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TSING YI - AN ISLAND OF INDUSTRY

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO DEVELOP ANOTHER 36 HECTARES OF LAND ON TSING YI ISLAND FOR INDUSTRIAL USE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

OF THE TOTAL, MORE THAN 13 HECTARES WILL BE RESERVED FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY, 21 FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY AND TWO FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRY.

THE LARGEST AREA, MEASURING SOME 14 HECTARES, IS EARMARKED FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USE. IT WILL BE SITUATED NEXT TO THE EUROASIA SHIPYARD SITE AT THE SOUTH-WEST COAST OF THE ISLAND.

ANOTHER SUB-DIVISION OF ABOUT 10 HECTARES FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY WILL BE FORMED ABOVE THE YIU LIAN MACHINERY REPAIRING WORKS SITE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A NUMBER OF SMALLER AREAS, RANGING FROM 0.15 TO 4.5 HECTARES, ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST COAST.

SOME OF THESE CARRY A 9.5 PLOT RATIO AND WILL BE SUITABLE FOR MULTI-STOREY FACTORY DEVELOPMENT SIMILAR TO THOSE IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.

THE ESTATE SURVEYOR (TSING YI) OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. HUMPHREY BEESON, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THESE PROPOSALS WERE PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP TSING YI AS A BASE FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY.

+THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN COVERS A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 523 HECTARES OF WHICH ABOUT 100 HECTARES HAVE TO BE FORMED BY RECLAMATION,+ MR. BEESON SAID.

THE SIGNIFICANCE BEHIND THE PLAN IS THE GRADUAL INDUSTRIALISATION OF THE ISLAND WITH GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO ATTRACTING SPECIALIST INDUSTRIES TO HONG KONG.

+THIS IS EVIDENT IN ITS ZONING PLANS WHICH ENVISAGE THE ALLOCATION OF MORE THAN 140 HECTARES OF LAND FOR HEAVY INDUSTRY, 57 HECTARES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY AND 9.5 HECTARES FOR SPECIAL INDUSTRY.+

TO DATE, HEAVY INDUSTRIES HAVE TAKEN UP 109 HECTARES, LIGHT INDUSTRIES 23 HECTARES WHILE SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS ARE OPERATING ON FOUR HECTARES OF LAND.

MR. BEESON POINTED OUT THAT MOST LAND WAS SOLD BY PRIVATE TREATY OR BY RESTRICTED USER TENDER IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS WHICH MET DETAILED ECONOMIC CRITERIA.

+WE ARE TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE NEED TO BROADEN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL BASE BY MAKING SITES AVAILABLE TO ESTABLISHMENTS OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND LAND-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES,+ HE SAID.

/+HOWEVER

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+HOWEVER, WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE LAND WILL ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE NORMAL LETTER 'B' OR AUCTION PROCESS IN ORDER TO CREATE A BALANCED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIGH DENSITY INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS AND THOSE THAT ARE LAND INTENSIVE.+

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS HAVING BEEN SET UP OR ARE UNDERWAY ON THE ISLAND INCLUDE THOSE BY DOW CHEMICALS, OUTBOARD MARINE, TAI TUNG, FEOSO OIL, CHEMSYN, HONG KONG UNITED DOCKYARD, EUROASIA AND YIU LIAN - ALL OF WHICH ARE LAND-INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

THESE PROJECTS REPRESENT INVESTMENTS OF WELL OVER \$1,000 MILLION AND SHOULD BE OF GREAT LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO HONG KONG.

TSING YI ISLAND IS AT PRESENT LINKED TO THE MAINLAND BY A ROAD BRIDGE, BUILT ACROSS THE 608-METRE WIDE RAMBLER CHANNEL BY SIX MAJOR COMPANIES OPERATING ON THE ISLAND IN 1974. THE GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT BY BUILDING THE APPROACH ROADS ON EITHER SIDE.

+A SECOND BRIDGE JOINING THE NORTH-EAST TIP OF TSING YI AND TSUEN WAN IS BEING PLANNED.

+THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THIS SECOND BRIDGE WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE EARLY 1980S BUT THE TIMING OF ITS CONSTRUCTION WILL DEPEND ON THE RATE OF DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISLAND,+ MR. BEESON NOTED.

AS PART OF THE OVERALL PLAN, A MAJOR ROAD SYSTEM WILL BE BUILT FOR THE ISLAND FROM WHICH A SERIES OF SECONDARY AND LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR ROADS WILL LEAD INTO ALL AREAS.

+TSING YI HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A KEY INDUSTRIAL CENTRE BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIVELY CENTRAL LOCATION, ONLY A FEW MILES FROM KOWLOON, AND BECAUSE IT PROVIDES A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF LAND WITH DEEP WATER MARINE ACCESS,+ MR. BEESON SAID.

+ITS PROXIMITY TO THE BOOMING INDUSTRIAL TOWN OF TSUEN WAN AND THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL IS LIKEWISE AN OBVIOUS ATTRACTION.

+NOT ONLY WILL THE PLANTS ON TSING YI MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, THEY WILL PROVIDE PARTICULARLY GOOD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO THE LOCAL WORKFORCE AND OTHER SKILLED WORKERS,+ HE ADDED.

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TWO SITES TO BE AUCTIONED IN TUEN MUN
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A LARGE PRESTIGE SITE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN OVERLOOKING CASTLE PEAK BAY WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION NEXT MONTH FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE 2,290 SQUARE-METRE SITE EARMARKED FOR MEDIUM DENSITY DEVELOPMENT IS THE FIRST RESIDENTIAL LOT IN TUEN MUN TO BE PUT ON THE MARKET THIS YEAR.

IT CARRIES A PLOT RATIO OF 3.3 WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST-CLASS MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS.

ALSO ON SALE DURING THE AUCTION AT ST. SIMON LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TUEN MUN AT 2.30 P.M. ON MAY 8 WILL BE A 693.1 SQUARE-METRE COMMERCIAL SITE IN THE NEW TOWN'S BOOMING INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. VICTOR LEUNG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE AUCTION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INCREASED SALES PROGRAMME TO MAKE MORE LAND AVAILABLE FOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

+BOTH SITES ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AND HAVE EASY ACCESS TO THE DISTRICT'S TRUNK ROAD NETWORK,+ HE SAID.

+THE RESIDENTIAL SITE IS PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE - IT IS IN A SCENIC SETTING BETWEEN THE CASTLE PEAK AND TUEN MUN ROADS, AND WITHIN FIVE TO 10 MINUTES' DRIVE FROM THE TOWN CENTRE.+

MR. LEUNG SAID THE COMMERCIAL SITE IS WELL LOCATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA BOUNDED BY PUI TO ROAD AND TSING WUN ROAD AND WAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR A MULTI-STOREY COMMERCIAL COMPLEX.

ITS CONDITIONS OF SALE ALLOW FOR A GREAT VARIETY OF COMMERCIAL USES SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, SHOPS AND BANKING PREMISES ON THE LOWER FLOORS AND OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

THE FIRST LOT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$5,920,000 OVER 48 MONTHS AND THE SECOND LOT HAS A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1,500,000 OVER 36 MONTHS.

+NUMEROUS ENQUIRIES ABOUT THESE TWO SITES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AND IT IS OBVIOUS THAT LOCAL DEVELOPERS HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THEM,+ MR. LEUNG SAID.

+WE HAVE QUITE A NUMBER OF SITES COMING ON STREAM THIS YEAR AND IT IS PLANNED TO SELL ANOTHER 13 LOTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS EITHER BY AUCTION OR BY TENDER RESTRICTED TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

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FIRST STAGE OF TAI PO SEWAGE PLANT COMPLETED

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WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH AIMS TO SERVE THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE \$11 MILLION PROJECT, WHICH WILL ALSO HELP TO PROTECT TOLO HARBOUR FROM ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION, WAS BUILT ON A THREE-HECTARE RECLAIMED LAND SOUTH OF TING KOK ROAD NEAR SHUEN WAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS USING THE ACTIVATED SLUDGE PROCESS WOULD PROVIDE COMPLETE SEWAGE PURIFICATION.

+SEWAGE WILL FIRST PASS THROUGH GRIT CHANNELS AND SETTLING TANKS TO REMOVE GRIT AND SUSPENDED SOLIDS AND THEN THROUGH AERATION TANKS FOR BIOLOGICAL REDUCTION OR ORGANIC MATERIALS,+ HE ADDED.

+AS A RESULT OF THIS PROCESS, THE QUALITY OF THE EFFLUENT WILL BE SUCH THAT TOLO HARBOUR WILL NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.+

TENDER FOR STAGE II OF THE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH WILL SERVE THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AS WELL AS THE TAI PO NEW TOWN, WILL BE INVITED IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

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KIDNEY DISEASE EXHIBITION

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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL NEXT FRIDAY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON WHAT KIDNEY DISEASES ARE ALL ABOUT.

THE EXHIBITION CLIMAXES TWO MONTHS OF ACTIVITIES BY THE PENINSULA JAYCEES, THE HONG KONG SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THEIR CURRENT KIDNEY DONATION CAMPAIGN.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THIS EXHIBITION — THE FIRST IN HONG KONG — IS TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO BECOME KIDNEY DONORS SO THAT MANY MORE LIVES COULD BE SAVED THROUGH THE PROCESS OF KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, WILL PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION.

THOUSANDS OF BOOKLETS EXPLAINING HOW KIDNEY TRANSPLANT CAN SAVE LIVES AND HOW ONE CAN BECOME A KIDNEY DONOR WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE TO VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE THREE-DAY KIDNEY DISEASE EXHIBITION AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL ON FRIDAY (MAY 4) AT 3 P.M.

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ROAD USERS URGED TO BE COURTEOUS
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS TO ADHERE TO THE LAWS OF THE ROAD AND TO BE COURTEOUS TO ONE ANOTHER.

+WE ALL HAVE TO USE THE ROADS, AND IF WE DO IT REASONABLY, THEN WE SHOULD ALL BENEFIT,+ SAID A PWD SPOKESMAN.

+SELFISHNESS REALLY HELPS NOBODY AND CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE A POLICE SPOKESMAN REMINDED MOTORISTS NOT TO ENTER A YELLOW BOX JUNCTION UNLESS THEY WERE CERTAIN THEY COULD PROCEED OUT OF IT — +IN OTHER WORDS, KEEP IT CLEAR.+

AND THE PWD SPOKESMAN SAID MOTORISTS SHOULD, FOR SAFETY AND COURTESY, KEEP PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS CLEAR.

+THERE ARE WHITE LINES BEFORE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS INDICATING WHERE MOTORISTS ARE REQUESTED TO STOP,+ HE SAID. +IF DRIVERS COMPLY WITH THESE INDICATIONS, VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC BOTH BENEFIT.+

+WE ALL HAVE TO USE THE ROADS, AND IF WE CONSIDER THE RIGHTS AND SAFETY OF ONE ANOTHER THE SITUATION SHOULD BE FAR LESS TENSE,+ HE SAID.

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CYC MEMBERS EXPLORE NATURE
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OVER 2,000 COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS FROM 25 SCHOOLS ARE LEARNING THE MEANING OF CONSERVATION DURING THEIR TREK ALONG NATURE TRAILS IN COUNTRY PARKS.

THE NATURE TRAIL WALKS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CYC SECRETARIAT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

NATURE TRAILS ARE PATHS CUT THROUGH THE COUNTRY PARKS, ALONG WHICH THERE ARE NUMEROUS POINTS OF INTERESTS. THE THREE EXISTING TRAILS ARE THE PINEAPPLE DAM IN THE KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK, THE EAGLE'S NEST IN THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK AND THE DRAGON'S BACK IN THE TYTAM COUNTRY PARK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CYC SECRETARIAT SAID, +WITH THE GUIDEBOOK ON A SPECIFIC NATURE TRAIL PROVIDED BY US, WALKERS CAN IDENTIFY ON THE SPOT THE GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES AND THE AREA'S WILDLIFE.+

HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THE PURPOSE OF ARRANGING THESE VISITS GOES BEYOND THAT OF MERELY PROVIDING MEMBERS WITH SOME OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION TO AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, THEY BEGIN TO LEARN THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PRESERVE HONG KONG'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +WE HOPE THAT THROUGH SUCH VISITS MEMBERS WILL BECOME MORE AWARE OF THEIR OWN COUNTRYSIDE AND THAT IT IS IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS TO CONSERVE IT.+

CYC MEMBERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY HELPED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LANES AND IN PLANTING TREES IN THE PAK SIN RANGE COUNTRY PARK. +IN THEIR OWN WAY, THESE MEMBERS LIVE UP TO THE CYC'S MOTTO OF 'LEARN, BE CONCERNED AND SERVE', + THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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RESTRICTED ZONE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, PEAK HOUR RESTRICTIONS (7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M.) FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE EXTENT OF THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE SECTION OF CLEVERLY STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES FROM 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY TO 8 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY, TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORKS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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