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NOTIFICATIONS OF SUB-LETTINGS  
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LANDLORDS OF POST-WAR DOMESTIC PREMISES WILL BE IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION TO IDENTIFY THEIR SUB-TENANTS, UNDER NEW DRAFT LEGISLATION PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL MAKES A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO PART II OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE AND SEEKS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO EMPOWER LANDLORDS TO OBTAIN FULL DETAILS OF ALL SUB-LETTINGS FROM THEIR TENANTS REGARDLESS OF THE DATES OF SUB-LETTINGS.

AT PRESENT, TENANTS ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM THEIR LANDLORDS OF ANY SUB-LETTING MADE AFTER DECEMBER 14, 1973. HOWEVER, TENANTS WILL, IN FUTURE, BE RELIEVED OF THE EXISTING OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY THEIR LANDLORDS OF ANY SUB-LETTING, THOUGH THEY MUST DO SO ON REQUEST FROM THEIR LANDLORDS AS PROVIDED IN THE AMENDING LEGISLATION.

ALSO EMBODIED IN THE BILL IS A PROVISION REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION TO DEAL WITH A LANDLORD'S APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF INCREASE IN RENT 21 DAYS AFTER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED.

AT PRESENT, THE COMMISSIONER IS REQUIRED TO DEAL WITH SUCH AN APPLICATION EITHER UPON RECEIVING THE TENANTS'S REPRESENTATIONS OR AFTER ONE MONTH FROM THE RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE AMENDING BILL ALSO SEEKS TO EMPOWER THE RENT TRIBUNAL AND THE DISTRICT COURT, ON A REVIEW OR APPEAL, TO FIX THE DATE FROM WHICH ANY RENT INCREASE IS TO TAKE EFFECT.

THIS IS DESIGNED TO REMOVE ANY POSSIBLE DOUBT WHICH MAY HAVE ARISEN UNDER THE EXISTING PROVISION.

COMMENTING ON THE THE BILL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED TODAY THAT EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTERING PART II OF THE ORDINANCE SINCE ITS RE-ENACTMENT ABOUT A YEAR AGO SHOWED THAT SOME MINOR CHANGES WERE DESIRABLE.

THE RE-ENACTMENT WAS CARRIED OUT TO PROVIDE SECURITY OF TENURE AND CONTROL OF RENT INCREASES IN RESPECT OF POST-WAR DOMESTIC BUILDINGS, HE ADDED.

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## GOVERNOR OPENS LIONS CONVENTION

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HONG KONG, LIKE OTHER SOUTH-EAST ASIAN TERRITORIES, MUST RELY ON ITS OWN STRENGTH, ENERGY AND COHESION AS A COMMUNITY TO MEET THE DIFFICULTIES RESULTING FROM THE OIL CRISIS AND THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY.

+THESE ARE OUR GREATEST ASSETS AND OUR GREATEST SAFEGUARDS IN THE PERIOD THAT LIES AHEAD,+ HE TOLD DELEGATES AT THE OPENING OF THE 13TH ORIENT AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA LIONS CONVENTION IN THE CITY HALL.

THE GOVERNOR DESCRIBED MUTUAL SERVICE AS +THE STRONGEST CEMENT THAT A COMMUNITY CAN HAVE,+ AND NOTED THAT THE LIONS' MOTTO OF 'WE SERVE' WAS PRECISELY THE APPROACH NEEDED IN THE CURRENT SITUATION SINCE +BY CONTINUING TO SERVE EACH OTHER WE WILL BEST SERVE THE COMMUNITY.+

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH :

+FIRST OF ALL LET ME WELCOME THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL TO HONG KONG. THROUGHOUT THE WORLD YOUR NAME STANDS HIGH AND I ASSURE YOU NOWHERE HIGHER THAN IN HONG KONG. YOU ARE IMMENSELY WELCOME.

+YOUR CONVENTION IS CONCERNED WITH THE SUBJECT OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. IF I MIGHT SAY SO IT IS MOST TIMELY TO FOCUS ON THIS SUBJECT JUST NOW WHEN DIFFICULTY AND DISAPPOINTMENT FACE SO MANY OF THE COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES IN THIS REGION.

+THREE YEARS AGO WISE STATESMANSHIP HAD GREATLY REDUCED THE DIVISIONS WHICH FOR SO LONG BEDEVILLED INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC. THE WHOLE AREA WAS ABLE TO BREATHE MORE FREELY AND FACE THE FUTURE WITH MORE CONFIDENCE. THOUGH THERE FOLLOWED DIFFICULTIES WHICH SEEMED LARGE ENOUGH AT THE TIME, DIFFICULTIES STEMMING FROM ADJUSTMENT OF EXCHANGE RATES, INFLATION AND COMMODITY SHORTAGES, THEY WERE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THIS REGION AT LEAST SUCCEEDED IN TAKING MORE OR LESS IN ITS STRIDE.

+BUT WITH THE OIL CRISIS AND ALL THAT FOLLOWED THERE HAVE EMERGED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF A SCALE AND TYPE THAT ARE UNPRECEDENTED. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT BEFORE THEY CAN BE SOLVED, AND WORLD TRADE RESUME ITS EXPANSION, A PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT IS INEVITABLE.

+IN THIS PERIOD I BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES OF THIS REGION WILL FARE BETTER THAN OTHERS. BUT THERE IS, AND IS BOUND TO BE, DISAPPOINTMENT AND SOME DISTRESS.

+IT IS ALL THE MORE FRUSTRATING FOR US THAT THE PROBLEMS STEM FROM ISSUES COMPLETELY OUTSIDE OUR CONTROL, RESULTING FROM POLICIES AND SITUATIONS MANY THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, TOTALLY UNRELATED TO OUR REGION.

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+BUT FOR MANY OF US THIS HAS BROUGHT HOME THE LESSON THAT IT IS ON OUR OWN STRENGTH AND ENERGY AND COHESION AS A COMMUNITY THAT WE MUST RELY, THAT THESE ARE OUR GREATEST ASSETS AND OUR GREATEST SAFEGUARDS IN THE PERIOD THAT LIES AHEAD.

+HERE IN HONG KONG, AS INDIVIDUALS AND A GOVERNMENT, WE ARE PROUD OF OUR TRADITION OF SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. THOUGH WE HAVE ACHIEVED MUCH IN THE FACE OF GREAT DIFFICULTIES WE ARE ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF HOW MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. WHAT WE DO WILL BE DUE TO OUR UNITED EFFORTS, TO OUR UNITY AS A COMMUNITY.

+IN MY HUMBLE OPINION THE STRONGEST CEMENT THAT A COMMUNITY CAN HAVE IS MUTAL SERVICE. THE LIONS' MOTTO IS +WE SERVE+. IT IS A GOOD MOTTO, A PROUD MOTTO - +ICH DIEN+. +I SERVE+, THE MOTTO OF THE PRINCES OF WALES. IT IS PRECISELY THIS MOTTO, THIS APPROACH, WHICH IS SO MUCH NEEDED IN THIS SITUATION. BY CONTINUING TO SERVE EACH OTHER WE WILL BEST SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

+I HOPE THAT YOUR STAY HERE WILL BE A PLEASANT ONE, AND THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE THINGS WHICH HONG KONG HAS TO OFFER. I HOPE TOO THAT YOUR DELIBERATIONS WILL PROSPER, AND THAT YOU WILL RETURN FROM THEM REFRESHED TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITIES.

+I NOW HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THE 13TH LIONS CONVENTION OF THE ORIENT AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA.+

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#### INDOOR GAMES HALL AT CHEUNG SHA WAN

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN KOWLOON WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY MORE INDOOR SPORTS WHEN A NEW INDOOR GAMES HALL IS COMPLETED AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND NEXT YEAR.

IT WILL BE BUILT ON A 18,000-SQUARE-FOOT SITE SITUATED AT THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD BETWEEN HING WAH STREET AND CHEUNG WAH STREET.

THE INDOOR GAMES HALL, SIMILAR TO THE ONE AT KAI TAK EAST PLAYGROUND, WILL CONSIST OF A GAMES HALL WITH STAGE AND SEATING AREAS, CHANGING ROOMS, OFFICES AND A COMMITTEE ROOM, STORE AND TOILET FACILITIES.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL FOR GAMES, GYMNASTICS AND OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY 1975 AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER THE SAME YEAR.

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NEW RULES PROPOSED TO INCREASE ROAD SAFETY  
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AMENDING LEGISLATION AIMED AT IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS ON ZEBRA CROSSINGS WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

KNOWN AS THE FIXED PENALTY (TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, IT SEEKS TO INTRODUCE A TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTION FOR THE STOPPING OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN A ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREA.

AMENDMENTS WERE MADE LAST MONTH TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (ROAD CROSSING) REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREAS INDICATED BY A TRANVERSE BROKEN "GIVE WAY" LINE AND ZIG-ZAG MARKINGS ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES OF A ZEBRA CROSSING, CONTROLLING OVERTAKING OF ALL VEHICLES AND BANNING VEHICLES FROM STOPPING, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, WITHIN SUCH AREAS.

THE NEW BILL PROVIDES FOR CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE AND SEEKS TO MAKE SUCH STOPPING OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN A ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREA A TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTION.

THIS BILL, IF ENACTED, AND THE REGULATIONS ALREADY AMENDED, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON A DATE TO BE APPOINTED. HOWEVER, THE EXISTING LAW WILL STILL APPLY TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS WITHOUT A ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREA UNTIL THEY HAVE ONE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREAS WERE FIRST TRIED OUT IN LONDON AND HAD PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING CASUALTIES AT ZEBRA CROSSINGS BY 12.5 PER CENT. LATER, THEY WERE WIDELY INTRODUCED IN BRITAIN.

+THE NEED TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN HONG KONG, WHERE THE VOLUME OF PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS IS VERY HIGH, IS GREATER THAN IN BRITAIN, AND IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO FOLLOW BRITAIN'S SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE AND TO INTRODUCE ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREAS HERE,+ HE SAID.

UNDER THE AMENDING BILL, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THE STOPPING OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREAS. MOTOR VEHICLES MAY STOP IF THE DRIVER HAS STOPPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING WAY TO PEDESTRIANS CROSSING ON A ZEBRA CROSSING= IF THE DRIVER IS PREVENTED FROM PROCEEDING BY CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND HIS CONTROL OR IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR HIM TO STOP IN ORDER TO AVOID AN ACCIDENT= OR IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS STOPPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A LEFT OR RIGHT TURN.

ALSO EXCEPTED ARE EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND MOTOR VEHICLES ENGAGED IN ROAD WORKS, CLEANSING WORKS OR PUBLIC UTILITY. MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR WORKS. FRANCHISED BUSES MAY ALSO STOP IF THEY ARE WAITING TO ENTER A BUS STOP SITUATED OUTSIDE THE ZEBRA CONTROLLED AREA.

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**WATER SERVICE PROCEDURES REVISED**  
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THE PROCESS OF REVISING, UPDATING AND STREAMLINING WATER SERVICE PROCEDURES WAS TAKEN A STAGE FURTHER TODAY WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF NEW WATERWORKS REGULATIONS.

THESE REGULATIONS, ENTITLED THE WATERWORKS REGULATIONS 1974, DERIVE FROM THE NEW WATERWORKS ORDINANCE WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 17. IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE NEW ORDINANCE REPLACED AND IMPROVED THE PROVISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE, WHICH DATED BACK TO 1938, THE NEW REGULATIONS UPDATE AND MODIFY THE OLD 1938 WATERWORKS REGULATIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATERWORKS OFFICE SAID THERE WERE A NUMBER OF GAPS IN THE OLD REGULATIONS AND THE OPPORTUNITY HAD BEEN TAKEN TO FILL THESE GAPS AS WELL AS TO UPDATE AND REWORD THE PROVISIONS.

THE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN RE-ARRANGED IN SEPARATE PARTS SO THAT REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC MATTERS IS SIMPLIFIED.

THEY DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING OR TERMINATING A SUPPLY- RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND CLEANLINESS OF PLUMBING SERVICES- THE PREVENTION OF WASTE, THE CONCESSIONAL USE OF MAINS WATER, AND APPLICATIONS WHERE IT IS PROHIBITED- STANDARDS OF PIPES AND FITTINGS TO BE ADOPTED- METERING AND MEASUREMENT OF CONSUMPTION- LICENSING OF PLUMBERS- AND THE ISSUE OF FISHING LICENCES.

APPENDED TO THE REGULATIONS ARE SCHEDULES OF FEES AND CHARGES PAYABLE UNDER THE REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULES RELATING TO THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PIPES, FITTINGS AND APPLIANCES.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE REGULATIONS DETAILS THE FEES AND CHARGES TO BE IMPOSED FOR THE PROVISION OF A SUPPLY OF WATER AND ALSO THE CHARGES FOR WATER CONSUMED.

APART FROM REVISIONS IN THE CHARGES FOR WATER, FEES HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1938 AND — WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHARGES FOR MAKING A CONNECTION TO THE MAINS — THESE HAVE NOW BEEN REVISED TO ACCORD WITH PRESENT-DAY PRICES. THE CHARGE FOR WATER, HOWEVER, IS UNAFFECTED BY THESE REVISIONS AND REMAINS AT THE PRESENT RATE.

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THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COST OF MAKING A CONNECTION TO THE MAIN, WHICH IS THE MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE WATERWORKS CHARGES FOR METERED CONNECTIONS, REMAINS UNCHANGED, ALTHOUGH THE INSTALLATION OF ONE METER - WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE CONNECTION FEE FOR THIS WORK - HAS NOW BEEN EXCLUDED. HOWEVER, THIS IS OFFSET BY THE EXCLUSION OF CHARGES FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE ROAD AND PAVEMENT SURFACES WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE CONSUMER ACCOUNT.

A FIXED STATUTORY CHARGE HAS BEEN INTRODUCED FOR THE PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF A METER, FOR WHICH THE CONSUMER UNDER THE OLD ORDINANCE WAS BILLED ON THE BASIS OF THE ACTUAL COST TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE OLD REGULATIONS DID NOT CONTAIN ANY PROVISION FOR THE SUPPLY OF SALT WATER FOR FLUSHING PURPOSES. THIS HAS NOW BEEN RECTIFIED SO THAT THE WATER AUTHORITY MAY REQUIRE THE USE OF SALT WATER FOR THIS PURPOSE AND FORMALLY PRESCRIBE THE MATERIALS TO BE USED AND THE CHARGE FOR SUCH SUPPLIES.

UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR A PLUMBER'S LICENCE HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE HOLDERS OF A CERTIFICATE IN PLUMBING OR ALLIED TRADES FROM THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THERE ARE TWO GRADES OF LICENCES, THE FIRST OF WHICH ENTITLED THE HOLDER TO UNDERTAKE ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING WORK ON NEW OR EXISTING SERVICES. THE SECOND IS RESTRICTED TO THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF EXISTING SERVICES AND ALL WORK CONNECTED WITH THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF WATER APPLIANCES.

THE GRADING WAS INTRODUCED BECAUSE MANY PLUMBERS AND CERTAIN FIRMS ENGAGED IN THE SALE AND INSTALLATION OF WATER APPLIANCES DO NOT ENGAGE IN, AND DO NOT HAVE THE FACILITIES FOR CARRYING OUT, LARGE-SCALE PLUMBING WORKS. THE GRADING OF ALL NEW APPLICANTS FOR PLUMBERS' LICENCES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE APPLICANTS' FACILITIES AND RESOURCES.

EXISTING LICENCE-HOLDERS WILL BE ADVISED OF THEIR GRADING FOLLOWING A SURVEY TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THE FEE FOR THE ISSUE OF A PLUMBER'S LICENCE HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$10 TO \$40 A YEAR- AND, FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PLUMBER'S LICENCE, FROM \$5 TO \$20 A YEAR.

FISHING LICENCE FEES WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM \$10 TO \$20 A YEAR TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INVOLVED IN ISSUING THESE LICENCES.

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## EXTENSION OF AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING \* \* \* \* \*

AN EXTENSION OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING IS TO BE BUILT SHORTLY TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR PASSENGER ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FACILITIES.

THE EXTENSION, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE STAGE FOUR DEVELOPMENT OF THE KAI TAK TERMINAL BUILDING, CONSISTS OF THREE FLOORS, EACH MEASURING 84,000 SQUARE FEET.

THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS WILL BE FOR PASSENGER FACILITIES WHILE THE BASEMENT WILL BE USED AS THE CENTRE OF A BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM.

A FOUR-STORY OFFICE BLOCK WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 52,000 SQUARE FEET WILL ALSO BE BUILT ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION TO THE EAST OF THE EXISTING PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING. IT WILL PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED SPACE FOR AIRLINE COMPANIES AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

ON COMPLETION, THE AREA OF THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE HALLS WILL EACH BE INCREASED FROM THE EXISTING 140,000 SQUARE FEET TO 220,000 SQUARE FEET, AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 50 PER CENT.

A NEW SYSTEM FOR HANDLING DEPARTING PASSENGERS BAGGAGE WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE EXTENSION. THE SYSTEM WILL HAVE A HIGH CAPACITY AND WILL REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED FOR PASSENGER CHECKING. AT THE SAME TIME, THE ARRIVAL BAGGAGE SYSTEM WILL BE DOUBLED IN SIZE AND CAPACITY THEREBY REMOVING THE GREATEST CAUSE OF DELAY FOR ARRIVING PASSENGERS.

TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE STRUCTURAL SHELL OF THE EXTENSION AND THE OFFICE BLOCK WERE INVITED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

COMMENTING ON THE EXTENSION, A CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +AT THE PRESENT TIME THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING IS HANDLING OVER 1,000 PASSENGERS PER HOUR IN EXCESS OF DESIGNED CAPACITY AT PEAK PERIODS.

+THE NEW DEVELOPMENT IS DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE THIS CONGESTION AND ALSO TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY TO CATER FOR ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN PASSENGER NUMBERS AT LEAST UNTIL 1980.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, COSTING ABOUT \$33 MILLION, IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

THE WORK, INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF TWO APRON WORKSHOPS, PILING WORK AND THE INSTALLATION OF AN AIR CONDITIONING PLANT AND GENERATORS, WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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### NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF A MODEL SHOWING THE NEW EXTENSION AND THE EXISTING AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING WILL BE BOXED SEPARATELY FOR COLLECTION THIS EVENING.

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**NEW RAILWAY BRIDGE AND THROUGHROAD FOR TAI PO**

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WORK WILL BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY BRIDGE AND A TWO-LANE UNDERPASS AT 17-1/2 MILESTONE, TAI PO ROAD NEAR TAI PO TAU VILLAGE.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE PROJECT WHICH AIMS PRIMARILY AT IMPROVING THE FLOW OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT THE EXISTING RAILWAY UNDERPASS.

A FOUR-SPAN PRESTRESSED CONCRETE RAILWAY BRIDGE MEASURING SOME 55 METRES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED. WHEN THE BRIDGE IS BEING BUILT, THE ALIGNMENT OF THE RAILWAY TRACK WILL ALSO BE IMPROVED.

AT THE SAME TIME, ABOUT 400 METRES OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR THE UNDERPASS WILL BE REALIGNED TO FORM A NEW THROUGH ROAD. INCLUDED IN THE ROADWORKS WILL BE IMPROVEMENT OF TWO SHARP BENDS AND WIDENING OF EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY TO A WIDTH OF 7.3 METRES.

ON COMPLETION OF THE BRIDGE, A NEW TWO-LANE RAILWAY UNDERPASS ABOUT 90 METRES SOUTH-EAST OF THE EXISTING UNDERPASS WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC.

THE PRESENT UNDERPASS IS NARROW AND HAS A DANGEROUS 'S' BEND. TRAFFIC, WHICH IS REGULATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNALS, FLOWS IN ONE DIRECTION AT A TIME. THOUGH THIS ARRANGEMENT HELPS TO REDUCE THE CHANCE OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, IT SLOWS DOWN TRAFFIC FLOW AND CREATES HEAVY CONGESTION ESPECIALLY ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

IN THIS RESPECT, THE NEW ROAD, WHICH WILL PROVIDE A SAFE AND CONGESTION-FREE THROUGHWAY, IS EXPECTED TO ELIMINATE THE BOTTLENECK AT THE PRESENT UNDERPASS NEAR TAI PO TAU VILLAGE.

WORK ON THE WHOLE PROJECT IS DUE TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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**NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN MONG KOK AND ABERDEEN**

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEEK IN KOWLOON'S MONG KOK DISTRICT AND IN ABERDEEN ON THE ISLAND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREAS.

FROM 12 NOON NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 9) CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF TONG MI ROAD BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND MONG KOK ROAD. ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7 AM AND 7 PM.

AT THE SAME TIME, ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN CANTON ROAD AND THE TONG MI ROAD/CHERRY STREET JUNCTION WILL BE OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC. THIS WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK FROM ARGYLE STREET TO TONG MI ROAD AND TO THE TAI KOK TSUI AREA.

MEANWHILE IN ABERDEEN, THE SECTION OF ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD BETWEEN WU NAM STREET AND ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED TO A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY TO ALLOW TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AS FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 11).

PEAK HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD BETWEEN CHENG TU ROAD AND OLD MAIN STREET. EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, NO VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE HOURS OF 7 AM TO 10 AM AND BETWEEN 4 PM AND 7 PM.

IN ADDITION, VEHICLES COMING DOWN ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED AT ALL LOCATIONS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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PLAY AREAS FOR MEI TUNG ESTATE

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WORK IS TO BEGIN SHORTLY TO PROVIDE ROADS, DRAINS, PARKING AREAS AND RECREATION GROUNDS FOR THE NEWLY-COMPLETED MEI TUNG ESTATE IN KOWLOON.

INTAKE OF TENANTS HAS JUST STARTED AND SO FAR 20 FAMILIES HAVE MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HOMES. WHEN FULLY OCCUPIED, THE ESTATE CAN ACCOMMODATE OVER 3,000 PEOPLE IN MORE THAN 500 DOMESTIC FLATS OF VARIOUS SIZES.

COMPRISED OF ONE BIG BLOCK OF TEN AND ELEVEN STOREYS, THE ESTATE WAS BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY ON A FIVE-ACRE SITE DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY. IT ALSO HAS ONE RESTAURANT AND 27 SHOPS.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A ROAD, MEASURING ABOUT 300 METRES LONG, WITH A CARRIAGE-WAY 7.30 METRES WIDE AND CONCRETE FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES.

STORMWATER DRAINS TOTALLING 350 METRES, WITH SIZES RANGING FROM 375 MM. TO 225 MM. IN DIAMETER, WILL ALSO BE LAID.

THE PARKING AREAS WILL TAKE UP SOME 1,125 SQUARE METRES WITH PAVEMENT CONSTRUCTION.

THERE WILL BE A PLAYGROUND AND A PAVED RECREATION GROUND OF 1,540 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY. TWO REINFORCED CONCRETE STAIRCASES WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN EARLY FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, TAKING ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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LABOUR DISPUTE SETTLED  
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A MARATHON CONCILIATION SESSION ARRANGED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ENDED IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING WITH A \$450,000 WAGE SETTLEMENT FOR 200 FORMER WORKERS OF A KWUN TONG GARMENT FACTORY.

THE 12-HOUR MEETING AT THE KWUN TONG LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICE ENDED AT 3.15 AM WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REDUNDANT WORKERS AND THE RECEIVERS OF THE DAH LOONG GARMENT FACTORY LTD.

IT WAS THE SIXTH MEETING ARRANGED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN AN EFFORT TO SETTLE THE THREE-WEEK OLD WAGE DISPUTE.

THE MARATHON SESSION, ATTENDED BY 15 WORKERS REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RECEIVERS FROM LOVE, BINGHAM AND MATTHEWS WAS CHAIRED BY LABOUR CONCILIATOR MR. CHOW TUNG-SHAN.

THE COMPANY WAS TAKEN OVER BY ITS DEBENTURE HOLDER, THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK ON NOVEMBER 13.

SINCE THEN, TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN WORKERS AND THE RECEIVERS OVER THE TERMS OF THE WAGE SETTLEMENT.

THE ESTIMATED \$450,000 SETTLEMENT COVERS ARREARS OF WAGES OWING FOR FOUR MONTHS UP TO THE DATE OF RECEIVERSHIP.

IT ALSO INCLUDES SEVERANCE PAY AND WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE.

MONTHLY-RATED EMPLOYEES WILL RECEIVE ONE-THIRD OF A MONTH'S WAGES AS YEAR END-BONUS.

THE MONEY WILL BE PAID TO THE WORKERS AT THE KWUN TONG LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICE ON DECEMBER 18.

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THE RATING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE MINOR ONES MADE PRINCIPALLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONVENIENCE.

ONE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS HAS PARTICULAR APPLICATION TO THE NEW TERRITORIES AND WILL ENSURE THAT RATEPAYERS IN NEW AREAS BROUGHT INTO RATING FOR THE FIRST TIME WILL PAY AT THE SAME GENERAL LEVELS OF VALUATION AS EXISTING RATEPAYERS IN OTHER AREAS. ANOTHER PROVIDES FOR THE STATUTORY EXEMPTION FROM RATING OF CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA.

THE OTHER AMENDMENTS ARE MAINLY OF A TECHNICAL NATURE AND MERELY SIMPLIFY EXISTING PROCEDURES. THEY INCLUDE ONE WHICH ALLOWS THE COMMISSIONER TO CHANGE A RATEABLE VALUE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF OBJECTION FROM A RATEPAYER.

UNDER ANOTHER AMENDMENT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PERCENTAGE RATE CHARGES BY RESOLUTION RATHER THAN BY HAVING TO AMEND THE LEGISLATION AS IS THE CASE AT PRESENT.

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**PUBLIC WARNED TO GUARD AGAINST TAX IMPERSONATORS**

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY WARNED AGAINST PERSONS REPRESENTING THEMSELVES AS INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND SOLICITING ADVERTISEMENTS IN NON-EXISTENT PUBLICATIONS.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR. V.A. LADD, SAID THAT THE WARNING APPLIED PARTICULARLY TO BUSINESSMEN.

+BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY PERSONS POSING AS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BUY ADVERTISING SPACE IN SOME MYTHICAL PUBLICATION, SUCH AS THE 'CHINESE VERSION OF INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE' OR THE 'INLAND REVENUE MAGAZINE',+ SAID MR. LADD.

+SUCH DEMANDS ARE USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THREATS TO EXAMINE THE BUSINESS AND PERSONAL ACCOUNTS SCRUPULOUSLY, IF A REFUSAL APPEARS TO BE LIKELY.

+THERE ARE NO SUCH PUBLICATIONS IN EXISTENCE. IN FACT, NONE OF THE MANY PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT CARRY ANY FORM OF ADVERTISING MATTER WHATSOEVER.+

MR. LADD ADDED THAT THE POLICE SHOULD ALWAYS BE INFORMED OF ANY SUCH CASE, AND POINTED OUT THAT ONE MAN WAS RECENTLY ARRESTED AND SENTENCED TO A YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT FOR SEVERAL OFFENCES OF IMPERSONATION.

+THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE ATTEMPTING THE SAME SWINDLE,+ HE SAID. +ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO IS ASKED TO BUY ADVERTISING SPACE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD TELEPHONE THE NEAREST POLICE STATION, OR, DURING OFFICE HOURS, TELEPHONE THE DEPUTY COMMISSION (TELEPHONE NO. 5-95270) OR THE PRINCIPAL TAX INSPECTOR (TELEPHONE NO. 5-248001, EXTENSION 21) OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.+

EXPLAINING THE PROCEDURE FOR NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC, MR. LADD SAID THAT 'ALL TAX INSPECTORS AND OTHER OFFICERS WHO HAD CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC OUTSIDE THE OFFICE WERE REQUIRED TO CARRY GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS AND/OR DEPARTMENTAL WARRANT CARDS.

+THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO PRODUCE THESE TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY,+ HE STRESSED. +THE OFFICER IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE HIS AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY.

+NO OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORISED TO RECEIVE ANY MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC EXCEPT IN THE NORMAL PAYMENT OF TAXES AND FEES AT THE LISTED OFFICIAL REVENUE COLLECTION CENTRES, WHERE AN OFFICIAL MACHINE-PRINTED RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE FULL AMOUNT PAID.+

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON :

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	1.94
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.73
PO NGAI	GOOD	--
CHU CHO	GOOD	--
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.74
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.64
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	--
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.35
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.65
<u>U.S. RICE</u>		
	GOOD	1.84
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	1.72
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	--
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>		
	GOOD	--

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(CALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	340 (AVERAGE)

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**SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH**  
**(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)**

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	LIMITED	6.00	1.70	4.50
BIG-EYES	GOOD	3.20	0.70	2.20
SQUID	LIMITED	5.80	1.60	4.00
HAIR-TAILS	GOOD	2.80	0.60	1.50
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	3.40	0.70	1.60
CROAKERS	GOOD	2.20	0.40	1.40
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	3.40	2.30	3.00
MELON COAT	LIMITED	4.00	1.80	3.50
BREAMS	LIMITED	5.30	2.50	3.70
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	1.70	0.60	1.10
MACKERELS	LIMITED	5.80	2.00	4.20
RED GOAT FISH	GOOD	4.00	0.50	1.60
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.60	0.60	1.20
HORSE-HEAD	SCARCE	5.50	4.00	4.80
MELON SEED	LIMITED	3.40	1.50	2.60
POMFRETS	SCARCE	10.00	4.70	8.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	8.00	5.50	7.00
YELLOW CROAKER	LIMITED	8.00	2.80	6.00

**SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES**  
**(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)**

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.00	0.80	1.40
WHITE CABBAGE	NORMAL	0.60	0.20	0.45
CHINESE LETTUCE	NORMAL	1.40	0.50	1.00
WATER SPINACH	-		NO SALE	
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	2.20	1.00	1.50
STRING BEANS	-		NO SALE	
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	1.60	0.50	1.00
SPINACH	LIMITED	2.20	0.50	1.50
WATER CRESS	LIMITED	1.80	0.50	1.20
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	LIMITED	0.60	0.20	0.40
CHINESE SPINACH	-		NO SALE	
TOMATO	SCARCE	3.50	1.50	2.50

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