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GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BUILD \$420 MILLION WORTH OF  
SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS UP TO 1985 THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BUILD RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES COSTING \$420 MILLION FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW \$12 MILLION FANLING SWIMMING POOL, SIR MURRAY SAID THAT ITS OPENING MARKS A TURNING POINT IN THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID: +THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL IS THE FIRST TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NORTH-EAST AREA OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MANY NEW PROJECTS THROUGHOUT, SO THAT NECESSARY OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTLETS FOR SPORT AND RECREATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

+THE RANGE OF FACILITIES THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PROVIDE INCLUDES SPORTS STADIA WITH FULL-SIZED SOCCER PITCHES AND ALL WEATHER RUNNING TRACKS IN TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, SHEK WU HUI, TAI PO AND SAI KUNG TOWNS. TEN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES IN YUEN LONG, TAI PO AND THREE NEW TOWNS, AND A LARGE OUTDOOR STADIUM IN EACH OF THESE THREE NEW TOWNS WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 30,000 PEOPLE ARE ALSO BEING PLANNED.

+ALL THESE NEW TOWNS WILL ALSO HAVE LARGE PUBLIC PARKS AND INDOOR GAMES HALLS.

+TO PROVIDE ALL THESE THINGS BY THE TIME THE NEW TOWNS AND MARKET TOWNS ARE COMPLETED IN 1984-85, IT IS ESTIMATED TO COST ABOUT \$420 MILLION, OR AN AVERAGE OF \$60 MILLION A YEAR. GIVEN CONTINUED PROSPERITY, I HOPE THE NECESSARY FUNDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.+

THE GOVERNOR ADDED: +OF COURSE LOCAL INITIATIVE AND ENTERPRISE WILL STILL HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY. FOR INSTANCE, THE INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE RECENTLY COMPLETED HAS PROVED A GREAT SUCCESS AND DOES CREDIT TO THE PUBLIC SPIRIT OF THE DONORS.+

SIR MURRAY CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT OTHER SIMILAR PROJECTS ARE BEING PLANNED AND HE WISHED THE ORGANISERS WELL.

HE THEN UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO DECLARE THE POOL OPEN.

EARLIER, IN WELCOMING THE GOVERNOR, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR. BRIAN WILSON, SAID THAT THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IS THE SECOND PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE FIRST ONE BEING THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL IN TSUEN WAN.

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THIS NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WHICH CONSISTS OF A 50 X 25 METRE MAIN POOL, A 50 X 21 METRE SECONDARY POOL, A 25 X 11 METRE TEACHING AND TRAINING POOL AND A PADDLING POOL FOR CHILDREN, WILL BE HEATED AND USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

MR. WILSON SAID: +THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AIMS TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN EACH MAJOR POPULATION CENTRE. DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE FAN LING-SHEK WU HUI-LUEN WO HUI AREA CALL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WHAT WILL IN EFFECT BE A NEW TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF 200,000, A SIZABLE COMMUNITY BY ANY STANDARDS. SO APART FROM THIS SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, WE'RE PLANNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RANGING FROM CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS AND GARDENS TO MAJOR SPORTS VENUES AS PART OF THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THIS AREA.

+THIS IS ONE ASPECT OF THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE OTHER AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT ASPECT IS THAT THE FACILITIES PROVIDED SHOULD BE FULLY USED. IT'S NOT ENOUGH MERELY TO PROVIDE THE VENUE AND TO LEAVE PEOPLE TO USE IT. IT'S ALSO NECESSARY TO GO FURTHER AND PROMOTE THE USE OF THE VENUE. THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO DO THIS, WORKING IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BY ORGANISING TRAINING SESSIONS, TOURNAMENTS AND COMPETITIONS INVOLVING SCHOOLS, YOUTH GROUPS AND LOCAL SPORTS BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS.+

A SWIMMING EXHIBITION AND A LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATION WERE HELD BY STUDENTS OF NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS AND THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB TO MARK THE OPENING.

BEFORE OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL, SIR MURRAY TOOK A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE LATEST MULTI-BILLION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN TAI PO AND FAN LING-SHEK WU HUI. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE.

SIR MURRAY FLEW BY HELICOPTER TO SAN TAU KOK WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, THE TAI PO-FAN LING PROJECT MANAGER, MR. BERNARD NEWMAN AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER JOHNSON.

THE OFFICIAL PARTY PROCEEDED TO A VANTAGE POINT ABOVE SHUEN WAN OVERLOOKING THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

SIR MURRAY WAS BRIEFED ON THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR. LI FOOK-WO AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR. VICTOR MILLER.

SIR MURRAY THEN WENT ON TO THE ROOFTOP OF MEI TAK BUILDING IN TAI PO WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY MR. NEWMAN.

SIR MURRAY WAS TOLD THAT TAI PO AND FAN LING-SHEK WU HUI WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO BALANCED AND SELF-CONTAINED MODERN NEW TOWNS FOR A TOTAL OF 390,000 PEOPLE BY LATE 1980'S.

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MORE ADDICTION TREATMENT FACILITIES HELP REDUCE CRIME  
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THE EXPANSION OF TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR DRUG ADDICTION HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CRIME SITUATION IN HONG KONG, IT WAS STATED IN THE HONG KONG NARCOTICS REPORT 1977 PUBLISHED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE REPORT, PUBLISHED ANNUALLY BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), REVIEWED 1977 AS A YEAR OF 'SUSTAINED EFFORTS AND CONTINUED SUCCESS'.

THE REPORT NOTED THAT THE INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT FACILITIES HAD LED TO A DRASTIC DROP IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CONVICTED IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS FOR MINOR DRUG OFFENCES SUCH AS THE SMOKING AND POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS. IN 1974, THE NUMBER WAS 16,200- IT DROPPED TO 11,377 IN 1975, 9,110 IN 1976 AND ONLY 6,683 IN 1977.

THE REPORT DESCRIBED THIS AS A 'DEMONSTRABLE ACHIEVEMENT' AND SAID THAT ALTHOUGH OTHER FACTORS MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS DROP, THE AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT FACILITIES HAS PLAYED 'NO SMALL PART' IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CRIME SITUATION AS REFLECTED BY THESE FIGURES.

IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESSURE AND CONTINUED EXPANSION OF TREATMENT FACILITIES INDUCED MORE ADDICTS THAN EVER BEFORE TO COME FORWARD FOR TREATMENT VOLUNTARILY DURING THE YEAR. IN SEPTEMBER, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ADDICTS RECEIVING TREATMENT, REHABILITATION OR AFTERCARE DAILY WAS CLOSE ON 16,500, AN ALL-TIME RECORD.

ON LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE REPORT SAID THAT THE LAST OF THE 'MR. BIGS' IN HONG KONG'S ILLICIT DRUG TRADE WAS GONE AND ALL MAJOR DRUG SYNDICATES HAD BEEN SMASHED.

SUCCESSFUL ACTION BY THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE PUSHED ILLICIT DRUG PRICES TO AN ALL-TIME HIGH IN AUGUST WHEN THE WHOLESALE VALUE OF NO. 3 HEROIN REACHED \$56,440 A KILOGRAMME, ALMOST TWICE THE VALUE OF GOLD, THE REPORT SAID.

DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW NO ATTEMPT WAS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN MADE TO SMUGGLE IN BULK SUPPLY OF DRUGS FROM THAILAND BY FISHING TRAWLERS, A PRACTICE WHICH DRUG TRAFFICKERS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REVIVE IN 1976.

INSTEAD, DRUGS WERE MAINLY SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG BY MEANS OF COURIERS OR CONCEALMENT IN AIR CARGO OR ON BOARD OCEAN-GOING VESSELS. THIS BROUGHT A MARKED DECLINE IN SEIZURES OF OPIUM AND MORPHINE, BUT AN INCREASE IN HEROIN WHICH IS LIGHTER TO CARRY AND EASIER TO CONCEAL. THE QUANTITIES SEIZED WERE 147 KILOGRAMMES OF OPIUM, 98 KILOGRAMMES OF MORPHINE AND 179 KILOGRAMMES OF HEROIN, COMPARED WITH 3,553, 291 AND 164 KILOGRAMMES RESPECTIVELY IN 1976.

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ALTOGETHER, 2,296 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR SERIOUS DRUG OFFENCES SUCH AS MANUFACTURING AND TRAFFICKING. AMONG THEM WERE 55 HIGH-LEVEL TRAFFICKERS COMPRISING 10 SYNDICATE HEADS OR ASSISTANT HEADS, THREE MAJOR BROKERS, 14 MAJOR DISTRIBUTORS, SIX HEROIN CHEMISTS, 11 DRUG STORE-KEEPERS, TWO COURIERS AND NINE INDEPENDENT OPERATORS.

THE REPORT ALSO MENTIONED THAT COMPARED WITH TWO YEARS AGO, PEOPLE IN HONG KONG NOW HAD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRUG PROBLEM AND THEIR ATTITUDES TO IT WERE BECOMING MORE POSITIVE AND RESPONSIVE, MAINLY AS A RESULT OF INTENSIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS.

IT SAID THAT A SURVEY CONDUCTED AFTER AN INTENSIVE EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN IN SHAM SHUI PO IN LATE 1977 INDICATED THAT 'THE CAMPAIGN REACHED A BROADER SPECTRUM OF PEOPLE'.

THIS COULD EQUALLY BE SAID OF THE WHOLE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY EFFORT IN 1977, THE REPORT SAID.

ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS, COMBINED WITH INCREASED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS COUNTRIES IN ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, MEAN THAT HONG KONG HAS NOT ONLY CONTAINED ITS DRUG PROBLEM BUT IS MAKING INROADS IN SOME VITAL AREAS SUCH AS DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND REDUCTION OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR AMONG ADDICTS, THE REPORT CONCLUDED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN, SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, SAID IN THE FOREWORD OF THE REPORT THAT TO GET MEANINGFUL RESULTS, THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PROGRAMMES HAD TO BE ACCEPTED BY THOSE INVOLVED, AND CO-OPERATION BUILT-UP BETWEEN THEM.

+1977 PROVIDES A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY SUCH AN APPROACH,+ HE SAID.

THE 112-PAGE REPORT, ILLUSTRATED WITH COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS, IS PUBLISHED IN SEPARATE ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS. IT GIVES A COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS OF HONG KONG'S ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMMES DURING THE YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BUY COPIES OF THE REPORT CAN OBTAIN THEM AT \$8.50 A COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, G.P.O. BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

TREASURY EXPANDS COMPUTER SERVICE

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THE TREASURY HAS EXPANDED ITS COMPUTER FACILITIES TO COPE WITH INCREASING WORKLOAD AND TO ALLOW MORE GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES TO BE COMPUTERISED.

THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF A LARGER AND MORE ADVANCED MODEL OF THE COMPUTER EARLY THIS YEAR WHICH REPLACED THE OLD MODEL THAT HAD BEEN IN USE SINCE 1970.

ANOTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT DURING THE YEAR WAS THE INSTALLATION AT THE DEPARTMENT'S SUB-OFFICES OF NEW COMPUTERISED RECEIPTING MACHINES. THEY REPLACED THE LESS EFFICIENT ELECTRO-MECHANICAL CASH REGISTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID THESE NEW SEMI-ON-LINE EQUIPMENT WILL PERMIT RECEIPT TRANSACTIONS TO BE BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT PROMPTLY IN THE APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS WITHOUT EXCESSIVE MANUAL INVOLVEMENT.

+WITH MORE EXTENSIVE COMPUTER FACILITIES BECOMING AVAILABLE,+ HE SAID, +1977-78 FINANCIAL YEAR ALSO SAW SEVERAL OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FUNCTIONS COMPUTERISED.

+THEY INCLUDED THE SYSTEM FOR RECORDING THE REPAYMENTS OF STUDENT LOANS, AND THE SYSTEM TO ACCOUNT FOR THE ISSUE AND SETTLEMENT OF THE MANY AND VARIOUS DEMAND NOTES ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.+

+THE PAYMENTS OF SEVERAL OF THE REGULAR ALLOWANCES TO CIVIL SERVANTS WERE ALSO TRANSFERRED TO THE COMPUTERISED SALARIES SYSTEM.

+IN THE PAST, PAYMENTS OF THESE ALLOWANCES WERE MADE UNDER A PARTIALLY MECHANISED SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT PLANNING IS ALSO WELL ADVANCED FOR THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS AND WIDOWS AND CHILDREN'S PENSION SCHEMES, AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A COMPUTER-BASED SYSTEM FOR THE PAYMENT OF CREDITORS.

+THESE SYSTEMS ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED LATER THIS FINANCIAL YEAR AND THE CREDITORS SYSTEM WILL LATER BE EXPANDED INTO A FULL FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR BUDGETARY CONTROL, COSTING AND MANAGEMENT,+ HE ADDED.

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FIRST DENTAL NURSE TRAINING COURSES BEGIN ON MONDAY  
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HONG KONG'S FIRST DENTAL NURSE TRAINING COURSES WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 23) AT THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S NEW DENTAL THERAPIST TRAINING SCHOOL AT MORRISON HILL.

THE TRAINING COURSES ARE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE DENTAL HYGIENE AND PROPER DENTAL CARE OF THE COMMUNITY.

UNDER THE TRAINING SCHEME, 33 DENTAL THERAPISTS WILL UNDERGO A THREE-YEAR TRAINING COURSE AND FIVE DENTAL HYGIENISTS WILL TAKE PART IN A ONE-YEAR COURSE.

THE DENTAL THERAPIST TRAINING SCHOOL, NAMED AFTER SIR SHIU-KIN TANG WHO HAS DONATED A SUBSTANTIAL SUM TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST OF THE SCHOOL, IS ACCOMMODATED AT THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE NOW IN THE FINAL STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION.

ON COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAINING COURSES, THE DENTAL THERAPISTS WILL WORK IN A SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SCHEME TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN 1980.

THEY WILL WORK IN A SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC, ALSO ACCOMMODATED AT THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE, TO PROVIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH A SERVICE WHICH COVERS BOTH THE PREVENTIVE AND BASIC TREATMENT ASPECTS OF DENTAL CARE.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS MAJOR DENTAL HEALTH SCHEME IS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT THE SCHEME WOULD PROVIDE REGULAR DENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND SIMPLE CONSULTATIVE TREATMENT INCLUDING ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT AND THE SERVICE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY TRAINED DENTAL NURSES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DENTAL OFFICERS.

INITIALLY, THE SCHEME WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN A GIVEN YEAR AND THEREAFTER WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY EXTENDED TO INCLUDE CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT A FURTHER FOUR SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS WOULD BE BUILT, TWO EACH IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITHIN THE NEXT SIX YEARS AS THE SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SCHEME GRADUALLY EXPANDS TO COVER MORE CHILDREN.

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## PRISONERS SERVING COMMUNITY

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PRISONERS ARE MAKING A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY BY IMPROVING FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS UNDER THE OUTDOOR LABOUR SCHEME OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

THE SCHEME WHICH ENABLES PRISONERS TO SPEND THEIR IMPRISONMENT IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIMS OF PRISON INDUSTRIES AND PENAL DOMESTIC SERVICES, HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AMONG THE PRISONERS BECAUSE OF THE OUTDOOR NATURE OF THE WORK.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDE BUILDING VILLAGE HOUSES, BUS BAYS, FOOT-PATHS, IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD WORKS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, GRASS CUTTING, AND BEACH CLEANING.

MOST OF THE PROJECTS ARE CARRIED OUT IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING THE NEEDS OF VILLAGERS AND SUBMITTING THE REQUESTS TO THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT. SOME ARE INITIATED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING OR PRESERVING THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE RURAL AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT SAID : +AT PRESENT ABOUT 300 INMATES, AGED ABOVE 21 AND SERVING SHORT SENTENCES, ARE INVOLVED IN THIS OUTDOOR LABOUR SCHEME.

+THEY ARE INMATES FROM PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN PIK UK, MA HANG, CHI MA WAN AND MA PO PING AND DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES IN TONG FUK AND TAI LAM, AS WELL AS YOUNG INMATES FROM THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE.+

HE SAID PRISONERS INVOLVED IN THESE PROJECTS ARE FORMED INTO SMALL OUTDOOR PARTIES, EACH BEING CLOSELY SUPERVISED BY ONE PRISON OFFICER.

THEY NORMALLY WORK EIGHT HOURS A DAY AND ARE PAID AT A WEEKLY RATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRISON RULES AND DEPENDING ON THEIR SKILL. ACCUMULATED SAVINGS EARNED BY AN INMATE ARE PAID TO HIM ON HIS RELEASE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THOSE PRISONERS WHO MISBEHAVE DURING OUTDOOR WORK, ARE LIABLE TO BE DISCIPLINED.

+BUT THIS SELDOM HAPPENS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, +BECAUSE THEY LIKE THIS TYPE OF WORK WHICH MAKES THEM FEEL USEFUL AND FREE AND THEY CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THE JOB.+

THE SCHEME IS SO POPULAR THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS FLOODED WITH REQUESTS FOR SUCH COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRIORITY HAS TO BE GIVEN TO THOSE PROJECTS WHICH ARE MORE URGENT AND IMPORTANT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REVEALED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON MORE AMBITIOUS PROJECTS UNDER THIS OUTDOOR WORK SCHEME BY BUILDING THREE SEISMOGRAPH STATIONS AT SAI KUNG, TAI LAM AND CHI MA WAN FOR THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS

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A SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, MR. H.L. KWONG TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON 38 NEW CUSTOMS OFFICERS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED A 10-WEEK INDUCTION TRAINING COURSE TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES FIRMLY BUT WITH POLITENESS TO ALL CONCERNED.

HE WAS ADDRESSING THE GROUP AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE HELD AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG.

THE GRADUATES ARE ALL YOUNG RECRUITS WHO HAD RECEIVED TWO YEARS' TRAINING IN GENERAL SUBJECTS, FOOT DRILL AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE IN THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL BEFORE JOINING THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

THEY ARE ALSO THE FOURTH BATCH OF YOUNG OFFICERS RECRUITED FROM THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL.

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE, MR. KWONG SAID: +IN THE COURSE OF YOUR DUTIES YOU WILL BE CONTACTING PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. SOME OF THEM ARE CO-OPERATIVE BUT OTHERS ARE FAR FROM REASONABLE.

+TO DEAL WITH THEM YOU SHOULD BE POLITE IN YOUR MANNERS, FOR WHAT YOU DISPLAY OUTSIDE WILL REFLECT ON THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

+FAVOURABLE OR ADVERSE COMMENTS ON THE SERVICE DEPEND VERY MUCH UPON YOUR MANNER AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PUBLIC.+

MR. KWONG ALSO TOLD THE RECRUITS THAT +IN THE EXECUTION OF YOUR AUTHORITY AS AN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, THERE MAY BE TIMES WHEN THE UNSCRUPULOUS PERSONS TRYING TO DIVERT YOU FROM YOUR DUTIES BY THE OFFER OF BRIBES OR ADVANTAGES.

+YOU MUST BE FIRM AND RESIST THE TEMPTATION WITHOUT HESITATION,+ HE STRESSED.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CHUK YUEN ROAD  
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CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE ACCESS TO ON FU ROAD, TO LINK WITH THE PROPOSED CHUK YUEN ROAD EXTENSION, MAY START SOON.

PART OF CHUK YUEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AS A RESULT.

HOWEVER, VEHICULAR ACCESS TO CHUK YUEN COTTAGE AREA WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, PRESENTLY ESTIMATED AT TEN MONTHS.

WHEN THIS WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE ACCESS TO THE COTTAGE AREA WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED.

THE NOTICE FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PART OF CHUK YUEN ROAD APPEARED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE CLOSING DATE FOR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL IS NOVEMBER 20, 1978 AND ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE BY DECEMBER 20, 1978.

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WATER CUT IN WAN CHAI AND WESTERN  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 23) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IN WAN CHAI IS BOUNDED BY THE EAST SIDE OF O'BRIEN ROAD, NORTH SIDE OF JOHNSTON ROAD, WEST SIDE OF FLEMING ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

IN WESTERN, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, WESTERN STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

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

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE :

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
OCTOBER 23 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
OCTOBER 24 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
OCTOBER 25 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 11 P.M.
OCTOBER 26 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
OCTOBER 27 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.

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