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LAND PRODUCTION REPORT PUBLISHED

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THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND PRODUCTION FOR 1980 WAS PUBLISHED TODAY, AND IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, AT \$11.

THE COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE HON LYDIA DUNN SINCE MAY 1980, REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDING TARGETS FOR THE PRODUCTION AND FOR THE SALE OF LAND, AND ASSESSING THE ADEQUACY OF GOVERNMENT PROJECTS IN RELATION TO THE TARGETS.

THE REPORT CONCENTRATES ON THE PROVISION OF LAND FOR HOUSING AND MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. POLICY OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW LAND AND THESE COMPARED WITH CURRENT LAND PRODUCTION FORECASTS TO ASSESS HOW WELL LAND SUPPLY WILL MATCH THE LAND REQUIREMENTS ARISING FROM POLICY OBJECTIVES.

THE FORECAST SUPPLY OF LAND FOR GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED HOUSING SCHEMES, WHEN MATCHED WITH THE LAND REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT APPROVED HOUSING OBJECTIVES INDICATES THAT:

- * UP TO 1984/85, LAND SUPPLY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN PRODUCTION OF 30 000 FLATS A YEAR FOR PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING, AND 5 000 FLATS A YEAR FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES.
- * TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMME AFTER 1984/85 IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT NEW SITES COME ON STREAM AT MA ON SHAN AND JUNK BAY BY THE MID-1980'S.
- * NEW SITES HAVE TO BE EARMARKED URGENTLY TO PROVIDE 5 000 FLATS A YEAR FROM 1984/85 FROM HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES INVOLVING PARTICIPATION BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS (PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEMES).

WITH REGARD TO HIGH DENSITY HOUSING PROVIDED BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS, THE COMMITTEE REPORTS THAT UP TO 1985/86 FORECAST LAND SUPPLY SHOULD MEET REQUIREMENTS ARISING FROM LIKELY DEMANDS. HOWEVER, AFTER 1985/86 A GROWING SHORTFALL WILL DEVELOP UNLESS NEW DEVELOPMENT AREAS SUCH AS JUNK BAY PROVIDE SITES TO MAINTAIN THE SUPPLY. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A LAND SALES TARGET OF 13 HECTARES A YEAR, ASSUMING NEW TOWN HIGH DENSITY PLOT RATIO CONTROLS, FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

FOR MEDIUM AND LOW DENSITY HOUSING, THE COMMITTEE RECOGNISES AN EXISTING SHORTFALL OF NEW SITES AND EXPECTS THIS TO ACCUMULATE OVER THE SHORT TERM. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A LAND SALES TARGET OF 22 HECTARES A YEAR, ASSUMING NEW TOWN MEDIUM DENSITY PLOT RATIO CONTROLS, FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

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TO BOOST LAND PRODUCTION FOR HOUSING, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE USE OF NEW SITES IS MAXIMISED, THE COMMITTEE HAS ENDORSED:

- * STUDIES ON THE SCOPE FOR, AND DESIRABILITY OF, RAISING POPULATION DENSITIES IN NEW PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING ESTATES.
- * STUDIES ON THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF REZONING FOR A HIGHER DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN NEW TOWNS CURRENTLY ZONED FOR LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.
- * TERRITORY-WIDE STUDIES TO IDENTIFY NEW AREAS FOR LONG-TERM LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.
- * STUDIES ON IMPROVING THE CAPACITIES OF SITES SET ASIDE ON A LONG TERM BASIS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING.

TURNING TO LAND FOR INDUSTRY, THE COMMITTEE REPORTS THAT IT HAS COMPARED THE FORECAST DISTRIBUTION OF LAND PRODUCTION FOR LIGHT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WITH ITS OWN ASSESSMENTS OF LAND REQUIREMENTS FOR FLATTED FACTORY DEVELOPMENT IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA, THE NORTH EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES AND THE NORTH WESTERN NEW TERRITORIES, AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE INDUSTRIAL LAND AVAILABLE UNTIL 1985/86 TO ACHIEVE A BALANCE BETWEEN REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS AND POPULATION GROWTH. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A LAND SALES TARGET OF 11.8 HECTARES A YEAR OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO ACHIEVE SUCH A BALANCE IN EACH OF THE THREE REGIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT, IN THE INTERESTS OF DIVERSIFICATION, A VIGOROUS LAND SALES PROGRAMME SHOULD BE PURSUED UNTIL THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS OF PRICE STABILISATION. IT NOTES THAT IN 1980/81 INDUSTRIAL LAND SALES EXCEEDED THE TARGET BY 31 PER CENT.

THE COMMITTEE IDENTIFIES SEVERAL AREAS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY OR PROCEDURE ABOUT WHICH IT EXPRESSES CONCERN OR WHICH IT FEELS DESERVE FURTHER STUDY:

- * IMPROVING MANAGEMENT INFORMATION BY THE SETTING UP OF A COMPREHENSIVE, AND POSSIBLY COMPUTERISED, LAND INVENTORY SYSTEM.
- * IMPROVING MANPOWER PLANNING TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SUITABLY QUALIFIED STAFF.
- * GIVING THE PRIVATE SECTOR A BIGGER PART IN THE PRODUCTION OF FORMED LAND THROUGH INCREASED SALES OF UNFORMED LAND.

- * KEEPING LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND PROVISION OF MAJOR TRANSPORT LINKS IN A REASONABLE BALANCE.
- * IMPROVING CO-ORDINATION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE MAIN URBAN AREAS.

OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE COMMITTEE IS THE WIDE EXTENT TO WHICH FORMED SITES IN KEY DEVELOPMENT AREAS HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE OCCUPIED BY TEMPORARY USES. WHILE THE COMMITTEE RECOGNISES THAT IT IS PRUDENT TO ALLOW FOR THE PLANNED TEMPORARY USE OF LAND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT NOTES THAT:

- * IN STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT AREAS SUCH AS KOWLOON BAY, CHAI WAN AND WAN CHAI RECLAMATIONS, TEMPORARY USES HAVE FOR YEARS STOOD IN THE WAY OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
- * OF 350 HECTARES OF FORMED SITES OCCUPIED BY TEMPORARY USES IN 1980, 84 PER CENT COMPRISED SITES ZONED FOR OPEN SPACES AND COMMUNITY USES.

THE COMMITTEE PROPOSES TO CARRY OUT A DISTRICT BY DISTRICT REVIEW OF TEMPORARY LAND USES WITH A VIEW TO RELEASING LAND FOR PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT, AT PRESENT, REACHED ANY CONCLUSIONS ON THE SUPPLY OF LAND FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICES.

A GOVERNMENT NOTICE ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 1981 TO MAY 31, 1982 APPEARED IN THE GAZETTE OF JUNE 19, 1981.

MR W.M. SULKE, MR GEOFFREY M.T. YEH, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT HAVE JOINED THE COMMITTEE.

THE HON LI FOOK-WO, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS HAVE RETIRED FROM THE COMMITTEE.

THE TITLE OF THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND SUPPLY, AS IT IS CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH PRODUCTION OF NEW LAND, BUT ALSO WITH PROGRAMMES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF LAND AND WITH MAKING OPTIMAL USE OF EXISTING LAND RESOURCES.

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PLASTICS INDUSTRY HOLDING MANPOWER SURVEY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT NEXT MONTH BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE SURVEY, THE SIXTH OF ITS KIND PLANNED BY THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE LABOUR AND CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENTS, WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 7 TO 17.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WERE SENT OUT TODAY (MONDAY) TO ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY RANDOM STRATIFIED SAMPLING, SEEKING INFORMATION ON NUMBERS OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES, VACANCIES, AND OTHER PERSONNEL AND TRAINING MATTERS.

IF NECESSARY, OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TO ANSWER QUERIES AND ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

MR DENNIS TING, CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, SAID THE SURVEY WAS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE MANY CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE ONE CONDUCTED TWO YEARS AGO.

SINCE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM THE SURVEY IS IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY, HE URGED EMPLOYERS TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION.

HE STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

ANYONE HAVING ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY MAY TELEPHONE MRS W.M. LEE, AT: 5-7216024 OR MR P.H. MA OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AT 5-281380 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT PUBLISHED

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FOUR NEW ITEMS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED FOR DECLARATION AS POTENTIAL MONUMENTS BY THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD IN 1980, IT IS STATED IN THE BOARD'S SECOND ANNUAL REPORT JUST PUBLISHED.

THE FOUR ITEMS ARE THE DAIRY FARM BUILDING AT WYNDHAM STREET, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, NORTH, (OLD TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE), HAKKA WAI - A WALLED VILLAGE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE FORT RUINS AT FAN LAU, LANTAU ISLAND.

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1980, THERE ARE NINE GAZETTED MONUMENTS IN HONG KONG AND ONE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING GAZETTED.

THEY ARE : THE DUDDLELL STREET STEPS AND GAS LAMPS= THE ROCK CARVINGS AT BIG WAVE BAY= THE TUNG CHUNG FORT, LANTAU ISLAND= THE ROCK CARVINGS AT SHEK PIK= THE ROCK CARVINGS AT PO TOI= THE ROCK INSCRIPTION AT JOSS HOUSE BAY= THE ROCK CARVINGS AT KAU SAI CHAU= THE ROCK CARVINGS AT TUNG LUNG ISLAND= TUNG LUNG FORT= AND SAM TUNG UK VILLAGE.

/THE ANTIQUITIES

THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD IS A STATUTORY BODY SET UP IN 1976 TO ADVISE THE AUTHORITIES ON ANY MATTERS RELATING TO ANTIQUITIES OR MONUMENTS.

IN THE 1980 ANNUAL REPORT, THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR BRIAN WILSON, WHO IS ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, SAID THAT THE BOARD HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED AT THE DELAYS AND LACK OF SUCCESS ON THE QUESTION OF PROCEDURE FOR DECLARATION OF MONUMENTS.

+IN THE FOUR YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, NOT A SINGLE POTENTIAL MONUMENT IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP HAS BEEN DECLARED, AND SEVERAL CROWN LAND CASES HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING SINCE 1977,+ HE SAID.

HE FELT THAT THERE WAS A GROWING NEED FOR SOME OTHER MORE SWIFTLY APPLIED PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE LESS EFFECT ON THE INTERESTS OF OWNERS AND WHICH WOULD PROVIDE INTERIM PROTECTION SO AS TO ENSURE THAT NO POTENTIAL MONUMENT WAS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED WHILE THE MERITS OF THE CASE WERE CONSIDERED.

MR WILSON BELIEVED THAT WITH THE PRESENT PROCEDURE, THE CARDS WERE STACKED AGAINST CONSERVATION.

+WHERE THERE IS ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, IT IS TOO OFTEN THE CASE THAT DEVELOPMENT WINS,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT DESPITE THIS, THERE WERE REFRESHING SIGNS OF A BODY OF OPINION IN FAVOUR OF PRESERVING HISTORICAL PLACES.

THE REPORT ALSO DISCLOSED THAT AMENDMENTS HAD BEEN PROPOSED TO THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF SPECIAL SITES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTEREST (SSAI'S).

THE REGISTRATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AS SSAI'S IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DEVICE FOR MARKING SITES ON LAYOUT PLANS TO ENSURE THAT NOTHING IS DONE TO HARM THE SITES WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION.

+FOR SOME TIME, IT HAS BEEN FELT THAT THIS WAS ONLY A HALF-MEASURE, BECAUSE IT LEFT DEVELOPERS AND PLANNERS WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAD ONLY TO GIVE PRIOR NOTICE (FOR AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESCUE OPERATION) AND THEN TAKE OVER THE SSAI,+ MR WILSON SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CASES WHERE SSAI'S HAVE BEEN LOST AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE BOARD AGREED THAT SSAI'S SHOULD RECEIVE LEGAL PROTECTION BY DECLARATION SO AS TO MAKE IT CLEAR AT AN EARLY STAGE THAT PLANNING CANNOT INCLUDE TAKING OVER AN SSAI AND THAT IT IS WRONG TO ASSUME THAT SSAI'S ARE EXPENDIBLE AFTER GIVING NOTICE.

THE OBJECT, HE EXPLAINED, IS TO PROCLAIM A LEGAL +HANDS-OFF+ POLICY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A FREE COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT MAY CALL THE USD ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE AT TELEPHONE NO. 3-7216283.

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD SETS PROGRAMMES

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD IS TO SPEND \$1.1 MILLION ON A SERIES OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES DURING THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE FUNDS WERE APPROVED THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON DURING THE BOARD'S THIRD MEETING.

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE A HOST OF SPORTS, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS, CATERING FOR ALL AGES, AS WELL AS PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

ONE OF THE MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IS TO BEAUTIFY THE KWUN TONG ROUNDABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD AND HIP WO STREET, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

+WE INTEND TO PUT IN FLOWER BEDS AND GREENERY SO AS TO TRANSFORM THE AREA INTO A MUCH MORE PLEASANT AND APPEALING PLACE,+ HE SAID.

WORK WAS EXPECTED TO START SOON, HE ADDED.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL WORK, HE SAID, WOULD INCLUDE REMOVING STRUCTURES AND OBSTACLES BLOCKING SIDE AND REAR LANES IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTPATH AT ON LOK TSUEN FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE VILLAGERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A TOTAL OF \$308 200 HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE KWUN TONG CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMMES.

+THESE COVER A WHOLE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FROM SPORTS TRAINING COURSES AND SINGING AND DANCING LESSONS TO ARTS EXHIBITIONS AND A RECREATIONAL CARNIVAL. IN SHORT, THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEES DOING GOOD JOB

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DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (DMC'S) ARE FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY IN SOLVING LOCAL PROBLEMS DESPITE THE SHORT HISTORY OF THEIR FORMATION, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING TO MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR CHUI SAID THE MAIN ROLE OF DMC'S WAS TO COORDINATE THE WORK OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH CAN THEN ACT QUICKLY TO MEET LOCAL PEOPLE'S NEEDS.

THE DMC'S, CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER OR TOWN MANAGER, ARE MADE UP OF OFFICIALS FROM MANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MR CHUI SAID IN THE NEW TERRITORIES NEW TOWN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN AS EARLY AS JULY 1973, AND IN TAI PO AND FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI IN 1979.

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THE ROLE OF THESE NEW TOWN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES WAS TO ADVISE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FACILITIES AND THE PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW TOWNS.

AFTER PUBLICATION THIS YEAR OF THE WHITE PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ALL THESE COMMITTEES HAD BEEN RETITLED DMC'S, WITH THEIR SPHERE OF RESPONSIBILITIES ENLARGED TO COVER THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

IN THE REMAINING NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS - YUEN LONG, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS - DMC'S HAD ALSO BEEN SET UP BEFORE APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT BOARDS, MR CHUI SAID THEIR ROLE WAS MAINLY ADVISORY, BUT THEY MIGHT APPOINT SUB-COMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL SERVICE, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING MATTERS.

HE SAID IN 1980/81 THERE WERE 26 SUB-COMMITTEES FORMED BY DISTRICT BOARDS - AT PRESENT THERE WERE 41, SOME CHAIRED BY UNOFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS.

MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BE WIDENED TO INCLUDE 56 ELECTED MEMBERS FROM APRIL NEXT YEAR, MR CHUI SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS DIVIDED INTO EIGHT DISTRICTS WITH 46 ELECTORAL CONSTITUENCIES.

HE SAID PROPOSALS IN THE WHITE PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WERE GIVEN LEGAL EFFECT FOLLOWING PUBLICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JUNE 12 THIS YEAR OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS BILL 1981, THE URBAN COUNCIL (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1981 AND ELECTORAL PROVISIONS BILL 1981.

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ENGLISH TEACHING COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN ANGLO-CHINESE AND CHINESE MIDDLE SECONDARY SCHOOLS CAN ATTEND A SERIES OF INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSES NEXT MONTH, ORGANISED BY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON BETWEEN JULY 21 AND 25, AND WILL COVER THE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE THE OBJECTIVES OF SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNING, TRAINING THE PUPILS TO LISTEN, GETTING THE PUPILS TO SPEAK, DRAMA IN THE ENGLISH CLASS, GRASPING THE MAIN IDEA IN READING, AND PRACTICAL WRITING. THERE WILL ALSO BE RELATED FILM SHOWS FOR SOME OF THE COURSES.

NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED, AND TEACHERS CAN CHOOSE TO ATTEND ANY OR ALL OF THE COURSES.

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A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL TEACHERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE COMPLETE SERIES OF COURSES.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT BY JULY 26 TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE AT 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MORE MUSIC FOR NT CHILDREN
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RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE ANOTHER PLACE TO PURSUE THE ART OF MUSIC FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF A NEW MUSIC TRAINING CENTRE AT TAI PO TODAY (MONDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO MUSIC TRAINING CENTRE THIS AFTERNOON WERE : BY MR K.C. LO, DISTRICT OFFICER (TAI PO)= MR WONG YUEN CHEUNG, CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE= MR CHEUNG CHE FAN, CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION= MR DONALD YAP, CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIR SUB-COMMITTEE OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD= AND MRS ELIZABETH WONG, HEAD OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE NEW CENTRE IS LOCATED AT THE FIRST FLOOR OF MEI TAK BUILDING, 27 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO. IT CONSISTS OF FOUR MUSIC PRACTICE ROOMS AND A LOBBY FOR ENSEMBLE TRAINING AND PRACTICE.

EQUIPPED WITH PIANO, VIDEO-RECORDER AND TV MONITOR FOR AURAL AND THEORY TRAINING, THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA TO LEARN MUSIC.

THIS IS THE SECOND CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES RUN BY THE MUSIC OFFICE= THE FIRST ONE IS AT TSUEN WAN. CLASSES IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS ARE NOW BEING HELD AT SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND YOUTH CENTRES.

WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE MUSIC OFFICE IS PLANNING TO SET UP MORE CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE FUTURE.

AT PRESENT, ABOUT 150 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING CLASSES ARE RUN BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN VARIOUS NT DISTRICTS.

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PWD ENGINEERS SERVED LONG AND WELL
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TWO CHIEF ENGINEERS OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ARE RETIRING AFTER SERVING IN THE GOVERNMENT FOR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 55 YEARS.

THEY ARE MR TSANG NAI-LOK, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, AND MR CHAN YAN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION.

TO MARK THEIR RETIREMENT, MR EDDIE SHORT, ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, TODAY (MONDAY) PRESENTED THEM WITH SOUVENIRS ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES.

MR SHORT RECALLED THAT MR TSANG JOINED THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER IN 1953.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO ENGINEER IN JANUARY 1960, AND TO SENIOR ENGINEER IN JULY, 1967. HE BECAME CHIEF ENGINEER IN AUGUST, 1973.

+OVER THE PAST 27 YEARS, MR TSANG RENDERED HIS SERVICE MAINLY IN TWO MAJOR BRANCHES OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, NAMELY PORT WORKS AND HIGHWAYS,+ MR SHORT SAID.

+THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER IN PWD, MR TSANG HAS BEEN RESPECTED FOR HIS HIGH STANDARD OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE, THE INTEGRITY AND THOROUGHNESS WITH WHICH HE HAS CARRIED OUT HIS DUTIES.+

MR CHAN YAN JOINED THE DRAINAGE WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE IN 1954 AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER, WORKING ON THE DESIGN OF THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN CONNECTION WITH HUNG HOM RECLAMATION.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO ENGINEER IN AUGUST, 1962 AND TO SENIOR ENGINEER IN SEPTEMBER, 1969. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF ENGINEER IN AUGUST, 1973.

MR SHORT SAID: +MR CHAN WAS AWARDED A TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP IN 1963 AND SPENT ONE YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, OBTAINING HIS DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING.

+SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS SPENT MUCH OF HIS CAREER IN THE DRAINAGE OFFICE AND IS A SPECIALIST IN SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND RELATED PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING MATTERS.+

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WORK ON WATER MAINS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR TEN HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 24) TO 8 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 25) FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES AT WO YI HOP ROAD, BOUNDED BY LEI MUK ROAD, CHUN PIN STREET, AND TA CHUEN PING STREET, INCLUDING LAM TIN STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

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WATER LEAKAGE TESTS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MID-NIGHT TO 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 24) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES AT CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, WONG CHUK STREET, BOUNDARY STREET AND POPLAR STREET INCLUDING MAPLE STREET, TAI NAN STREET, KI LUNG STREET, YU CHAU STREET AND APLIU STREET.

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