCY OF THREE YEARS IS RENEWABLE FOR QUARTERLY PERIODS AFTERWARDS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS JUNE 22.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLANS INSPECTED AT :

- * LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE KWAI CHUNG SITES; AND
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG FOR THE SHEK O SITE.

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAYS
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN AGAIN REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY THAT THE DATES OF THIS YEAR'S QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAYS HAD BEEN CHANGED.

THE CHANGE TO HONG KONG'S LIST OF GENERAL HOLIDAYS HAD BEEN MADE NECESSARY BY THE DECISION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM THAT THIS YEAR'S QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WOULD FALL ON THE THIRD SATURDAY IN JUNE INSTEAD OF, AS NORMALLY, THE SECOND SATURDAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ACTUAL SATURDAY BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WILL THEREFORE FALL ON JUNE 16 AND THE FOLLOWING MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY ON JUNE 18 - RATHER THAN ON JUNE 9 AND JUNE 11.

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DB TO DISCUSS HAWKER POLICY
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CURRENT POLICY FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF HAWKERS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

BOARD MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE ADEQUACY OF THE POLICY TO DEAL WITH THE HAWKER PROBLEMS AND SUGGEST IMPROVEMENTS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR TWO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS -- THE CONVERSION OF A CANTON ROAD SITE INTO AN AMENITY SPOT AND THE LANDSCAPING OF THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE RECONSTITUTED FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE NEWLY RE-ORGANISED MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THEY WILL ALSO COMMENT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, THE WORK PLAN OF ICAC CHAK FUNG OFFICE, AND THE DISTRICT STRATEGY FOR 1984-87.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE 1984 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEES.

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LADY YOUDE VISITS SALVATION ARMY PROJECTS
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LADY YOUDE SPENT THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON LOOKING OVER TWO SALVATION ARMY SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS IN KWAI CHUNG.

SHE FIRST VISITED THE ARMY'S LAI KING HOME, WHICH PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND NURSING SERVICES FOR 126 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

DURING THE VISIT, SHE WAS SHOWN VARIOUS FACILITIES DESIGNED FOR THE HANDICAPPED, INCLUDING FIVE DORMITORIES, A SCHOOL, A TRAINING CENTRE, A PLAYGROUND, A SWIMMING POOL AND A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.

LADY YOUDE LATER WENT TO THE ARMY'S KWAI CHUNG GIRLS' HOME WHICH ACCOMMODATES GIRLS WITH BEHAVIOURAL AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS, REFERRED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

SHE TOURED THE HOME AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE RESIDENTIAL CARE AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROVIDED FOR 40 GIRLS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 12 AND 18.

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HORTICULTURAL CLASS IN SAI KUNG

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TWENTY-FIVE EXPATRIATE RESIDENTS IN SAI KUNG TODAY (WEDNESDAY) ATTENDED THE FIRST SESSION OF A HORTICULTURAL CLASS CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH AT THE SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE FREE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS HELD BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 12 NOON ON FIVE CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAYS UNTIL JULY 4.

THE COURSE IS BEING OFFERED IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM EXPATRIATE RESIDENTS WHO HAD LEARNED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD HELD SIMILAR COURSES IN CANTONESE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CLASS, THE STAFF OFFICER (GARDEN) OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR FARLEY MA, SAID HORTICULTURE COULD HELP DEVELOP PATIENCE AND CREATIVITY.

THE COURSE, WHICH COMBINES THEORIES WITH PRACTICE, IS BEING CONDUCTED BY HORTICULTURAL EXPERTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE, A FIELD TRIP TO THE TUI MIN HOI TRANSIT NURSERY WILL BE ARRANGED.

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VOLLEYBALL REFEREE COURSE

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A FOUR-DAY TRAINING COURSE ON HOW TO REFEREE VOLLEYBALL GAMES WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 23.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION LI FOOK LAM INDOOR GAMES HALL.

IT WILL BE LIMITED TO 40 STUDENTS WHO MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, AND WILL COST \$20 A PERSON.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING TEL: 5-458511.

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STREET TO BE RESUMED FOR REPAIR

ANOTHER STREET IS TO BE RESUMED UNDER THE PILOT SCHEME TO REPAIR DILAPIDATED STREETS IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

SHIM LUEN STREET IN MA TAU KOK IS ONE OF SEVEN STREETS INVOLVED IN THE SCHEME, AND A RESUMPTION NOTICE OF THIS HAS APPEARED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE SITE.

THE STREET WILL REVERT TO THE CROWN TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH SO THAT HIGHWAYS OFFICE CAN CARRY OUT THE REPAIR WORK.

ANYONE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE SHOULD SUBMIT A CLAIM IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

A PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND
- * KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

LAST MONTH, THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS RESUMING COMFORT TERRACE, YUET YUEN STREET AND SAM PAN STREET, ALL ON HONG KONG ISLAND, UNDER THE PILOT SCHEME.

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TRAFFIC SCHEME HOURS EXTENDED

FROM 8 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 8), THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME AT VICTORIA PARK ROAD WESTBOUND NEAR THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ENTRANCE WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER THE PERIOD FROM 8 AM TO 7 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE SCHEME INVOLVES CLOSURE OF THE VEHICULAR EXIT LEADING FROM INNER GLOUCESTER WESTBOUND TO VICTORIA PARK ROAD OUTSIDE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, AND THE PROVISION OF A NEW EXIT ABOUT 80 METRES WEST OF THE EXISTING ONE.

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DURING THE CLOSURE OF THE EXIT, VEHICLES ON INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND OUTSIDE WORLD TRADE CENTRE HEADING FOR THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA STEWART ROAD SOUTHBOUND, LOCKHART ROAD EASTBOUND, MARSH ROAD FLYOVER, HUNG HING ROAD WESTBOUND, TONNOCHY ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND.

AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL BE PERCIVAL STREET SOUTHBOUND, LEIGHTON ROAD WESTBOUND, WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND CANAL ROAD FLYOVER NORTHBOUND.

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WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM TO BE IMPROVED
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ABOUT 3 100 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS ARE TO BE LAID ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, WONG TAI SIN ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD AND YUK WAH STREET, EAST KOWLOON.

WORK WILL START IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF A SCHEME TO BOOST THE CAPACITY OF THE FRESH WATER TRUNK FEED SYSTEM IN EAST KOWLOON TO COPE WITH DEMAND.

THE SYSTEM IS AT PRESENT FED FROM THE LION ROCK HIGHER LEVEL FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR, AND WILL LATER BE CONNECTED TO THE PAK KONG PUMPING STATION NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JUNE 22.

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RESTRICTED ZONES
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FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 8), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY :-

- * THE SECTION OF PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES TO THE NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.
- * THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 7 METRES TO THE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PORTLAND STREET.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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SHA TIN ROAD CLOSURE

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THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD AT JUNCTION J 7 CONNECTING TAI PO ROAD AND YUEN WO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (JUNE 8 AND 9) TO ENABLE CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

DRIVERS HEADING FOR YUEN WO ROAD FROM TAI PO ROAD ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI PO ROAD AND SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD.

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