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PROPERTIES TO BE RESUMED FOR ROAD PROJECT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME A NUMBER OF PROPERTIES IN TUNG CHAU STREET AND TONG MI ROAD, TAI KOK TSUI, SO THAT IT CAN GO AHEAD WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A VITAL SECTION OF THE FOURTH STAGE OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECTION OF THE ELEVATED ROAD IS IN CATEGORY A OF THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER.

THE PROPERTIES ARE AT 79-81B, TONG MI ROAD, AND 1-25, TUNG CHAU STREET.

IT IS EXPECTED ABOUT 75 FAMILIES WILL BE REHOUSED UNDER HOUSING DEPARTMENT POLICY AND 39 SHOPS AND WORKSHOPS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION.

A LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID THE SECTION IN WHICH THE PROPERTIES TO BE RESUMED WERE SITUATED WAS REQUIRED EARLY TO ENABLE THE STAGE II SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AND TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASED VOLUME OF TRAFFIC EXPECTED WHEN STAGE III WAS COMPLETED.

HE SAID THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR PROJECT WAS OF LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY AS IT WOULD PROVIDE A HIGH STANDARD PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR ROUTE SERVING MAJOR LONG-DISTANCE MOVEMENTS IN THE TRAFFIC CORRIDOR IN WEST AND NORTH-WEST KOWLOON.

THE CORRIDOR, AN ELEVATED DUAL CARRIAGEWAY, WILL BE EIGHT KILOMETRES LONG, RUNNING FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO LAI CHI KOK AND BEYOND.

STAGE IV WILL RUN FROM KANSU STREET ALONG FERRY STREET, TONG MI ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET TO MAPLE STREET AND ACROSS THE YAU MA TEI RECLAMATION TO POK MAN STREET.

THIS STAGE ALSO INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY ACROSS FERRY STREET NEAR SHAN TUNG STREET, RECONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE EXISTING ROADS BENEATH THE ELEVATED STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE RESUMPTION OF PROPERTIES IN STAGE IV WAS BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION EFFORTS PAY OFF

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS.

AS A RESULT, THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS AGAINST VIOLATIONS OF CONSERVATION LEGISLATION DECLINED FROM THE AVERAGE 200 A YEAR BETWEEN 1980 AND 1982 TO 52 LAST YEAR.

+THIS DECLINE IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE HEAVY FINES IMPOSED AND THE INCREASING AWARENESS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING CONSERVATION OF RARE SPECIES,+ SAID MR S.P. LAU, SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

+FINES AVERAGING \$300 FOR IMPORTED 'SOUVENIR ITEMS' HAVE BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DETERRENT. BUT ADDITIONALLY PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ARE REGULARLY LAUNCHED AND PRESS RELEASES ISSUED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE SUBJECT,+ HE SAID.

+POACHING AND THE LOSS OF HABITAT HAVE THREATENED A NUMBER OF SPECIES TO THE POINT OF EXTINCTION IN SOME COUNTRIES PREVIOUSLY RICH IN WILDLIFE AND THERE HAS BEEN GROWING WORLDWIDE CONCERN ABOUT THE PROBLEM IN RECENT YEARS,+ MR LAU SAID.

+TO BE EFFECTIVE, CONSERVATION HAS TO BE AN INTERNATIONALLY CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT,+ HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA (CITES), WHICH IS ENFORCED AT INTERNATIONAL BORDER CROSSINGS AND TO WHICH OVER 80 COUNTRIES ARE SIGNATORIES.

+ALTHOUGH HONG KONG ITSELF IS NOT RICH IN WILDLIFE, THE LARGE VOLUME OF TRADE IN WILDLIFE PRODUCTS PASSING THROUGH HONG KONG HAS MADE IT IMPORTANT IN THE WORK OF THE CONSERVATION OF RARE SPECIES,+ MR LAU EXPLAINED.

THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE IS THE LOCAL LEGISLATION GIVING EFFECT TO THE CITES.

+THE POSSESSION, IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTED UNDER THE ORDINANCE WITHOUT AUTHORISATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IS A CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAW,+ MR LAU SAID.

LICENSING POLICY FOLLOWS THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CONVENTION AND THE ISSUE OF AN IMPORT LICENCE REQUIRES THAT SHIPMENT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A VALID PERMIT GRANTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY.

+IN CASE OF A LIVING SPECIMEN, IT SHOULD BE SHIPPED IN A MANNER TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF INJURY,+ HE SAID.

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THE LAW PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 ON CONVICTION OF FIRST OFFENCE AND UP TO \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES. THE ILLEGAL ARTICLES ARE FORFEITED.

MR LAU SAID ITEMS COMMONLY SEIZED INCLUDE STUFFED SEA TURTLES AND CROCODILES BROUGHT BACK BY TRAVELLERS AS SOUVENIRS FROM SOME SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS OWLS, EAGLES AND LIVE PANGOLINS FROM CHINA.

+PLANTS ONLY ACCOUNT FOR A SMALL PORTION OF THE ARTICLES SEIZED. AMONG THEM ARE AMERICAN GINSENG AND WILD ORCHIDS,+ HE SAID.

CAMPAIGNS LIKE THE +LET THEM LIVE - PROTECT THE ENDANGERED SPECIES+ EXHIBITION HELD IN 1981 BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE WORLD WILDLIFE FUND AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ARE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORT TO PROMOTE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION.

+THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IS TO ENSURE THAT RARE SPECIES WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO FLOURISH IN SUITABLE ENVIRONMENTS,+ MR LAU SAID.

+IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONVENTION, HONG KONG HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH THE OTHER SIGNATORIES OF THE CITES FOR LIVING SPECIES SEIZED HERE TO BE SENT BACK TO THEIR HOMELAND OR TO SUITABLE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HOLD BREEDING GROUPS OF THEIR KIND,+ HE SAID.

A CONSIGNMENT OF 57 RADIATED TORTOISES WAS SENT TO THE JERSEY ZOOLOGICAL PARK IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR BREEDING IN 1982.

CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND CHINA HAS ALSO RESULTED IN THE RECENT DESPATCH OF AN UNUSUAL CONSIGNMENT OF ENDANGERED ANIMALS INCLUDING A BROWN BEAR, MONKEYS, CAIMANS, PYTHONS AND RADIATED TORTOISES.

+A NUMBER OF LIVE PANGOLINS, TURTLES AND WILD BIRDS HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN HONG KONG,+ MR LAU SAID.

+CONFISCATED LIVE ANIMALS ARE USUALLY ACCOMMODATED IN GOVERNMENT KENNELS PENDING RELOCATION FOR BREEDING OR ADOPTION BY LOCAL ZOOS,+ MR LAU SAID.

DEAD SPECIMENS ARE SENT TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES AND MUSEUMS, OR MADE AVAILABLE TO OTHER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR REFERENCE OR FOR TRAINING WORK, HE SAID.

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WAGE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1983

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THE OVERALL NOMINAL WAGE INDEX, AT 112 IN DECEMBER 1983, SHOWS INCREASES OF 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SEPTEMBER 1983 FIGURE AND OF 7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE DECEMBER 1982 FIGURE, ACCORDING TO WAGE INDEXES FOR DECEMBER 1983 PUBLISHED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

A COMPARISON OF THE DECEMBER 1983 WITH THE SEPTEMBER 1983 FIGURES SHOWS THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR AND THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR EACH INCREASED BY 1 PER CENT, AND FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 2 PER CENT, WHILE THAT FOR THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR REMAINED UNCHANGED.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 3.

A COMPARISON OF THE DECEMBER 1983 FIGURE WITH THE DECEMBER 1982 FIGURE SHOWS THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR EACH INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT, AND FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 6 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR AND THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 9 PER CENT AND 8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1982 TO DECEMBER 1983 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 1.

THE OVERALL REAL WAGE INDEX STOOD AT 95 IN DECEMBER 1983. THE INDEX DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1983 AND BY 4 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1982.

A COMPARISON OF THE DECEMBER 1983 WITH SEPTEMBER 1983 FIGURES SHOWS THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR EACH DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT, AND FOR THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR BY 1 PER CENT, BUT THAT FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR SHOWS NO CHANGE.

A COMPARISON OF THE DECEMBER 1983 WITH DECEMBER 1982 FIGURES SHOWS THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR EACH DECLINED BY 4 PER CENT AND FOR THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR BY 5 PER CENT, WHILE THOSE FOR THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR AND THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR EACH DECREASED BY 2 PER CENT.

THE REAL WAGE INDEXES FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1982 TO DECEMBER 1983 FOR SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN TABLE 2.

THESE WAGE

THESE WAGE INDEXES ARE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING BOTH MANUAL AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS (EXCLUDING WORKERS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LEVELS) IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE TRANSPORT SERVICES SECTOR, THE BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTOR.

SUCH WAGE INDEXES MEASURE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES BY HOLDING THE STRUCTURAL PATTERN OF THE LABOUR FORCE WITH RESPECT TO INDUSTRY, OCCUPATION, SEX AND MODE OF PAYMENT THE SAME AS THAT OF MARCH 1982, WHICH IS THE BASE PERIOD OF THE WAGE INDEXES.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES (ALTHOUGH THE SAME DEFLATOR IS USED FOR EACH INDUSTRY TO DERIVE THE REAL WAGE INDEX FROM ITS NOMINAL COUNTERPART, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND THE REAL WAGE INDEX BETWEEN ANY TWO TIME PERIODS MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY DUE TO ROUNDING).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WAGE INDEXES AND THE INDEXES OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WHICH ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WAGE RATES PROVIDE A MEASURE OF THE PRICE OF LABOUR, PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS A MEASURE OF PER CAPITA EARNINGS. WAGE RATES REPRESENT THE AMOUNT OF REMUNERATION FOR NORMAL HOURS OF WORK, AND ARE DEFINED TO INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AND SALARIES, COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE, MEAL BENEFITS, COMMISSIONS AND TIPS, GOOD ATTENDANCE BONUS AND NIGHT SHIFT ALLOWANCE.

IN ADDITION, YEAR-END BONUS AND OTHER GUARANTEED AND REGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES THAT ARE PAID LESS FREQUENTLY THAN MONTHLY ARE CONVERTED TO AN EQUIVALENT MONTHLY RATE WHEN COMPILING THE WAGE RATE INDEXES.

TOTAL PAYROLL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THE AMOUNT OF DIRECT CASH PAYMENTS THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FROM EMPLOYERS.

APART FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED CASH RECEIPTS, IT ALSO INCLUDES OVERTIME PAY AND OTHER NON-GUARANTEED AND IRREGULAR BONUSES AND ALLOWANCES.

HENCE, STATISTICS ON PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED TEND TO BE SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS ACTUALLY WORKED, THE TIMING OF THE PAYMENT OF BONUSES AND BACK-PAY, AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE LABOUR FORCE. AS A RESULT, MOVEMENTS IN WAGE RATES DO NOT NECESSARILY CONFORM WITH THOSE IN PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED.

THE ABOVE SURVEY FINDINGS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE REPORT OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS STATISTICS VOL. 1, DECEMBER 1983 WHICH IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE.

THE VOL. 11 ISSUE OF THE REPORT CONTAINING DETAILED OCCUPATIONAL STATISTICS, SUCH AS WAGE RATES, NUMBER OF NORMAL HOURS OF WORK AND NUMBER OF STANDARD WORKING DAYS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES CENTRE IN EARLY MAY 1984. FOR ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE WAGE INDEXES, PLEASE CONTACT THE WAGES AND LABOUR COSTS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NOS. 5-455774 OR 5-416062.

TABLE 1: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	DEC. 1982	MAR. 1983	JUNE 1983	SEPT. 1983	DEC. 1983
MANUFACTURING	105	108	110	111	112
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	104	106	107	108	110
TRANSPORT SERVICES	110	114	118	119	120
BUSINESS SERVICES	103	108	109	110	111
PERSONAL SERVICES	104	107	106	111	111
ALL SECTORS ABOVE	105	108	110	111	112

TABLE 2: REAL WAGE INDEXES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS

SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	DEC. 1982	MAR. 1983	JUNE 1983	SEPT. 1983	DEC. 1983
MANUFACTURING	98	97	98	96	94
WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	98	96	95	93	93

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TRANSPORT SERVICES	103	103	105	103	101
BUSINESS SERVICES	96	97	97	95	94
PERSONAL SERVICES	98	96	95	96	94
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ALL SECTORS ABOVE	99	97	98	96	95
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TABLE 3: NOMINAL WAGE INDEXES FOR MAJOR INDUSTRIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

INDUSTRY	INDEXES (MARCH 1982 = 100)				
	DEC. 1982	MAR. 1983	JUNE 1983	SEPT. 1983	DEC. 1983
GARMENTS	105	106	108	109	110
GLOVES	105	107	107	107	110
HANDBAGS	102	105	106	107	107
COTTON SPINNING/WEAVING	102	108	111	111	111
KNITTING	106	108	112	113	115
BLEACHING AND DYEING	103	107	109	111	112
PRINTING	106	108	113	113	112
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	105	107	110	111	112
METAL PRODUCTS	103	107	110	113	113
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	102	106	109	113	115
ELECTRONICS	105	109	110	112	113
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	106	111	112	113	113
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MANUFACTURING	105	108	110	111	112
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PRISONERS CAN ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY

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RESIDENTS OF SO KWUN WAT VILLAGE NOW FEEL MORE SECURE WHEN USING THE SINGLE-TRACK ROAD LEADING TO THE VILLAGE.

THEY USED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OVER THE 3.2-KM-LONG ROAD WITH ITS MANY BENDS WHERE LONG GRASS AND HEAVY UNDERGROWTH ON BOTH SIDES TENDED TO OBSTRUCT THE VIEW OF PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS.

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ORGANISED A WORK FORCE OF 22 PRISONERS FROM TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TO CLEAR THE UNDERGROWTH A FEW MONTHS AGO.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE, THE VILLAGERS RECENTLY PRESENTED A BANNER TO THE INSTITUTION.

THIS WAS BUT ONE OF THE 57 COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMPLETED BY PRISONERS LAST YEAR, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, MR RAYMOND LAI, SAID TODAY.

HE SAID SPECIALLY SELECTED PRISONERS SERVING SHORT SENTENCES OR NEAR THE END OF A LONGER SENTENCE WERE OFTEN EMPLOYED ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT, DISTRICT BOARDS AND VARIOUS SUBVENTED, CHARITABLE OR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

LAST YEAR, OVER 210 000 MAN-DAYS WERE SPENT ON SUCH PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDED CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS, BEACH CLEANING, MAINTENANCE OF GARDENS AND AFFORESTATION.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORK AT SAN TIN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS CITED BY MR LAI AS ANOTHER IMPORTANT PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY PRISONERS LAST YEAR.

+BEFORE THEY STARTED A THREE-MONTH CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN FEBRUARY, THE STREAM COURSE IN SAN TIN WAS POLLUTED, OVERGROWN WITH WEEDS AND BLOCKED BY REFUSE.

+AT THE REQUEST OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENT MOBILISED 40 PRISONERS TO CARRY OUT THE OPERATION,+ HE SAID.

THE LARGEST PROJECT WAS THE ERECTION OF PARTS OF THE FRONTIER FENCE AND THE CLEARING OF UNDERGROWTH IN THE VICINITY. REGULAR MAINTENANCE TEAMS NOW CHECK AND REPAIR THE FENCE FROM SHA TAU KOK TO LOK MA CHAU.

MR LAI POINTED OUT THAT BY PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS, PRISONERS COULD ALSO REGAIN SELF-CONFIDENCE AND FOSTER A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BELONGING.

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STREET LIGHTING PROGRAMME FOR SQUATTER AREAS

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ELEVEN STREET LIGHTS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INSTALLED IN NAM FUNG SHEUNG VILLAGE UNDER A PILOT SCHEME OF A STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME IN SQUATTER AREAS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

INSTALLATION COST FOR THE LIGHTS WAS ABOUT \$19 000, OF WHICH \$16 000 WAS CONTRIBUTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REST BY THE LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT ANOTHER 100 STREET LIGHTS WERE BEING PLANNED FOR FIVE OTHER SQUATTER AREAS IN THE DISTRICT THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THESE AREAS ARE IN UPPER KAI LUNG WAN VILLAGE, KAU WAI VILLAGE, TAI SHUI HANG VILLAGE, TAI HAU WAN AND TIN WAN HILL VILLAGE 1.

+IN SETTING OUT THE PRIORITY OF EACH OF THE SQUATTER AREAS FOR THE SCHEME, WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THEIR EXPERIENCE IN CARRYING OUT SIMILAR PROJECTS, INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, POPULATION, LAW AND ORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION AND LAND STATUS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT,+ HE SAID.

+FINANCIALLY, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONTRIBUTE 80 PER CENT OF THE INSTALLATION COST AND THE LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES 20 PER CENT,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SINCE NAM FUNG SHEUNG VILLAGE WAS THE FIRST SQUATTER AREA TO HAVE STREET LIGHTING, ITS FUNCTIONING WOULD BE MONITORED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR SIX MONTHS TO SEE WHETHER THERE WERE PROBLEMS OF FEE COLLECTION AND ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY.

ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17), A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 5 PM AT THE ENTRANCE TO NAM FUNG SHEUNG VILLAGE.

GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR K.C. KWONG ; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, MR HO CHUN-TUNG ; AND BOARD MEMBERS MR KAN MAN-LEE AND MR LAM HON-KEUNG.

STREET LIGHTING AT NAM FUNG SHEUNG VILLAGE, WITH A POPULATION OF 820, WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN AREAS DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (SOUTHERN DIVISION) AND THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY AT 5 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) AT THE ENTRANCE TO NAM FUNG SHEUNG VILLAGE IN NAM FUNG ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG.

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GO METRIC AND WIN A PRIZE
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CONSUMERS WHO PURCHASE 'METRICATED' PRODUCTS IN SUPERMARKETS WILL STAND A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING VALUABLE PRIZES THIS MONTH (APRIL).

A TERRITORY-WIDE METRIC FAMILY LUCKY DRAW IS BEING STAGED BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OVER 30 MAJOR SUPERMARKETS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF METRIC MEASUREMENTS.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCHEME ARE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AN ENTRY FORM AND COLLECT 10 METRIC CONTENTS MARKINGS FROM PACKS OF PRODUCTS THEY HAVE BOUGHT.

THEY SHOULD PUT THE COMPLETED FORMS AND CLIPPINGS IN AN ENVELOPE, AND DROP IT INTO ONE OF THE COLLECTION BOXES AT THE SPECIFIED SUPERMARKETS OR MAIL IT TO THE METRICATION COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT, 31/F, UNITED CENTRE, 95 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

+ONE CAN SEND IN AS MANY ENTRIES AS ONE LIKES, BUT ONE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTRIES ARE IN BY APRIL 30, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE METRIC FAMILY LUCKY DRAW WORKING PARTY SAID.

PRIZES WILL INCLUDE FREE SUPERMARKET SHOPPING VOUCHERS, A COMPACT DISC PLAYER, TAPE RECORDERS, GIFT COUPONS OF \$1 000 EACH AND A BANK ACCOUNT WITH A DEPOSIT OF \$10 000.

THE SCHEME STARTED ON APRIL 1 AND SO FAR, PUBLIC RESPONSE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING.

+WE HAVE RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF ENTRIES IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS, + SAID THE SPOKESMAN. + AND A LOT MORE ARE EXPECTED TO COME IN BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE, + HE ADDED.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE 10 CONSUMER ADVICE CENTRES, G.I.S. MARKETING OFFICE AND AT SUPERMARKETS WHERE THE METRIC FAMILY LUCKY DRAW IDENTITY SIGN IS DISPLAYED.

RESULTS OF THE LUCKY DRAW WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THREE MAJOR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ON MAY 17 AND THE WINNERS WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL.

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COURSE OFFERED FOR TEACHERS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS

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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS OR SPECIAL-RESOURCE CLASSES TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR, PART-TIME TRAINING COURSE OFFERED BY THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER.

APPLICANTS MUST BE QUALIFIED TEACHERS WITH RECOGNISED TEACHER TRAINING AND BE RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERVISORS OR HEADS OF THEIR SCHOOLS. PART-TIME TEACHERS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR THE COURSE, ALTHOUGH PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO FULL-TIME TEACHERS.

IF ADMITTED TO THE IN-SERVICE COURSE, FULL-TIME TEACHERS OR HEAD TEACHERS WILL BE AWARDED SPECIAL EDUCATION ALLOWANCES IN THE FORM OF ONE PAY INCREMENT.

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, ANOTHER SPECIAL EDUCATION ALLOWANCE WILL BE AWARDED AT A RATE OF TWO PAY INCREMENTS, TOGETHER WITH A +CERTIFICATE FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS+.

THE COURSE WILL INCLUDE STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, LEARNING AND BEHAVIOUR, THE NEEDS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THE ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL-RESOURCE CLASSES.

THE COURSE WILL ALSO INCLUDE TUTORIALS, SEMINARS AND EDUCATIONAL VISITS. TEACHERS ATTENDING THE COURSE WILL BE SUPERVISED AND ADVISED IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS.

IN ADDITION, TRAINEES WILL HAVE TO STUDY ONE OF SEVEN AREAS OF SPECIALISATION IN DEPTH.

THE SEVEN AREAS OF SPECIALISATION OFFERED ARE: THE EDUCATION OF SLOW LEARNING CHILDREN, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, VISUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN, MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED CHILDREN, PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROBLEMS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG; THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 6 CALDECOTT ROAD, KOWLOON AND ITS ANNEXE AT 8 YUEN CHAU KOK ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH SUPERVISORS OR HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD, CARE OF THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ANNEXE IN SHA TIN, ON OR BEFORE MAY 31, 1984.

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ILLEGAL HAWKERS CLEARED FROM STREETS

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PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES ARE MOVING SMOOTHLY AGAIN ON +FOOD STREET+ IN TAI PO, FOLLOWING THE RECENT CLEARANCE OF HAWKERS FROM THE AREA.

THE CLEARANCE EXERCISE HAD THE TWO-FOLD AIM OF FACILITATING TRAFFIC FLOW AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+RESIDENTS AND DRIVERS ARE NOW SATISFIED, AS PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON THE STREET AND IN THE AREA IS RUNNING SMOOTHLY,+ HE SAID.

AND LICENSED COOKED FOOD STALL OPERATORS IN THE TAI PO TEMPORARY MARKET, NEAR WHAT IS UNOFFICIALLY KNOWN AS 'FOOD STREET', AS WELL AS OPERATORS OF LICENSED FOOD PREMISES IN THE VICINITY ARE ALSO PLEASED ABOUT THE CLEARANCE WORK.

IN FACT, THE CLEARANCE WAS CARRIED OUT ALSO IN THE ADJACENT STREETS, TO PREVENT THE UNLICENSED ON-STREET HAWKERS FROM ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES IN THE DISTRICT AGAIN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO ENSURE THAT THE STREETS ARE FREE OF UNLICENSED HAWKERS, MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL DUTIES TEAM OF THE NTSD PATROL THE AREA BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 PM DAILY IN THE AREA.

THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST ILLEGAL HAWKING IN THE AREA WAS IN THE GENERAL INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THERE WERE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE VARIOUS FACTORIES IN TAI PO FOR THE UNLICENSED HAWKERS.

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CLEARANCE IN KOWLOON CITY

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NINETEEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON A BACKLANE AT NOS 31-91 TAK KU LING ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE PULLED DOWN ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17) MORNING.

THE STRUCTURES COMPRISE SEVEN DOMESTIC UNITS, NINE STORES, TWO STALLS AND A CANOPY.

THE CLEARANCE IS PART OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT EXERCISE INVOLVING ABOUT 100 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN 'RED ZONE SIX' BOUNDED BY CARPENTER ROAD ON THE NORTH, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD ON THE SOUTH, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD ON THE EAST, AND NGA TSIN LONG ROAD ON THE WEST.

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SO FAR, 35 STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED THROUGH JOINT EFFORT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES, CITY SERVICES, LANDS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENTS.

THE 'RED ZONE' CLEARANCE EXERCISE, WHICH BEGAN IN MID-1982, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO MONTHS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE CLEARANCE SHOULD ARRIVE AT NO. 31 TAK KU LING ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY AT 9 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17).

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NEW ROAD IN LAI CHI KOK

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD A NEW APPROACH ROAD IN THE KAU WAH KENG VALLEY, LAI CHI KOK, TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO EXISTING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS THERE.

THE NEW ROAD WILL LINK LAI KING HILL ROAD WITH LAI WAN ROAD, BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE WIDENED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE A SHORT STRETCH OF ROAD GIVING ACCESS TO CHUNG SHAN TERRACE, FOOTPATHS AND A TWIN BOX CULVERT TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE IN THE AREA WHICH IS PRONE TO FLOODING IN THE RAINY SEASON.

SLOPE PROTECTION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION. A SHORT SECTION OF LAI KING HILL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THE NEW ROAD HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

SOME AGRICULTURAL AND BUILDING LAND WILL NEED TO BE RESUMED.

A NOTICE OF THE PROJECT IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

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;
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROJECT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE JUNE 12.

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RESTRICTED ZONE IN KWAI CHUNG
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 17), A SECTION OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THE SECTION IS FROM THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH KWAI ON ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES TO THE NORTH.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, 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 FROM LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

FROM THE SAME TIME THAT DAY, YUEN LONG NEW STREET AND HOP CHOI STREET NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MAU TAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 3-1/2 MONTHS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR MAU TAN STREET SHOULD USE HOP YICK ROAD, HOP CHOI STREET AND MAU TAN STREET AND EXIT VIA MAU TAN STREET AND TAI TONG ROAD.

ALSO FROM 10 AM THE SAME DAY, THE SECTION OF SHEUNG FOO STREET BETWEEN FAT KWONG STREET AND SHEUNG SHING STREET IN KOWLOON WILL BE MADE A PROHIBITED ZONE TO ALL LEARNER DRIVERS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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COLLEGE TO GET SECOND LABORATORY
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GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN KOWLOON WILL EXPAND ITS FACILITIES FOR TEACHING SCIENCE.

ONE OF THE COLLEGE'S TWO ART STUDIOS IS TO BE CONVERTED INTO A SCIENCE LABORATORY TO ACCOMMODATE 30 STUDENTS.

THE EXISTING LABORATORY HAS 40 STUDENTS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO CARRY OUT THE CONVERSION WORK WHICH WILL BEGIN DURING THE SUMMER VACATION AND TAKE THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

GRANTHAM COLLEGE WAS FOUNDED IN 1951 AND MOVED TO ITS PRESENT LOCATION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

A NEW WING WAS ADDED IN 1973 TO MEET THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR QUALIFIED TEACHERS AND THE NEW LABORATORY WILL BE HOUSED THERE.

THE COLLEGE HAS 686 FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND 596 PART-TIME STUDENTS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

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RECREATION FACILITIES FOR POLICE OFFICERS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED TO BUILD RECREATION FACILITIES FOR POLICE OFFICERS AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX ON A ONE-HECTARE SITE NEXT TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL PORTAL.

IT WILL BE FOR USE BY OFFICERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE AND THEIR CIVILIAN COUNTERPARTS.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A COVERED AND HEATED SWIMMING POOL, A MULTI-PURPOSE INDOOR GAMES HALL, FOUR SQUASH COURTS, A BOWLING ALLEY, ONE GYMNASIUM WITH FITNESS ROOMS, A LOUNGE AND BAR, AND CHANGING AND DINING ROOMS.

SOME EXISTING OUTDOOR FACILITIES IN THE AREA INCLUDING A BOWLING GREEN AND THREE TENNIS COURTS WILL BE RETAINED OR RELOCATED.

WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, MAY 11.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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SECURITY IMPROVEMENT AT TAI LAM CENTRE

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE FOR IMPROVING SECURITY AT TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN.

THE WORK INVOLVES BUILDING A 6.1-METRE HIGH SECURITY WALL AND TWO GUARD TOWERS.

THE CENTRE, WHICH WAS OPENED IN 1969, SERVES AS A PRISON FOR ADULT FEMALES AND AS A TREATMENT CENTRE FOR FEMALE DRUG DEPENDANTS.

IT HAS A CAPACITY FOR 247 PRISONERS.

WORK WILL START IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

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WATER CUT ON AP LEI CHAU
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO AP LEI CHAU WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM
11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO
FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

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WATER CUT AT SHEK TONG TSUI
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES AT SHEK TONG TSUI
WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18)
FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT 65-97 HILL ROAD,
470-496 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND CLARENCE TERRACE.

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