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DISTRICT BOARD PRAISED FOR COMMUNITY WORK

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TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, HELD HIS LAST MEETING TODAY (TUESDAY) WITH MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN WORKING AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

DR HAYES WILL BE LEAVING TSUEN WAN NEXT MONTH TO TAKE UP A NEW POST OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

AT TODAY'S MEETING, HE PAID TRIBUTE TO BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICES TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY.

IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, HE SAID, THERE HAD BEEN MORE THAN 100 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, ITS SUB-COMMITTEES AND VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS, NOT TO MENTION WORK DONE FOR THE CLEAN HONG KONG, FIGHT CRIME AND ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS.

+ALL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD FOR THE BOARD, IN ADDITION TO THEIR OWN COMMITMENTS,+ HE SAID.

DR HAYES SAID A WARD SYSTEM, TO BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONTH, TOGETHER WITH THE ADDITION OF ELECTED MEMBERS AFTER MARCH, WOULD HELP TO BRING THE BOARD CLOSER TO THE RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT.

+THIS IS VERY NECESSARY WHEN IT IS REALISED THAT OUR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT WILL BRING 300 000 NEW PEOPLE TO TSUEN WAN IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+LOOKING AHEAD, WE MUST EXPECT THE 1980'S TO BRING MORE PROBLEMS AND A GREATER COMPLEXITY TO OUR AFFAIRS,+ DR HAYES SAID.

+THE STRAINS AND STRESSES OF HIGH-RISE URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE OUTSIDE INFLUENCES UPON THE HONG KONG ECONOMY AND LIFE-STYLE, AND THE EFFECT OF IMPROVED SOCIAL SERVICES WILL PROBABLY COMBINE TO MAKE OUR POPULATION LESS TOLERANT THAN IT USED TO BE.

+IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL MACHINERY FOR INFORMING OUR CITIZENS, KNOWING THEIR SITUATION, AND DEALING WITH THEIR PROBLEMS AND LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS.+

DR HAYES SAID THE BOARD WOULD HAVE ANOTHER ROLE TO PLAY WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT.

+INITIALLY, AT LEAST, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE LANDS DEPARTMENT COULD MEAN A LESS COMPACT MACHINERY FOR DEALING WITH CERTAIN 'PEOPLE-RELATED' WORK AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, SUCH AS - IN THIS TOWN AND DISTRICT - LEASE ENFORCEMENT, LAND CONTROL, PROJECT SITE MONITORING AND RURAL LAND ADMINISTRATION.

+THE BOARD MUST HELP MONITOR THE CHANGEOVER SO AS TO HELP OFFICIALS MINIMISE ANY POTENTIAL PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WAS SET UP IN NOVEMBER, 1977, TOGETHER WITH BOARDS IN THE OTHER SEVEN DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE WORD 'ADVISORY' WAS DROPPED LAST APRIL. THE BOARD HAS 29 MEMBERS, OF WHOM 18 ARE UNOFFICIALS. THERE ARE SEVEN SUB-COMMITTEES.

NT SITES WITHDRAWN FROM AUCTION
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FOUR OF SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES SITES OFFERED FOR SALE AT A GOVERNMENT AUCTION THIS MORNING (TUESDAY) WERE WITHDRAWN WHEN THERE WERE NO BIDS.

THEY ARE AT TSING YI, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND CHEUNG SHA, LANTAU.

THE TSING YI SITE, MEASURING 2 550 SQUARE METRES, WAS FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN DEVELOPMENT. THE BUILDING COVENANT WAS \$18.6 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS AND THE PLOT RATIO 9.5. THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR C.M. MO, WHO CONDUCTED THE AUCTION, ASKED FOR AN OPENING BID OF \$15.5 MILLION.

THE TUEN MUN SITE, ALSO FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN DEVELOPMENT, MEASURED 3 038 SQUARE METRES. THE SITE HAD A FOUR-YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF \$28.62 MILLION AND A 9.5 PLOT RATIO. MR MO ASKED FOR AN OPENING BID OF \$14 MILLION.

THE SAI KUNG SITE, FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, WAS WITHDRAWN WHEN THERE WERE NO BIDS AT THE ASKED-FOR OPENING PRICE OF \$15 MILLION. THIS SITE, MEASURING 6 050 SQUARE METRES, HAD A FOUR-YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF \$10 MILLION AND A PLOT RATIO OF 0.75.

THE LAST SITE TO BE WITHDRAWN WAS AT CHEUNG SHA, LANTAU, AND WAS ALSO FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. MEASURING 4 628 SQUARE METRES, IT HAD A \$3 MILLION BUILDING COVENANT TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE MARCH 31, 1985. THE AUCTIONEER HAD ASKED FOR AN OPENING BID OF \$5 MILLION.

THE THREE SITES SOLD REALISED A TOTAL OF \$50.9 MILLION.

THE HIGHEST PRICE PAID WAS \$25 MILLION FOR A 5 351-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN SHA TIN FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A PUBLIC LORRY PARK AND GODOWN, EXCLUDING THE STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS. THE PURCHASER WAS WELLO ENTERPRISES LIMITED, WHO ARE REQUIRED TO MEET A \$48.8-MILLION BUILDING COVENANT WITHIN FOUR YEARS. THE PLOT RATIO ON THIS SITE IS 9.5. THE PRICE PAID WAS THE OPENING BID.

A PRICE OF \$4 504.5 PER SQUARE METRE WAS PAID FOR A SITE AT TUEN MUN WHICH IS FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN DEVELOPMENT. THE PURCHASER WAS SURE ACHIEVE LIMITED, WHO ALSO PAID THE OPENING PRICE - \$20 MILLION - FOR THE SITE WHICH HAS A FOUR-YEAR BUILDING COVENANT OF \$40.49 MILLION. THE PLOT RATIO ON THE 4 440-SQUARE-METRE LOT IS ALSO 9.5.

THE ONLY SITE TO ATTRACT ANY REAL BIDDING WAS AN INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN LOT AT YUEN LONG MEASURING 1 659 SQUARE METRES. FROM AN OPENING BID OF \$4 MILLION, THE SITE WAS EVENTUALLY SOLD TO E. WAH LAND LIMITED FOR \$5.9 MILLION (\$3 556.4 PER SQUARE METRE). THE SITE HAS A PLOT RATIO OF 5 AND A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$7.96 MILLION TO BE COMPLETED IN FOUR YEARS.

THE AUCTION WAS HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

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HK FACES PROBLEMS ARISING FROM GROWING NUMBER OF ELDERLY

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WITH LONGER LIFE EXPECTANCY OF ITS PEOPLE, HONG KONG, LIKE MANY INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES, IS FACING PROBLEMS ARISING FROM A GROWING NUMBER OF ELDERLY PEOPLE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AT SHUN TIN ESTATE IN KWUN TONG.

TRADITIONALLY, MR ALLEYNE SAID, THE CHINESE FAMILY IS CLOSELY-KNIT AND OLD PEOPLE ARE LOOKED AFTER WITHIN THE FAMILY.

BUT SOCIAL CHANGES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS, SUCH AS SMALL HOUSING UNITS, PROBABLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY INCREASING URBANISATION AND INDUSTRIALISATION, HAVE PUT THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY UNIT UNDER GREAT STRAIN AND OLD PEOPLE ARE BEING COMPELLED TO RELY MORE AND MORE ON OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

THIS CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY LED TO THE APPOINTMENT IN 1972 OF A GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY ON THE FUTURE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY, AND THE FORMULATION IN 1977 OF A PROGRAMME PLAN FOR THE ELDERLY.

UNDER THIS PLAN, A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IS TO BE SET UP FOR EVERY 30 000 PEOPLE TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THEM.

THE SHUN TIN ESTATE, BEING A NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, WAS VERY MUCH IN NEED OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, SUCH AS A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, HE SAID.

THE CHUNG SING BENEVOLENT SOCIETY CENTRE IS AT PRESENT THE ONLY CENTRE OF ITS KIND AMONG SHUN TIN, SHUN LEE AND SHUN ON ESTATES, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY ACCOMMODATE 65 000 PEOPLE.

A SECOND SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WILL SOON BE SET UP IN THE AREA, MR ALLEYNE SAID.

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SURVEY SHOWS IMPROVED LIVING STANDARDS

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THE OCTOBER 1981 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS CONTAINS A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON +RESULTS OF THE 1979-80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY IN HONG KONG+. IN ADDITION TO A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CONDUCT OF THE SURVEY, THE ARTICLE ALSO PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF THE MAIN RESULTS.

RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF HOUSEHOLDS HAVE CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE THE PREVIOUS SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN 1973-74. THERE WAS A SHIFT IN EXPENDITURE FROM ESSENTIALS LIKE FOODSTUFFS TO CONSUMER GOODS IN GENERAL. THIS INDICATES TO SOME EXTENT THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIVING STANDARD OF THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD IN HONG KONG.

EXPENDITURE PATTERNS VARIED FOR DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS DEPENDING MAINLY ON THREE FACTORS, VIZ SIZE OF THE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET, NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND THE TYPE OF HOUSING OCCUPIED.

AFFLUENT HOUSEHOLDS WITH A LARGE BUDGET TEND TO SPEND A SMALLER PROPORTION OF THEIR TOTAL BUDGET ON FOOD THAN LESS WELL-OFF HOUSEHOLDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY TEND TO SPEND MORE ON CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES.

BY CONTRAST, THE RELATIVE SHARE OF FOODSTUFFS IN THE TOTAL BUDGET INCREASES WITH THE SIZE OF THE HOUSEHOLD. IN GENERAL, HOUSEHOLDS OCCUPYING HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES SPEND RELATIVELY MORE OF THEIR BUDGET ON FOOD AND LESS ON RENT AS COMPARED TO THOSE LIVING IN PRIVATE HOUSING.

THE OCTOBER 1981 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS ON SALE AT HK\$14 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, HONG KONG.

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TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS WELCOME FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME

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MORE TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS ARE MAKING USE OF THE LOCAL FREE LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE.

IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 76 CASES WERE DEALT WITH COMPARED WITH 65 DURING THE PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS, AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 17 PER CENT.

THE MOST COMMON TYPE OF CASES HANDLED CONTINUE TO BE MATRIMONIAL MATTERS, LAND AND LANDLORD AND TENANT DISPUTES, EMPLOYMENT MATTERS, CRIMINAL CASES AND COMMERCIAL DISPUTES.

THE CENTRE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN HOI PA STREET, IS MANNED BY TWO DUTY LAWYERS EVERY TUESDAY FROM 6.30 PM TO 9.30 PM.

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IT IS ONE OF SIX CENTRES OPERATED BY THE LAW SOCIETY- THE OTHERS ARE AT MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, WAN CHAI, EASTERN DISTRICT AND SHA TIN.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEEKING LEGAL ADVICE SHOULD FIRST APPROACH THEIR LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE OR PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE WHERE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE LAWYERS WILL BE MADE.

THE LAWYERS CAN ADVISE THE PUBLIC ON MEASURES THEY CAN TAKE, BUT CANNOT REPRESENT THEM IN COURT.

A TOTAL OF 667 CASES HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH BY THE TSUEN WAN CENTRE SINCE ITS OPENING 20 MONTHS AGO. SOME OF THE CASES HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT AND THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL FOR FURTHER ACTION.

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REMINDER ON EXAMINATION
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SCHOOLS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY WISH TO ENTER FORM V AND MIDDLE V CANDIDATES AND 'ENGLISH ONLY' CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN 1983 THEY MUST APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE SAME PROCEDURE APPLIES TO SCHOOLS WISHING TO ENTER CANDIDATES FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR CERTAIN PRACTICAL SUBJECTS.

THESE SUBJECTS INCLUDE SHORTHAND, TYPING, PHYSICS (SYLLABUSES 1 AND 2), CHEMISTRY (SYLLABUSES 1 AND 2), BIOLOGY (SYLLABUSES 1 AND 2), POTTERY, HOME ECONOMICS, NEEDLEWORK/DRESS, DRESSMAKING, WOODWORK, METALWORK, PRACTICAL ELECTRICITY, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, TECHNICAL DRAWING, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY, EMBROIDERY, AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN.

APPLICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11/F, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SAME OFFICE.

HANDBOOKS OF REGULATIONS AND SYLLABUSES FOR THE 1983 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS) ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY'S PUBLICATIONS UNIT AT 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, SAN PO KONG.

THEY ARE ALSO ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 16) AT 10 AM IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THIRTY-FIVE SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE:

CP1422	AA 87	CP3666	CP8288	HK 303
HK3373	CP 668	AA3373	CK8888	CP3228
CR 118	CR 213	AB 600	CP 109	CP 866
AA 109	CS 898	CP 911	CR1338	180
CR9955	CR 280	CR1828	CP 28	CP3373
CP3163	CP1885	CT 50	CP9778	CP5152
CN8332	CF3333	CP 935	CR 328	CP 330

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 71ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES FOR HIRE
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SEVERAL STALLS FOR THE KWAI CHUNG AND TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR HIRE.

THE LETTING PRICE WILL BE \$50 EACH AND WILL BE HIRED OUT ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD CALL ON THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SHING WAH BUILDING, 31 SHING FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG, OR THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE AT THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, FOURTH FLOOR, TING KOK ROAD.

THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 18 TO 25.

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