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AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE OPENS
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SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, TODAY (FRIDAY) OPENED THE \$60 MILLION AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE, THE FIRST TO LINK HONG KONG ISLAND WITH AN OFFSHORE ISLAND.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, SIR YUET-KEUNG SAID THAT THE BRIDGE WOULD, INEVITABLY, BRING ABOUT RADICAL CHANGES TO AP LEI CHAU.

+ADDITIONAL LAND IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF RECENT PUBLIC INTEREST AND DEBATE,+ HE SAID.

+ALREADY, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, DESPITE GEOGRAPHICAL CONSTRAINTS, IS BUILDING A NEW HOUSING ESTATE IN AP LEI CHAU. THE INITIAL PHASE, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED, WILL HOUSE 9 000 RESIDENTS, OUT OF A TOTAL OF 19 000 RESIDENTS WHEN THE WHOLE ESTATE IS COMPLETED.+

SIR YUET-KEUNG SAID HE COULD ENVISAGE THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE BRIDGE, MORE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE TAKING PLACE IN AP LEI CHAU AND THIS WOULD GRADUALLY TRANSFORM THE ISLAND INTO A MODERN TOWNSHIP.

HE DESCRIBED THE PROJECT AS UNIQUE IN THAT IT LINKED HONG KONG ISLAND WITH ONE OF ITS OFFSHORE ISLANDS.

+TOGETHER WITH THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN APPROACH ROADS AND THE INTERCHANGE AT WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, IT PROVIDES ROAD TRANSPORT TO AP LEI CHAU,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL PROJECT IS COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, THERE WILL BE A FAST, DIRECT ROAD LINK FROM AP LEI CHAU TO THE NORTHERN PART OF HONG KONG VIA THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, AND THENCE THROUGH THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE TRIP FROM AP LEI CHAU TO KOWLOON WOULD TAKE LESS THAN 20 MINUTES.+

AP LEI CHAU RESIDENTS, HE ADDED, WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO BENEFIT FULLY FROM THE PROVISION OF THIS BRIDGE.

THEY COULD WALK SAFELY ACROSS THE BRIDGE ON THE FOOTWAY INCORPORATED, AND MIGHT AT THE SAME TIME ENJOY THE SCENIC VIEW ON BOTH SIDES.

SIR YUET-KEUNG SAID THAT A BUS TERMINUS HAD ALREADY BEEN BUILT ADJACENT TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE BRIDGE A BUS SERVICE WOULD SOON BE INTRODUCED TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN AP LEI CHAU.

+IT WAS NOT AN EASY TASK TO BUILD A BRIDGE TO SPAN OVER A BUSY NAVIGATION CHANNEL AND TO CONSTRUCT A ROAD IN DIFFICULT AND HILLY GROUND CONDITIONS ON AP LEI CHAU,+ HE SAID.

+DESPITE THIS, THE BRIDGE AND THE ACCESS ROAD SYSTEM HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN GOOD TIME FOR THE OCCUPATION OF THE NEW HOUSING BLOCKS ON THE ISLAND.+

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EARLIER, MR DAVID McDONALD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, SAID IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLAND.

+IT WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE A DIRECT ROAD LINK TO SERVE THE PEOPLE LIVING IN AP LEI CHAU BUT WILL ALSO ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA,+ HE SAID.

THE PROJECT HAS TAKEN ABOUT TWO AND HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE. THE MAIN BRIDGE OVER ABERDEEN CHANNEL COMPRISES A 115 METRE-LONG CENTRAL SPAN FLANKED BY TWO 57.5 METRE-LONG SIDE SPANS. ITS SUPERSTRUCTURE IS OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION FORMED INSITU USING THE BALANCED CANTILEVER TECHNIQUE.

THE BRIDGE ALSO CARRIES A LARGE WATER MAIN AND OTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO SERVE THE POPULATION IN AP LEI CHAU.

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FOUR LOCAL OFFICERS RECEIVE QUEEN'S GALLANTRY AWARDS

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THREE AUXILIARY POLICE CONSTABLES AND A CUSTOMS OFFICER HAVE BEEN HONOURED BY THE QUEEN FOR THE BRAVERY THEY DISPLAYED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES.

AUXILIARY POLICE CONSTABLES CHAN KWAN-FAI AND TUNG CHI-KAN WERE AWARDED THE QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDAL, WHILE AUXILIARY POLICE CONSTABLE LEUNG KAM-CHU AND CUSTOMS OFFICER WOO KIN-LEUNG WERE GIVEN THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT. THE AWARDS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE THREE AUXILIARY POLICEMEN ARE FIRST PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS TO RECEIVE THE QUEEN'S AWARDS.

THE THREE AUXILIARY POLICEMEN, ALL MEMBERS OF WEST KOWLOON SPECIAL DUTY COMPANY, WERE INFORMED OF THEIR AWARDS IN LETTERS FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE. THE LETTERS WERE PRESENTED TO THEM BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY IN A CEREMONY YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

THEY ALL DISPLAYED BRAVERY DURING A DRAMATIC POLICE CHASE IN JUNE LAST YEAR AFTER THREE ARMED MEN FLED THEIR VEHICLE AT A ROAD BLOCK IN KIMBERLEY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

PC CHAN SAID: +WE WERE MAKING A ROUTINE CHECK OF A SUSPICIOUS VAN WHICH HAD NO LICENCE PLATE AND WE BELIEVED IT MIGHT BE A STOLEN CAR: PC LEUNG THEN REMOVED THE IGNITION KEY OF THE CAR, TRYING TO DETAIN THE VEHICLE AND THE THREE PERSONS INSIDE.

+NOTICING OUR ACTION, THE THREE MEN JUMPED OUT OF THE VAN AND TWO OF THEM PRODUCED GUNS AND OPENED FIRE.+

PC CHAN WAS HIT IN THE LEFT ELBOW AND PC LEUNG MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED INJURY WHEN A BULLET WAS DEFLECTED BY HIS BELT BUCKLE. +I FELT AS IF I HAD BEEN PUNCHED IN THE STOMACH,+ PC LEUNG SAID.

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THE THREE MEN RAN ALONG KIMBERLEY ROAD TOWARDS AUSTIN AVENUE, WITH PCS TUNG AND CHAN IN HOT PURSUIT. CHAN WAS BLEEDING FROM HIS ELBOW WOUND.

THE THREE MEN THEN BOARDED A TAXI IN AUSTIN ROAD AND THE TWO CHASING POLICEMEN ALSO GOT INTO A TAXI TO FOLLOW. SHOTS WERE EXCHANGED DURING THE CHASE.

AT THIS MOMENT, PC LEUNG ARRIVED AND JOINED IN THE CHASE DURING WHICH HE ALSO OPENED FIRE.

THOUGH THE THREE WANTED MEN MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE ON THAT DAY, THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER OFFENCES.

IN HIS LETTER TO PC CHAN, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +YOUR COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND DETERMINATION IN PURSUING CRIMINALS WHEN YOU WERE ALREADY WOUNDED WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.+

TO PC LEUNG, THE GOVERNOR SAID: +ALTHOUGH STRUCK BY A BULLET YOU DISPLAYED A HIGH DEGREE OF COURAGE AND DETERMINATION IN RETURNING FIRE AND PURSUING THE CRIMINALS.+

THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER TO PC TUNG SAID: +YOUR COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND YOUR DETERMINATION IN PURSUING THE CRIMINALS WHEN YOU WERE UNDER FIRE WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE. I CONGRATULATE YOU MOST WARMLY ON A WELL DESERVED AWARD.+

CUSTOMS OFFICER WOO KIN-LEUNG OF THE INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, WAS AWARDED THE QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT FOR THE GALLANTRY HE DISPLAYED IN FOILING AN ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY IN MONG KOK IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

MR WOO, WHO WAS OFF DUTY AND IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, WAS VISITING A FRIEND AT A RADIO SHOP IN ARGYLE STREET, MONG KOK. AS HE WAS ABOUT TO ENTER, HE WAS CONFRONTED BY A MAN WITH A KNIFE WHO IGNORED MR WOO'S CALL TO STOP AND STRUCK AT HIM, SLASHING MR WOO'S JACKET.

MR WOO THEN DREW HIS REVOLVER AND AGAIN ORDERED THE MAN TO STOP. WHEN HE WAS AGAIN ATTACKED MR WOO OPENED FIRE, INJURED THE MAN IN THE LEFT ANKLE.

MR WOO THEN ENTERED THE SHOP AND FOUND TWO MORE ROBBERS INSIDE, BOTH ARMED WITH KNIVES. THE TWO MEN DISREGARDED THE COMMAND TO SURRENDER AND ATTACKED MR WOO, WHO OPENED FIRE, KILLING ONE AND INJURING THE OTHER.

THE TWO INJURED ROBBERS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SENTENCED, ONE TO 7-1/2 YEARS AND THE OTHER TO 5-1/2 YEARS IMPRISONMENT. MR WOO WAS PRAISED IN COURT BY MR JUSTICE O'CONNOR FOR HIS PROPER ACTION AND GREAT PRESENCE OF MIND IN THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.

MR WOO WAS ALSO INFORMED OF HIS AWARD IN A LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR, WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO HIM BY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN YESTERDAY.

MR JORDAN SAID: +ON THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION, HER MAJESTY HAS SEEN FIT TO COMMEND YOUR BRAVERY IN DEALING WITH A VIOLENT FELONY WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE INVOLVED INNOCENT PEOPLE IN INJURY OR WORSE.

+YOUR RAPID REACTION TO WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE AND YOUR DETERMINED ACTION DEFEATED THE CRIMINALS CONCERNED. YOUR CONDUCT EXEMPLIFIED ALL THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE TO WHICH YOU BELONG,+ HE SAID.

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AGRICULTURE LAND DOWN
FOOD PRODUCTION UP
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ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A ONE THIRD REDUCTION IN CULTIVATED LAND DURING THE PAST 25 YEARS, FOOD PRODUCTION HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

BUT HE WARNED FARMERS THAT THE MAIN CHALLENGE IN THE FUTURE WOULD BE THE INEVITABLE INCREASING LOSS OF GOOD QUALITY AGRICULTURAL LAND THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF URBANISATION.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN MADE THE COMMENTS TO MORE THAN 500 PRIMARY PRODUCERS AND NON-STABLE FOOD TRADERS AT A DINNER THEY HOSTED IN HIS HONOUR AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO MR RIDDELL-SWAN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR KO HOK, SAID MR RIDDELL-SWAN JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1956 AS A VETERINARY OFFICER, DEVOTING FULL ATTENTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ANIMAL HEALTH.

+GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO DISEASE PREVENTION AND STOCK IMPROVEMENT OF PIGS AND CHICKENS, HE LAID FOUNDATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MODERN POULTRY HUSBANDRY,+ SAID MR KO.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN WAS APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (AGRICULTURE) IN 1964 AND WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT IN 1971. HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES LAST MONTH.

IN REPLY TO THE WELCOME ADDRESS, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THAT IN 1956 HONG KONG HAD ABOUT 13 355 HECTARES OF LAND BEING FARMED AND PRODUCING 96 000 TONNES OF VEGETABLES- 227 000 PIGS- 1 100 000 POULTRY- 500 TONNES OF POND FISH- AND 26 000 TONNES OF RICE.

+TODAY, IN 1980, WE HAVE ONLY SOME 8 094 HECTARES UNDER PRODUCTION BUT NOW PRODUCING 191 000 TONNES OF VEGETABLES- 528 000 PIGS- 29 051 000 POULTRY- 6 540 TONNES OF POND FISH- AND SOMEWHAT SIGNIFICANTLY ONLY 103 TONNES OF RICE,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN PRODUCTION, DESPITE A DECREASE IN LAND UNDER CULTIVATION OF ABOUT ONE THIRD, COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE ABILITY OF FARMERS TO ADOPT THE LATEST FARMING TECHNIQUES TO MAXIMISE PRODUCTIVITY.

HE ALSO CITED SIMILAR CHANGES WITH THE FISHING INDUSTRY OF WHICH 95 PER CENT OF THE FLEET WAS NOW MECHANISED AND ABOUT A THIRD OF THE FLEET WAS CAPABLE OF FISHING IN DISTANT AND OFF-SHORE WATERS.

BESIDES THE HARD WORK BY PRIMARY PRODUCERS, THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN ASSISTED BY LOW-INTEREST LOAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT. IN 1956 LOANS ISSUED TO FARMERS AND FISHERMEN AMOUNTED TO \$2.7 MILLION WHILE IN 1980 THEY AMOUNT TO \$17.6 MILLION.

BUT OF THE FUTURE, HE SAID: +IN FISHING WE MUST EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE EVEN GREATER PRESSURE ON THE STOCKS OF FISH TRADITIONALLY CAUGHT BY THE LOCAL FLEET. TO OFFSET THIS AND TO KEEP PACE WITH INCREASING DEMAND, WE WILL NEED TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP OTHER SOURCES, PARTICULARLY THE PELAGIC RESOURCES OF OUR SURROUNDING SEAS.+

AND BESIDES THE LOSS OF GOOD QUALITY AGRICULTURE LAND THROUGH URBANISATION HE WARNED OF AGRICULTURAL WASTE POLLUTION.

+WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE INTENSIVE METHODS OF FARMING AND AN INCREASE IN THE LIVESTOCK POPULATION, GREATER ATTENTION WILL ALSO NEED TO BE DEVOTED TO THE PROBLEM OF THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF AGRICULTURAL WASTES AND IN THIS THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO ADVISE AND ASSIST,+ SAID MR RIDDELL-SWAN.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT TO OPEN ANOTHER WOMEN'S CENTRE

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE ANOTHER CENTRE FOR WOMEN IN MAY THIS YEAR WHEN THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION BECOMES AN INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG FEMALE OFFENDERS.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR T.G. GARNER, AT THE PRESENTATION OF COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

MR GARNER SAID IN THE HISTORY OF THE PRISON SERVICE IN HONG KONG, THERE HAD ONLY EVER BEEN ONE INSTITUTION TO CATER FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, AND THAT WAS PRESENTLY THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN.

THE CENTRE WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS A PRISON BUT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, IT WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: A PRISON, A DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE AND A TRAINING CENTRE.

+HOWEVER, THE TIME HAS NOW COME TO OPEN A SEPARATE INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS UNDER 21 SO THAT THE TRAINING CENTRE SECTION CAN FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY WHICH WILL HAVE DISTINCT ADVANTAGES,+ MR GARNER SAID.

+IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE SEPARATE ACCOMMODATION FOR GIRLS UNDER 21 SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT,+ HE ADDED.

POINTING OUT THAT GOOD ORDER IN PENAL ESTABLISHMENTS WAS MOST NECESSARY, MR GARNER SAID THAT DURING LAST YEAR, IN SOME 1 347 CASES OF PRISONERS REPORTED FOR MISCONDUCT, A TOTAL OF 15 715 DAYS REMISSION WERE FORFEITED.

HE SAID: +LOSS OF REMISSION FOR BREACHES OF PRISON DISCIPLINE IS ONE OF THE BEST TOOLS THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN USE TO ENFORCE DISCIPLINE.

+WITH THIS IN MIND, REPRESENTATION HAS BEEN MADE TO HAVE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND DIETARY PUNISHMENT ERASED FROM THE PRISON RULES. THE FORMER HAS NEVER BEEN USED IN 28 YEARS AND THE LATTER VERY SPARINGLY IN RECENT YEARS.+

MR GARNER NOTED THAT DUE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM, DIETARY SCALES FOR PRISONERS MUST BE REVIEWED, AND HE WAS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER THERE WAS A REAL NEED TO PROVIDE THREE SEPARATE DIETS WITHIN INSTITUTIONS.

HE SAID: +THERE ARE FEW COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WHICH CATER IN THIS WAY FOR PRISONERS, CERTAINLY THE UNITED KINGDOM DOES NOT AND IT MAY BE THAT THERE IS NO LONGER A REQUIREMENT FOR OTHER THAN A CHINESE TYPE DIET. PRISON MEDICAL OFFICERS CAN VARY OR SUPPLEMENT THIS DIET NOW AND THIS WOULD CONTINUE. SUCH VARIATION IS DONE ON RELIGIOUS AS WELL AS HEALTH GROUNDS.+

MR GARNER ALSO DESCRIBED AS MOST ENCOURAGING THE RESULT OF THE DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG MALE ADULTS AGED 21 AND UNDER 25 WHICH COMMENCED TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO.

+IN THAT TIME, 156 YOUNG ADULTS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED BY THE COURTS TO DETENTION CENTRE TRAINING OF WHICH 100 HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE PROGRAMME AND BEEN DISCHARGED,+ HE SAID.

+SO FAR OUT OF THIS 100, ONLY FOUR HAVE BEEN RECONVICTED FOR A FURTHER OFFENCE,+ HE REMARKED ADDING THAT 40 HAD ALREADY COMPLETED THE MANDATORY SUPERVISION PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.

DURING THE CEREMONY TODAY, MR GARNER PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS TO 14 PRISON STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAD CHALKED UP A COMBINED TOTAL OF 363 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDED A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, AN ACTING SUPERINTENDENT, TWO CHIEF OFFICERS, AN OFFICER, EIGHT ASSISTANT OFFICERS AND A SENIOR FOREMAN.

THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL IS AWARDED FOR 18 YEARS' EXEMPLARY SERVICE, THE FIRST CLASP FOR 25 YEARS' AND THE SECOND CLASP FOR 30 YEARS' SERVICE.

TSING YI VILLAGES TO MAKE WAY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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FOUR TRADITIONAL VILLAGES ON TSING YI ISLAND ARE TO BE MOVED TO MAKE WAY FOR A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT STARTING SHORTLY.

THE VILLAGES ARE LAM TIN, SAN UK, YIM TIN KOK AND TAI WONG HA, WHOSE AGRICULTURAL AND BUILDING LAND, TOTALLING 11.17 HECTARES, IS TO BE RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF JUNE. THE VILLAGES COMPRISE A TOTAL OF 227 HOUSES.

THE RESUMPTION WAS NOTIFIED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE LAND IS REQUIRED FOR A \$1.4 BILLION DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE INCLUDING PHASE THREE OF CHEUNG HONG ESTATE - THE SECOND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE ON THE ISLAND - TO HOUSE 35 000 PEOPLE WHEN IT IS FULLY COMPLETED IN 1984.

LAND FORMATION FOR THIS THIRD PHASE WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

SITES WILL ALSO BE FORMED FOR A VILLAGE RESITE AREA AND A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, AS WELL AS AN AREA FOR STORING MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TSUEN WAN BY-PASS WHICH WILL LINK KWAI CHUNG AND TUEN MUN ROAD.

ENGINEERING WORK WILL GET UNDER WAY AT THE SAME TIME TO CONSTRUCT ROADS AND DRAINS TO SERVE FUTURE LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS.

THE PACKAGE FORMS PART OF AN AMBITIOUS TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, TOGETHER WITH SUFFICIENT AMENITIES AND FACILITIES FOR A POPULATION OF 185 000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-1980S.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT AS THE LAND NEEDED LAY WITHIN A LAYOUT PLAN, VILLAGERS SURRENDERING THEIR BUILDING LAND WOULD BE OFFERED RESITE HOUSES AND EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES UNDER VILLAGE REMOVAL TERMS.

OWNERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND WOULD ALSO BE OFFERED CASH COMPENSATION AND/OR LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO PAY COMPENSATION FOR CROPS, FRUIT TREES, FENCES, WELLS, IRRIGATION PIPES, GRAVES AND SHRINES, HE SAID.

+THE CLEARANCE WILL ALSO INVOLVE 703 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES OCCUPIED BY 375 FAMILIES, MOSTLY ON CROWN LAND, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +THESE FAMILIES, IF FOUND ELIGIBLE, WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING LOCALLY. FAMILIES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PERMANENT HOUSING WILL BE GIVEN TEMPORARY HOUSING ACCOMMODATION.+

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, A TOTAL OF 329 OTHER TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, INCLUDING SHOPS, WORKSHOPS, PIGSTIES AND POULTRY SHEDS, WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE CLEARED.

DISPLACED INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE WILL BE OFFERED EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES AT THE CURRENT RATES.

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SAI KUNG TO GET IMPROVED WATER SUPPLY

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO EMBARK ON A \$17.8 MILLION SCHEME TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLIES IN SAI KUNG TO COPE WITH AN INCREASED POPULATION AND RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BRANCH TUNNEL FROM HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO TAI SHU LAM, SAI KUNG, TO ENABLE SUFFICIENT WATER TO BE DRAWN OFF FROM THE HIGH ISLAND TUNNEL SYSTEM TO BE TREATED AT A NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT, ALSO AT TAI SHU LAM

WORK ON THE PLANT WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL INCREASE THE EXISTING TREATED WATER SUPPLY BY 11 000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY.

THE PROJECT WILL CATER FOR GROWTH IN DEMAND FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS WHEN A MAJOR TREATMENT PLANT IS TO BE COMMISSIONED.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WITH CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF SAI KUNG, THE EXISTING WATER SUPPLY FROM THE NETWORK AT SAU MAU PING WAS BECOMING INADEQUATE.

+THE DEMAND FOR WATER SUPPLY HAS RAPIDLY RISEN TO A LEVEL WHERE, UNLESS FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ARE CARRIED OUT SOON, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUED DAILY SUPPLY TO THE DISTRICT BY THE SUMMER OF 1981,+ HE SAID.

AN ACCESS ROAD WILL ALSO BE BUILT ALONG THE TUNNEL AREA AS PART OF THE PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE RESUMPTION OF ABOUT 5 880 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURE LAND AT TAI SHU LAM. DETAILS WERE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SINCE NO BUILDING LAND WAS INVOLVED, FAMILIES WOULD NOT BE DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF RESUMPTION.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, TWO SMALL TEMPORARY PUMP HOUSES WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY COMPENSATION FOR CROPS, FRUIT TREES, PINE TREES, FENCES, GRAVES AND BONE POTS, AS WELL AS EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TO CULTIVATORS.

LAND OWNERS WILL BE OFFERED CASH COMPENSATION AT CURRENT RATES.

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GRAVE-SWEEPERS WARNED OF SWINDLERS

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VISITORS TO GRAVES IN NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC CEMETERIES ARE TODAY WARNED THAT THEY MIGHT BE APPROACHED BY SWINDLERS IMPERSONATING GOVERNMENT CEMETERY STAFF.

WITH CHING MING FESTIVAL JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NT SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS OF PEOPLE IMPERSONATING NTSD STAFF OFFERING TO EXHUME BONES AT EXORBITANT FEES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY VISITORS TO GRAVES THAT THEY HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE CEMETERY STAFF AND THAT THEIR ANCESTOR'S GRAVES WERE DUE FOR EXHUMATION. THESE PEOPLE THEN OFFERED TO EXHUME THE REMAINS FOR AN EXORBITANT PRICE.+

THERE WERE ALSO REPORTED CASES WHERE PEOPLE WHO WENT TO SWEEP GRAVES HAD GIVEN PARTICULARS TO THESE IMPERSONATORS AND, FOR FEAR OF FUTURE TROUBLE, HAD ACCEPTED OFFERS TO EXHUME ONLY TO FIND OUT LATER THAT THEY HAD BEEN CHEATED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE NTSD NEITHER OPERATES A PAID SERVICE FOR ANY PRIVATE EXHUMATION IN ANY PUBLIC CEMETERY, NOR SETS ANY SCALE OF CHARGES AND HAS APPOINTED NO CONTRACTORS TO PROVIDE SUCH A SERVICE.

+OUR STAFF ARE ALWAYS IN UNIFORM AND CARRY THEIR DEPARTMENTAL IDENTITY CARDS,+ HE SAID.

+IF GRAVE-VISITORS ARE APPROACHED BY UNDESIRABLE OR SUSPECTED CHARACTERS, THEY SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE POLICE POSTED AT THE CEMETERY OR TO THE CEMETERY OFFICE.+

MEANWHILE THE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF HUMAN REMAINS THAT WERE BURIED IN CHEUNG CHAU, SANDY RIDGE AND WO HOP SHEK CEMETERIES IN 1973 WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE BEFORE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

HE REMINDED ANYONE REQUIRING EXHUMATION OF BURIED REMAINS THAT THEY SHOULD APPLY IN ADVANCE FOR A PERMIT AT \$25 FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIUM OFFICE AT 6, CHEONG HANG ROAD, HUNG HOM.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MORE THAN 80 000 PEOPLE WILL GO TO THE CEMETERIES TO PAY HOMAGE TO THEIR ANCESTORS DURING THE COMING CHING MING FESTIVAL.

THEY ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP THE CEMETERIES CLEAN DURING THEIR VISIT.

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CHEMOTHERAPY SHORTENS TREATMENT PERIOD

THE SHORT COURSE CHEMOTHERAPY RECENTLY INTRODUCED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WHICH CUT DOWN TREATMENT PERIOD FROM A YEAR AND HALF TO LESS THAN SIX MONTHS HAS ACHIEVED FAVOURABLE RESULTS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION THIS EVENING.

+IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO ASSESS THE PROGRAMME AS A WHOLE BUT ALL PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT IS GOING TO PROVE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THE INCREASED EXPENDITURE ON EXPENSIVE NEW DRUGS IS GOING TO PROVE FULLY JUSTIFIED,+ HE SAID.

FOR MANY YEARS, THE TREND OF NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS, STILL A VERY IMPORTANT DISEASE IN HONG KONG, HAD BEEN GOING DOWN BY FIVE PER CENT PER ANNUM UNTIL LAST YEAR, WHEN THE NOTIFICATION RATE ROSE TO 161 PER 100 000 FROM 144 IN 1978.

DR THONG, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, ATTRIBUTED THE INCREASE TO THE LARGE INFLUX OF PEOPLE INTO HONG KONG AND A CASE-FINDING CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

DR THONG STRESSED THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION WAS ONLY TEMPORARY. WHEN THE INFLUX OF PEOPLE COULD BE CONTAINED, THE MENACE OF THIS COMMUNICABLE DISEASE WOULD AGAIN CONTINUE TO RECEDE.

HE SAID THE CASE-FINDING CAMPAIGN MOUNTED LAST SUMMER WITH ELDERLY MALES AS THE TARGET GROUP RESULTED IN A 20 PER CENT RISE IN ATTENDANCES AT GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINICS.

DR THONG SAID THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD CHANGED ITS TITLE TO THE PRESENT ONE TO INDICATE ITS EXPANDED ROLE AND, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG HEART FOUNDATION, IS CONVERTING THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL INTO A MAJOR CARDIO-THORACIC CENTRE.

AN AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS ALSO BEEN FORMED TO DEAL WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE ASSOCIATION, HE ADDED.

IN THE PAST YEAR, DR THONG SAID THE ASSOCIATION TOOK PART IN THE OVERALL MEDICAL SERVICES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES. ITS MOBILE UNIT X-RAYED OVER 2 000 REFUGEES AND MADE ABOUT 160 REFERENCES TO THE NEARBY GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINICS.

HE ADDED THAT EXTENSION PROJECT OF THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A \$10 MILLION DONATION FROM MR KWOK TAK-SANG, A \$2 MILLION DONATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION AND THE CAPITAL SUBVENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL BE OPERATING ADDITIONAL TRAINS DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR KCR SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) NINE EXTRA TRAINS WOULD BE RUNNING EACH WAY ON MARCH 30, APRIL 4 AND APRIL 6 BETWEEN KOWLOON AND WO HOP SHEK.

THESE TRAINS ARE DIRECT SERVICES AND WILL NOT STOP AT ANY INTERMEDIATE STATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AS CHING MING FELL ON APRIL 4 WHICH COINCIDED WITH THE START OF THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, HE URGED THOSE VISITING GRAVES AT WO HOP SHEK AND SANDY RIDGE AT LOWU TO AVOID AS FAR AS POSSIBLE USING THE RAILWAY AS THE CHINA-BOUND TRAFFIC ON THAT DAY WAS EXPECTED TO BE VERY HEAVY.

HE ALSO ADVISED PEOPLE TO AVOID USING THE RAILWAY FOR OUTINGS TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ON CHING MING DAY.

THE SPECIAL UP-TRAINS TO WO HOP SHEK ON THE THREE DAYS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 6.40 AM, 8.06 AM, 9.27 AM, 10.32 AM, 11.48 AM, 1.18 PM, 1.57 PM, 3.02 PM AND 4.36 PM.

THE DOWN-TRAINS WILL LEAVE WO HOP SHEK AT 8.09 AM, 10.14 AM, 11.16 AM, 12.17 PM, 1.52 PM, 2.36 PM, 3.35 PM, 4.47 PM AND 6.28 PM.

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EARLY PAYMENT TO SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO THOSE RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE WHOSE COUPONS ARE DATED FOR PAYMENTS DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS NEXT WEEK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THOSE WITH COUPONS TO BE CASHED ON APRIL 4 AND 5, COULD DO SO ON OR AFTER APRIL 1 AND COUPONS DATED APRIL 6 AND 7 COULD BE CASHED ON OR AFTER APRIL 2 AND 3 RESPECTIVELY.

HE SAID THE ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITH TREASURY OFFICES, POST OFFICES AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES WHERE THE COUPONS WERE CASHED.

HE ADVISED THOSE INVOLVED TO TAKE NOTE OF THEIR OWN CASHING DATES SO THAT THEY COULD GET THEIR PAYMENTS BEFORE THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

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LAND SALE RESULTS

TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND WERE SOLD AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE TODAY (FRIDAY).

ONE LOT MEASURING 4 900 SQUARE METRES AT TAI WAN ROAD, HUNG HOM WAS SOLD TO ZYBRINA LTD FOR \$118 MILLION OR \$24 081.63 PER SQUARE METRE. THE SITE IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN USE.

THE OTHER LOT AT CHAI WAN ROAD, WAS SOLD TO SUPREME CAPE LTD FOR \$76 MILLION OR \$15 510.20 PER SQUARE METRE. THE SITE, ALSO MEASURING ABOUT 4 900 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE.

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SEMINAR FOR SCHOOL HEADS

HEADS OF ABOUT 700 AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND STAFF OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS SCHOOL MANAGEMENT, THE CURRICULUM AND STUDENT GUIDANCE.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH AIMS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL HEADS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 3 AT THREE CENTRES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, RESPECTIVELY.

APART FROM TALKS BY SENIOR OFFICERS OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THERE WILL BE GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL DISCUSS HOW TO PROMOTE MORE EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATION OF SCHOOL HEADS WITH TEACHERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, PARENTS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS FAIR TREATMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF TEACHERS, TIMETABLING AND DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, FORTRESS HILL ROAD- IN KOWLOON, IT WILL BE HELD AT LA SALLE COLLEGE, LA SALLE ROAD- AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THE VENUE WILL BE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE AT WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

**DSW TO OPEN TRAINING CENTRE FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, WILL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) OFFICIALLY OPEN HONG KONG'S FIRST PRE-SCHOOL TRAINING CENTRE FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN IN SAU MAU PING.

THE TRAINING CENTRE, WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND MADE THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IS OPERATED BY THE PO LEUNG KUK.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM TOMORROW AT THE TRAINING CENTRE IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE, BLOCK 45, KOWLOON.

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**RE-ROUTING OF KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTE 13

THE ROUTING OF KOWLOON MAXICAB ROUTE NO 13 BETWEEN KOWLOON TONG AND HUNG HOM FERRY PIER WILL BE REVISED FROM SUNDAY (MARCH 30).

FROM THAT DAY MAXICABS ON THIS ROUTE WILL OPERATE VIA JUNCTION ROAD AND LOK FU MTR STATION INSTEAD OF RENFREW ROAD AND LA SALLE ROAD.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY (MARCH 31) WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

ON THAT DAY, ONLY 32 POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND THE TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SLIP ROAD IN MID-LEVELS

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AN ELEVATED SLIP ROAD FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD IN MID-LEVELS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 30) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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