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NEW TERRITORIES GETTING MAIN THRUST OF  
MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES UPGRADING,  
SAYS GOVERNOR  
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THE MAIN THRUST OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANS TO UPGRADE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG IS DIRECTED AT THE NEW TERRITORIES, PARALLELING THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID THIS TODAY DURING A FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY MARKING THE EXPANSION OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL IN TSUEN WAN.

SIR MURRAY SAID COMPLETION OF THE 1 300 BED HOSPITAL AT SOUTH KWAI CHUNG IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WAS AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL.

NEXT MONTH THE EXTENSION OF FANLING HOSPITAL WOULD BE COMPLETED PROVIDING AN EXTRA 50 BEDS TO SERVE THAT AREA.

IN SHA TIN THE 1 400 BED PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WAS ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1982.

THIS WOULD SERVE AS BOTH A TEACHING HOSPITAL FOR OUR SECOND MEDICAL SCHOOL AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND AS A REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

YET ANOTHER MAJOR HOSPITAL WAS PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN WHERE IT WAS AIMED TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION IN 1985/86.

+IN ADDITION WE ARE BUILDING UP THE NETWORK OF CLINICS AND POLYCLINICS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATION,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THREE OF THESE, THE LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE, THE LEI MUK SHUE CLINIC AND THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC (STAGE I), WOULD OPEN OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

A FURTHER SEVEN WERE PLANNED FOR COMPLETION BEFORE THE END OF THE DECADE.

THE PART PLAYED BY YAN CHAI HOSPITAL WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND THE PLANNED EXPANSION WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS RELIEVING THE PRESSURE ON HOSPITAL BEDS ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE DIRECTORS HAD COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO RAISING SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY WITH WHICH TO FUND THEIR AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME. +AND TODAY I AM HAPPY TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE ON RECORD GOVERNMENT'S GRATITUDE TO THEM AND TO ALL WHO DONATED SO GENEROUSLY TO THIS VERY WORTHY CAUSE,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

+IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE COMMUNITY'S THANKS FOR THE VERY GENEROUS DONATION OF \$2.5 MILLION WHICH THE BRADBURY CHARITY TRUST FUND HAVE CONTRIBUTED FOR THIS PROJECT.+

YAN CHAI IS THE ONLY SIZEABLE SUBVENTED HOSPITAL IN TSUEN WAN AND PLAYS AN IMMENSELY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL NETWORK.

/SIR MURRAY .....

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SIR MURRAY WAS HAPPY THAT YAN CHAI HAS DEVELOPED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL IN SERVING THE WESTERN REGION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE CONGRATULATED THE DIRECTORS OF THE HOSPITAL BOTH ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR AND FOR THE FURTHER EXPANSION TO A TOTAL OF 600 BEDS WHICH THEY PLANNED BY 1984.

+ I UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR PROPOSALS WILL SHORTLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD AND PROVIDED THEY RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE'S BLESSING YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF GOVERNMENT'S STRONG SUPPORT, + HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID HONG KONG WAS FORTUNATE FOR ITS TRADITION OF VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN THE PROVISION OF WELFARE FACILITIES.

+ IN THANKING THE DIRECTORS OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL TODAY I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO GIVE SO GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME AND MONEY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOCIETY IN WHICH WE LIVE. +

OUTLINING YAN CHAI'S EXPANSION PROGRAMME, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITAL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MRS WU KWOK SAU-PING, SAID AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THREE ADDITIONAL STOREYS TO THE EXISTING HOSPITAL BUILDING THE SECOND STAGE OF THE EXTENSION PROJECT WAS NOW IN ACTIVE PROGRESS.

+ THIS STAGE INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTPATIENTS' CLINIC AND MEDICAL STAFF QUARTERS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR. +

THE SITE OF THE MAURINE GRANTHAM HEALTH CENTRE AND SOME LAND IN HOI PA VILLAGE HAD BEEN ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE HOSPITAL FOR EXTENSION PURPOSES, INCREASING THE AREA OF THE HOSPITAL TO 1 022 SQUARE METRES, MRS WU SAID.

PLANS WERE IN HAND TO UPGRADE THE HOSPITAL TO AN EMERGENCY AND SPECIALIST HOSPITAL RUNNING A CASUALTY WARD THAT OPENS 24 HOURS A DAY.

THE ORIGINAL TARGET OF 400 BEDS WOULD BE INCREASED TO 600 AND A NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL WOULD BE SET UP TO HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF SHORTAGE OF PARAMEDICAL STAFF.

THE TOTAL COST WAS ESTIMATED AT OVER \$140 MILLION.

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HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS BILL PUBLISHED

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A BILL SEEKING TO INCORPORATE THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE OVER THE FUNCTIONS OF THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION, AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION FORMED IN 1897.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE BILL, THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF BANKS BILL 1980, HAD BEEN FORESHADOWED IN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S 1980 BUDGET SPEECH (PARAGRAPH 317).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXCHANGE BANKS' ASSOCIATION HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE MONETARY SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, BUT ITS CONSTITUTION HAD TO BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF WHAT IS NOW A VERY DIVERSE BANKING INDUSTRY.

IT WAS ALSO APPROPRIATE, HE SAID, TO GIVE TO THE GOVERNMENT THE TYPE OF FORMAL INVOLVEMENT WHICH IT HAD LACKED UP TO NOW, BOTH IN ENSURING THAT THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUED TO BE UP-DATED TO REFLECT FUTURE CHANGES IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY, AND IN THE FORMULATION BY THE ASSOCIATION OF RULES RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF BANKING BUSINESS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ON ENACTMENT IT WAS PROPOSED TO REQUIRE EVERY LICENSED BANK IN HONG KONG TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NEW ASSOCIATION ; A CONDITION TO THIS EFFECT WOULD BE ATTACHED TO EACH BANK'S LICENCE UNDER POWERS SET OUT IN THE BANKING ORDINANCE.

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY WILL MOVE THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 3).

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PLAN TO DEVELOP NORTHWEST AND  
NORTHEAST NEW TERRITORIES MUCH NEEDED

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SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY STRESSED THE NEED TO PLAN PROGRESSIVELY TO DEVELOP THE NORTHWEST AND NORTHEAST AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH URBAN - AND SUBURBAN - DEVELOPMENT.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE 30TH ANNUAL DINNER OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS.

+UNLESS WE CAN PRODUCE A PLAN FOR THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF ALL THE RURAL FLAT LANDS IN THE NORTHWEST AND NORTHEAST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, GRADUALLY, AS THE TOWNS OF TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, FANLING AND TAI PO DEVELOP, THE RURAL FLAT LANDS IN-BETWEEN WILL BECOME MORE AND DENSELY POPULATED AND COVERED WITH DISORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF ALL KINDS SUCH AS SURROUND THE UNDEVELOPED AREA OF KOWLOON AND TSUEN WAN.

/+THE THOUGHT .....

+THE THOUGHT PROBABLY APPALS, BUT I THINK THE ALTERNATIVE, WHICH I SEE, IS FAR WORSE AND THAT IS THE PROLIFERATION OF TEMPORARY USERS, AND A GRADUAL IN-FILLING OF VILLAGE HOUSES SO THAT THERE WILL BE LITTLE LAND LEFT THAT IS NOT COVERED WITH HOUSES, HUTS AND THE DETRITUS OF THE TOWNS.+

SPEAKING OF TOWN DEVELOPMENTS, MR AKERS-JONES SAID: +WE ARE NOW MUCH MORE CONSCIOUS OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AND LANDSCAPING FACTORS DURING THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF OUR TOWNS, ESTATES AND BUILDINGS, BUT THIS CONCERN IS ALL TOO OFTEN DISSIPATED BY OUR INABILITY TO CONTROL SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO BUILDINGS WHICH RUIN THE CAREFUL THOUGHT WHICH WENT INTO THEIR CONCEPTION.

+I BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG GREATLY WELCOME THE IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT WE ARE CREATING AND THAT THE MAJORITY ALSO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF PROPERTY DEVELOPERS WHO SHOW A GREATER CONCERN FOR THE SUBSEQUENT LIFE OF THE BUILDING, BY INSISTING ON GOOD MANAGEMENT AND EFFECTIVE DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT, AND BY INCORPORATING IN THEIR BUILDINGS FROM THE START THOSE FEATURES WHICH WILL INHIBIT MISUSE AND ABUSE.

+IT SEEMS POINTLESS TO ME TO BUILD ELEGANT PODIUM STRUCTURES IF THE PODIUM IS IMMEDIATELY COVERED WITH TIN SHEET AND ASBESTOS.

+SURELY IT IS NOT BEYOND OUR CAPABILITIES BY COLLECTIVE EFFORT AND SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE TO PREVENT THIS DETERIORATION BY ONE MEANS OR ANOTHER?+ HE ASKED.

ON DECENTRALISING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES TO NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AKERS-JONES SAID HE WOULD NOT HAVE THOUGHT POSSIBLE A FEW YEARS AGO THAT THERE WOULD BE TODAY EIGHT SOLICITORS' OFFICES IN YUEN LONG.

+BUT SHOULD WE NOT BE THINKING MORE POSITIVELY ABOUT DECENTRALISING SOME OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES OF BOTH GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO THE TOWNS OF SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN?+

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OFFICE BLOCK AT SHA TIN RATHER BIGGER THAN THE HOPEWELL CENTRE WAS A HEALTHY SIGN.

THIS PROCESS OF DECENTRALISATION COULD BE ASSISTED BY MORE VIGOROUS INTRODUCTION OF MODERN TOOLS TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION.

A COMPUTERISATION OF LAND RECORDS WITH ON-LINE RECEIVERS IN ESTATE AND LAWYERS' OFFICES MIGHT BE OF VALUE IN HONG KONG IF THERE WERE ENOUGH DEMAND AND SUPPORT FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, HE SAID.

+THIS IS NOT AN UNTRIED SYSTEM- IT IS IN OPERATION ELSEWHERE.

+IT WOULD SAVE TIME, CUT DOWN MOVEMENT BETWEEN OFFICES AND WOULD SIMPLIFY THE CHECKING OF AN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX LOAD OF INFORMATION.

+IT WOULD ALSO MAKE DECENTRALISATION A MUCH MORE PRACTICAL PROPOSITION,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

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EXHIBITION CENTRE TO BE COSTED

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A TEAM OF CONSULTANTS WILL BE APPOINTED EARLY NEXT YEAR TO STUDY THE COST OF BUILDING A PERMANENT EXHIBITION CENTRE IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONSULTANCY APPOINTED TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF AN EXHIBITION CENTRE FOR HONG KONG CONCLUDED THERE WAS A DEMAND - EXISTING AND POTENTIAL - FOR SUCH A FACILITY, AND THAT HONG KONG COULD SUPPORT A PROGRAMME OF EXHIBITIONS REQUIRING ABOUT 15 000 SQUARE METRES OF PURPOSE-BUILT HALLS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONSULTANTS, IN PREPARING THEIR CASE FOR AN EXHIBITION CENTRE, HAD DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS, HOTEL AND TOURISM ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, COMMERCIAL USERS AND FOREIGN EXHIBITION ORGANISERS.

THEY ALSO DREW ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE VIABILITY AND USAGE OF SIMILAR FACILITIES ELSEWHERE.

THE CONSULTANTS IDENTIFIED A SITE AT HING CHEUNG ROAD DIVIDED BY CHING YEE ROAD AS THE MOST APPROPRIATE VENUE, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+WE MUST NOW GET ACCURATE AND DETAILED COSTINGS FOR THE FULL POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT THE OVERALL FINANCIAL POSITION IS LIKELY TO BE,+ HE SAID.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STAGE TWO CONSULTANCY WILL BE:

- \* TO DRAW UP A DETAILED BRIEF AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A MULTI-STOREY DEVELOPMENT TO INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION CENTRE OF ABOUT 15 000 SQUARE METRES GROSS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES, AND MAXIMUM APPROPRIATE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ON THE SITE.
- \* ON THE BASIS OF A LAND VALUATION PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, TO PREPARE ESTIMATES OF CAPITAL COST IN RESPECT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, AND OF OPERATING COSTS OF THE EXHIBITION CENTRE COMPLEX, TOGETHER WITH ESTIMATES OF REVENUE FROM BOTH THE SALE OF THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND FROM THE USE OF THE EXHIBITION CENTRE AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A NON-STATUTORY BOARD TO OVERSEE THE WORK OF THE CONSULTANTS AND TO ADVISE WHETHER AN EXHIBITION CENTRE SHOULD BE BUILT IN HONG KONG AND IF SO HOW THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED AND THE FORM OF MANAGEMENT.

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PERMISSION TO ASSIGN FUTURE EARNINGS  
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A BILL IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE SEEKING TO AUTHORISE PUBLIC OFFICERS TO ASSIGN THEIR FUTURE EARNINGS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE PUBLIC OFFICERS (ASSIGNMENT OF EMOLUMENTS) BILL FORMS PART OF A PROPOSED SCHEME WHICH WILL ENABLE PUBLIC OFFICERS WHO ARE IN DEBT TO REFINANCE THEIR DEBTS BY OBTAINING LOANS FROM REPUTABLE LENDING INSTITUTIONS AT REASONABLE RATES OF INTEREST.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE REFINANCING LOAN WOULD BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICER'S CREDITORS IN SETTLEMENT OF HIS DEBT. THE OFFICER WOULD THEN REPAY THE LOAN, INCLUDING INTEREST, TO THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION BY EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALMENTS WHICH WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY DEDUCTED FROM HIS SALARY.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 3).

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\$80M CONTRACT FOR WATER WORKS PROJECT  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO EMBARK ON AN \$80 MILLION WATERWORKS PROJECT TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR FRESH WATER SUPPLY ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND IN THE NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER (RESOURCES RESEARCH DIVISION) OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG KWOK-WAI SAID TODAY THE NEW PROJECT WOULD INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE MAJOR AQUEDUCT SYSTEM FROM TAI PO TAU TO THE SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS, TO 1.36 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY.

+THE PROJECT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2 300 METRES OF DUPLICATE WATER TUNNEL, MEASURING THREE METRES IN DIAMETER, AND 800 METRES OF DUPLICATE TRUNK MAINS RANGING FROM 1.4 METRES TO 2.7 METRES IN DIAMETER.

+WORK WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND WOULD TAKE 26 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, + HE SAID.

MR LEUNG TODAY SIGNED A CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE MAEDA CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., MR TETSUO OCHIAI, AT LEIGHTON CENTRE. BINNIE AND PARTNERS (HK) ARE THE CONSULTANT ENGINEERS FOR THE PROJECT

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPEMENT PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICE TO 950 000 REGISTERED CONSUMERS.

OTHER PROJECTS UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS AND THE UP-RATING OF THE TSUEN WAN TREATMENT WORKS.

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THE SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS NOW PROVIDE WATER SUPPLY TO HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TOWNS OF SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN AND PART OF EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES.

AN ADDITIONAL PUMPING STATION AND ASSOCIATED PUMPING MAIN WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED AT LOWER SHING MUN TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY TO TSUEN WAN.

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ABOLITION OF ENROLLED STUDENT STATUS IN SOLICITOR TRAINING  
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THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1980, PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, PROPOSES CHANGES IN THE METHODS BY WHICH STUDENTS TRAIN TO BECOME SOLICITORS IN HONG KONG.

AT PRESENT ANYONE WISHING TO ENTER THE LEGAL PROFESSION AS A SOLICITOR MUST FIRST BECOME AN ENROLLED STUDENT IN ORDER TO TAKE AND PASS EXAMINATIONS OF THE ENGLISH LAW SOCIETY AND SERVE A PERIOD OF ARTICLES.

UNDER RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED IN 1979 ONLY LAW GRADUATES, HOLDERS OF THE POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LAWS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THOSE WHO HAD COMPLETED PART ONE OF THE OLD OR NEW EXAMINATIONS OF THE ENGLISH LAW SOCIETY ARE PERMITTED TO BECOME ENROLLED STUDENTS.

THESE RESTRICTIONS WERE IMPOSED IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ENGLISH LAW SOCIETY'S PHASING OUT OF THE EXISTING QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR HONG KONG ENROLLED STUDENTS BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THE BILL PROPOSES TO REMOVE THE PRESENT REQUIREMENT OF ENROLMENT ENTIRELY, SO THAT IN FUTURE PERSONS WISHING TO BECOME SOLICITORS WILL COMPLETE ALL EXAMINATIONS PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO ARTICLES OF CLERKSHIP.

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LITTLE CHANGE IN CONSUMER PRICE MOVEMENTS  
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR LAST MONTH (OCTOBER) WERE BOTH 165. COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER, CPI (A) REMAINED STABLE AND CPI (B) INCREASED BY ONE POINT, OR 0.6 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH OCTOBER LAST YEAR, BOTH INDICES INCREASED BY 19 POINTS, OR 13.0 PER CENT.

CPI (A) IS BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1 499 A MONTH AND CPI (B) FROM THOSE SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 500 AND \$2 999 A MONTH, AS DETERMINED FROM THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY OF 1973/74.

CHANGES IN THE COMPONENTS OF THE TWO INDICES FOR OCTOBER, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1979, ARE:

COMPONENT	CPI(A)			CPI(B)		
	OCT 80	SEPT 80	OCT 79	OCT 80	SEPT 80	OCT 79
FOODSTUFFS	158	161	142	161	163	144
HOUSING	154	154	146	154	154	146
FUEL AND LIGHT	270	268	199	255	253	194
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO	184	184	167	178	178	162
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	123	122	112	122	121	110
DURABLE GOODS	136	136	130	132	131	127
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	172	171	148	170	170	147
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	205	201	159	206	202	165
SERVICES	180	170	155	184	175	158
ALL ITEMS	165	165	146	165	164	146

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS DECREASED BY THREE POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY TWO POINTS IN CPI (B). PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT WERE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH, LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH-WATER FISH. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COST OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS WENT UP. EFFECTS OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

ON ACCOUNT OF HIGHER COST OF FUEL OIL, ELECTRICITY RATES FOR OCTOBER WERE INCREASED AND CONSEQUENTLY THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CONSUMER PRICE INDICES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INCREASED BY ONE POINT EACH IN THE TWO INDICES DUE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR MEN'S UNDERCLOTHING ITEMS AND HIGHER TAILORING CHARGES.

THE INDEX FOR DURABLE GOODS INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN CPI (B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR OPTICAL GOODS.

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN CPI (A) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES, BOOKS, PERIODICALS, SOAP AND DETERGENTS.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY FOUR POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF THE UPWARD REVISIONS IN TAXI FARES AND IN THE FARES OF SOME PUBLIC LIGHT BUS ROUTES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 10 POINTS IN CPI (A) AND BY NINE POINTS IN CPI (B), FOLLOWING THE INCLUSION OF THE UPWARD REVISIONS IN BOTH SCHOOL FEES AND TEXT-BOOK PRICES FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR OF 1980/81, AND HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR OCTOBER 1980, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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CANCER EXHIBITION OPENED IN TSUEN WAN  
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MANY FORMS OF CANCER ARE PREVENTABLE WHILE MANY OTHERS, IF DETECTED EARLY AND TREATED IN TIME, ARE CURABLE.

THIS WAS THE MESSAGE GIVEN BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR C.Y. SAM, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ANTI-CANCER EXHIBITION AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS AFTERNOON.

THE EXHIBITION, MOUNTED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY AND THE STOMA ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT CANCER.

A SIMILAR EXHIBITION HELD AT THE CITY HALL LAST AUGUST ATTRACTED SOME 70 000 VISITORS.

DR SAM POINTED OUT THAT THE CANCER MORTALITY RATE HAS DOUBLED IN THE LAST TWO DECADES FROM 62.5 PER 100 000 IN 1959 TO 126.6 LAST YEAR.

HE STRESSED THAT THOUGH CANCER CLAIMED MOST LIVES IN RECENT YEARS, IT IS NOT A TOTALLY INCURABLE DISEASE.

+WHILE CANCER IS FATAL IF UNTREATED OR IF TREATED LATE, SOME FORMS OF CANCER, IF DETECTED AND TREATED EARLY CAN BE CURED,+ HE SAID.

ABSTAINING FROM SMOKING, FOR INSTANCE, IS ONE OF THE PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST LUNG CANCER, HE SAID.

DR SAM EMPHASISED THAT PUBLIC EDUCATION WAS ESSENTIAL IN REDUCING INCIDENCES OF MORTALITY AND DISABILITY, AND IN MINIMISING PSYCHOLOGICAL AS WELL AS PHYSICAL SUFFERINGS ARISING FROM CANCER.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS MR LUI HAU-TUEN, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER.

HE SAID THE EXHIBITION HELD AT TSUEN WAN WAS A WELCOME MOVE FOR THE 700 000 PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

MR LUI SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALWAYS MINDFUL OF HEALTH SERVICES TO RESIDENTS AND HAD DONE MUCH TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE PREVENTION OF DISEASES.

HE CALLED ON NT RESIDENTS TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION AND TO LEARN HOW TO PREVENT HONG KONG'S TOP KILLER DISEASE.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN FROM TODAY TO MONDAY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM.

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TAI PO PEOPLE URGED TO HELP PROMOTE SPORT

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TAI PO RESIDENTS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WERE TODAY URGED TO CONTRIBUTE EFFORT AND IDEAS TO PROMOTE SPORT IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS NG, MADE THE APPEAL WHEN PRESENTING PRIZES AT THE END OF A LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL'S ATHLETICS MEETING.

MR NG SAID WITH THE UNCEASING GROWTH OF THE NEW TOWN, EXISTING SPORTS FACILITIES WERE INADEQUATE BOTH IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND OF THE FAST INCREASING POPULATION.

+BUT, IF THE FACILITIES ARE MADE BEST USE OF IN A WELL-PLANNED WAY, I BELIEVE THE PRESENT NEED COULD JUST BE MET,+ HE SAID.

MR NG SAID MORE SPORTSGROUNDS WOULD BE BUILT IN THE DISTRICT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, INCLUDING A GRASS SOCCER PITCH, AN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, SWIMMING POOLS AND A WATER ACTIVITIES CENTRE.

+THESE PROJECTS, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL PROVIDE LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH MORE AND BETTER PLACES TO ENJOY THEIR LEISURE TIMES.+

HE ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

+BOTH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE ARE PLEASED TO HELP ORGANISE SUCH ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR MEANS.

+AND ANY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS THAT CAN HELP US FURTHER IMPROVE IN THIS ASPECT WILL BE VERY MUCH WELCOME,+ MR NG SAID.

THE ATHLETICS MEETING TODAY WAS HELD BY THE BUDDHIST TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN TAI PO IN 1962. IT NOW HAS OVER 1 000 STUDENTS AND IS SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE PRINCIPAL IS THE REV SIK CHI-CHEUNG.

FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, THE SCHOOL HAS FORMED A BRASS BAND, A DANCE TROUPE, A BOY SCOUT TROUPE AND GYMNASTICS TEAMS.

THE ATHLETICS MEETING WAS HELD AT TAI PO DISTRICT PLAYGROUND.

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TEXTILE TALKS WITH EEC DELEGATION

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THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS HELD TALKS WITH A DELEGATION FROM THE EEC COMMISSION FROM NOVEMBER 25 TO 27.

+THE TALKS WERE MAINLY ON MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S TRADE CONTROL SYSTEMS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT AND TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING ORIGIN AND TRANSHIPMENT FRAUD.+

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BOTH SIDES ALSO DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF GREECE'S ENTRY INTO THE EEC ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FOR THE CURRENT HONG KONG/EEC TEXTILES AGREEMENT. THEY WILL NOW REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO TALKS BEING RESUMED IN DECEMBER.

THE COMMISSION DELEGATION WAS LED BY MR JOHN BECK. THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WAS LED BY MR K.Y. YEUNG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF TRADE.

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#### AMENDMENTS TO ABERDEEN/AP LEI CHAU ZONING PLAN

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS PUBLISHED DETAILS OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT UNDER THE AMENDMENTS, THE GREEN BELT AREA IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE PLANNING AREA WAS DESIGNATED AS ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK.

ANOTHER MAJOR REVISION WAS THE ANNOTATION OF THREE CARGO HANDLING AREAS IN THE WESTERN PART OF YUK KWAI SHAN, AP LEI CHAU AND ON THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION NEAR SHEK PAI WAN ROAD AT THE WESTERN END OF ABERDEEN.

OTHERS WERE THE DESIGNATION OF A MARINA AT SHAM WAN, ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS ROAD ALIGNMENTS, AND REZONING OF USE OF A NUMBER OF SITES.

PROPOSALS WERE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES TO THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD- THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE- AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN), 22 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE AT THE PWD'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT \$8.50 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 A COLOURED COPY.

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PARTS OF ROUTE TWISK TO BE CLOSED  
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PARTS OF ROUTE TWISK IN TSUEN WAN TOGETHER WITH PART OF THE SAN TSUEN ACCESS ROAD WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REALIGNMENT OF ROUTE TWISK TO JOIN A NEW ROTARY INTERCHANGE NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THE MA SHIM PAI AREA IMMEDIATELY BELOW SAN TSUEN.

NOTICE OF THE CLOSURE IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE ROAD REALIGNMENT IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF THE LOWER PART OF ROUTE TWISK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS MONTH.

ON COMPLETION OF THE REALIGNMENT, EXPECTED IN APRIL 1981, VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM ROUTE TWISK TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE VIA THE NEW ROTARY INTERCHANGE, A NEW ROAD LEADING TO SHING MUN ROAD AND THE EXTENDED TEXACO ROAD, JOINING CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT THE NEW GRADE-SEPARATED INTERSECTION AT TSUEN WAN POLICE STATION.

A SHORT LENGTH OF NEW ROAD WILL PROVIDE ACCESS FROM THE REALIGNED ROUTE TWISK TO THE SAN TSUEN ACCESS ROAD. ACCESS TO WAN ON TERRACE AREA IN PAK TIN PA WILL ALSO BE MAINTAINED.

A PLAN SHOWING THE REALIGNMENT AND THE AFFECTED STREETS MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN- CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG- AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD, BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 4.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS.

THE NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY STIPULATES THAT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MUST REACH HIS OFFICE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

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TENDERS FOR OPERATING NT BEACH FACILITIES  
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED TO SELL LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, PROVIDE CHANGING FACILITIES AND SET UP TENTS FOR HIRE TO THE PUBLIC AT 12 GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON OUTLYING ISLANDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATING THE FACILITIES IN THE COMING SWIMMING SEASON BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND NOVEMBER 30 NEXT YEAR.

THE BEACHES ARE: ANGLER'S BEACH, DRAGON BEACH AND KADOORIE BEACH ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD- HAP MUN BAY AND CAMPERS BEACH IN SAI KUNG- CHEUNG SHA BEACH (UPPER), CHEUNG SHA BEACH (LOWER), PUI O BEACH AND SILVERMINE BAY BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND- LO SO SHING BEACH (WEST) AND HUNG SHING YEH BEACH ON LAMMA ISLAND- AND KWUN YAM WAN BEACH ON CHEUNG CHAU.

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TENDERS ARE ALSO INVITED FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND AT YEUNG UK ROAD, AND THE OPERATION OF A CAFE AT KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AT KWAI CHUNG BETWEEN MARCH 1, 1981 AND FEBRUARY 29, 1984.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SEPARATE TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR OPERATING THE FACILITIES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX SITUATED AT THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, BEFORE 9 AM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

TENDERS FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS AT AUSTIN CENTRE.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN KOWLOON CITY AND SHA TIN  
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THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LANE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER BETWEEN NGA TSIN LONG ROAD AND SHORT STREET WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHT FOR ROAD REPAIRS.

IT WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING BEGINNING ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 1) NIGHT.

IN SHA TIN, SEVERAL ROADS WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FOR TWO NIGHTS FROM 10 PM TO 5 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING BEGINNING ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30) NIGHT.

THEY ARE THE SECTION OF ROAD T2 BETWEEN ROAD P5 AND J7 OUTSIDE THE MAFOOS' QUARTERS, THE EASTERN SLIP ROADS OF P5 JOINING T2, AND THE P6/T2 SLIP ROADS.

THE ROAD CLOSURES ARE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION NEAR HA WO CHE.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS, ALL TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO ROAD P5 AND P2.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SNT TO OPEN FANLING TEMPLE ON SUNDAY

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SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF KUN CHUNG TEMPLE AT 3 MAY VILLA BUNGALOW, FANLING, ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30) AT 10 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CEREMONY. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.45 AM TO TAKE THE PRESS TO FANLING. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL BE PRESENT TO HELP MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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PARKING AREA CLOSED FOR BUILDING REDEVELOPMENT

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A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC PARKING AREA AT GROUND LEVEL BELOW THE ELEVATED PART OF COTTON TREE DRIVE NEXT TO THE PEAK TRAM LOWER TERMINAL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED TEMPORARILY.

NOTICE OF THE CLOSURE, FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING, IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE CLOSURE WILL AFFECT METERED CARPARKING SPACES BUT NOT TRAMWAY PATH WHICH RUNS ALONGSIDE.

ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ARISING FROM IT MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS NOT LATER THAN ONE MONTH AFTER THE END OF THE CLOSURE.

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