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EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HEALTH EDUCATION BEING STEPPED UP
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT IS STEPPING UP ITS EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HEALTH.

THE UNIT HAS BEGUN ITS SECOND RUBELLA VACCINATION PROGRAMME, AND THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TWO SEPARATE CAMPAIGNS ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND ANTI-CANCER RESPECTIVELY NEXT YEAR.

ALSO IN THE PIPELINE IS A PLAN TO PROVIDE HEALTH EDUCATION ON A REGIONAL BASIS. THE PROPOSED PLAN CALLS FOR THE SETTING OF THREE REGIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRES INITIALLY IN SHA TIN, KWAI CHUNG AND KWUN TONG IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

IN LINE WITH THIS EXPANSION PLAN IS THE RECENT REMOVAL OF THE UNIT'S OFFICE FROM TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC TO CENTRE POINT BUILDING IN WAN CHAI. THE NEW OFFICE, TRIPLE THE SIZE OF THE PREVIOUS ONE, ENABLES THE UNIT TO HAVE ITS OWN EXHIBITION HALL, WORKSHOP, CONFERENCE ROOM AND REFERENCE LIBRARY.

DR. S. C. LEUNG, THE SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE UNIT SAID: +THESE NEW ADDITIONS HAVE SMOOTHENED OUR WORK IN STAGING EXHIBITIONS AND PRODUCING AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS FOR LENDING TO THE PUBLIC.+

THE UNIT, A CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING AND ADVISORY BODY, IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN PROMOTING HEALTH EDUCATION.

SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN APRIL LAST YEAR, IT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN ORGANISING CAMPAIGNS ON HYPERTENSION, EYE CARE, CHILD CARE, PREVENTION OF DEAFNESS, HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY, DONATION OF HUMAN ORGANS, DISEASE PREVENTION, PERSONAL HYGIENE AND FAMILY HEALTH.

THE UNIT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMOTING NEW HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IT HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION OF THE RUBELLA VACCINATION PROGRAMME AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION SCHEME ON CHILD GROWTH.

+OUR CHIEF AIM IS TO PROMOTE HEALTH EDUCATION SO THAT EVERY MAN IN THE STREET IS AWARE OF ITS IMPORTANCE IN GUARDING HIMSELF AGAINST ILL-HEALTH,+ DR. LEUNG SAID.

APART FROM ALL THESE EFFORTS, THE UNIT ALSO PRODUCES A LOT OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS ON HEALTH EDUCATION. THEY CONSIST OF FILMS, SLIDES, PAMPHLETS, BOOKLETS AND POSTERS, SPECIALLY DESIGNED BY THE UNIT TO GET THE MESSAGE ACROSS TO THE PUBLIC.

/THESE PUBLICITY.....

THESE PUBLICITY MATERIALS COVER A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS SUCH AS BLOOD PRESSURE, DENTAL HEALTH, PERSONAL HYGIENE, MICROBIOLOGY, NUTRITION AND FOOD HYGIENE, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING, PREVENTION OF DISEASE AND ACCIDENTS, GYNAECOLOGY, HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY, OPHTHALMIC HEALTH AS WELL AS DIFFERENT HUMAN PHYSIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN OR BORROW THESE MATERIALS FROM THE UNIT DIRECTLY AT THE CENTRE POINT BUILDING OR BY TELEPHONING 5-720861.

A LIST OF THESE MATERIALS CAN BE OBTAINED ON REQUEST.

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52 MORE SITES FOR SALE IN NT
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SELL ANOTHER 52 PRIME SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

THE SITES, COVERING MORE THAN 14 HECTARES IN AREA, ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. A. J. HARLAND SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) 46 OF THE SITES WERE TO BE SOLD BY TENDER TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS AND THIS WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF REDUCING ITS COMMITMENT TO THESE +LAND OWNERS+.

+EARMARKED FOR PUBLIC AUCTION,+ MR. HARLAND SAID, +ARE SIX LOTS -- TWO IN SHA TIN, ONE IN TUEN MUN, ONE IN SAI KUNG AND THE REMAINING TWO IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

+THE TUEN MUN SITE, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 10 680 SQUARE METRES IN THE PROPOSED TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE, WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO DEVELOPERS.+

+WHILE IT IS THE FIRST TOWN CENTRE SITE TO BE PUT ON THE MARKET,+ HE SAID, +THE CONDITIONS OF SALE WILL REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMERCIAL PODIUM AND A COMPLEX OF FIVE MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS WITH COMMERCIAL PREMISES ON THE LOWER FLOORS AND HIGH QUALITY RESIDENTIAL FLATS ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

+WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED TO GOVERNMENT SPECIFICATIONS, THE TOWN CENTRE WILL BE LANDSCAPED AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES,+ MR. HARLAND ADDED.

AMONG THE OTHER LOTS PLANNED FOR AUCTION, THE TWO SITES IN SHA TIN WILL HAVE COMMANDING VIEWS OF THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE AND THE TOLO HARBOUR. THESE TWO LOTS TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER GOOD SITE IN CHEUNG CHAU ARE DESIGNED FOR LOW DENSITY HOUSING.

/MR. HARLAND.....

MR. HARLAND SAID THE REMAINING TWO WERE SITUATED ON LANTAU ISLAND NEAR THE SOUTH LANTAU HOSPITAL AND AT THE FOOT OF RAZOR HILL OFF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD IN SAI KUNG. +BOTH SITES CAN BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES TO SERVE THE ADJOINING RESIDENTIAL AREAS.+

ON LAND TO BE PUT UP FOR TENDER, MR. HARLAND SAID THE 46 SITES, INCLUDING 29 AT SHA TIN, WOULD BE SOLD IN THREE PACKAGES IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, AND JANUARY AND MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE SHA TIN SITES COMPRISE SIX INDUSTRIAL AND 23 PRIME RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN VERY PRESTIGE LOCATIONS — 11 IN THE NEW TOWN'S HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL ZONE KNOWN AS THE +JARDINE'S LOOKOUT OF SHA TIN+.

INCLUDED IN THE TENDER PROGRAMME, HE SAID, WERE FIVE RESIDENTIAL SITES IN TUEN MUN AND EIGHT SITES IN YUEN LONG FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES. ALSO IN YUEN LONG, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MULTI-STORY CAR PARK SITE IN ITS BOOMING COMMERCIAL CENTRE.

TWO OTHER PRIME SITES, ONE IN THE SOUTH LANTAU HOSPITAL LAYOUT ON LANTAU ISLAND AND THE OTHER AT TAI MONG TSAI IN SAI KUNG, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR LOW-RISE HOUSING WHILE A 580-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN SAI KUNG'S LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA AT TUI MIN HOI WILL BE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MR. HARLAND SAID THE SALES PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WAS LARGER COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEARS AND WOULD GIVE DEVELOPERS MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE PART IN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

+IT WILL ALSO ALLEVIATE THE CRITICISM IN SOME QUARTERS THAT GOVERNMENT IS NOT PUTTING ENOUGH LAND ON THE MARKET,+ HE ADDED.

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LONG-TERM PLANS TO AID STUDENTS WITH HEARING PROBLEMS *****

THE GOVERNMENT HAS DRAWN UP A WIDE-RANGING LONG-TERM PLAN TO HELP SCHOOL CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM HEARING DISABILITY.

AS A START, EFFORTS TO DETECT CHILDREN WITH HEARING PROBLEMS AT AN EARLY STAGE ARE BEING STEPPED UP BY EXPANDING THE HEARING SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS.

THE PLAN ENTAILS THE PROVISION OF HEARING TESTS TO ALL PRIMARY ONE PUPILS BY 1981, THE RECRUITMENT OF MORE AUDIOLOGISTS AND SUPPORTING STAFF AND THE PURCHASE OF A WELL-EQUIPPED HEARING TEST VAN.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO PROVIDE A SECOND HEARING TEST TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AT PRIMARY SIX LEVEL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE PROGRAMME WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN 1968 TO DETECT PUPILS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT SO THAT SUBSEQUENT ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIAL ACTION COULD BE TAKEN AT AN EARLY STAGE TO PREVENT THE PROBLEM FROM DEVELOPING INTO A HANDICAP TO THE CHILD.

/AT PRESENT,.....

AT PRESENT, SCREENING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FOR PRIMARY ONE PUPILS IN ALL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AND THE MAJORITY OF AIDED SCHOOLS.

HOWEVER, PARENTS WHO SUSPECT THEIR CHILDREN OF HAVING HEARING PROBLEMS COULD REFER THEM DIRECTLY TO THE SECTION OR THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS, DOCTORS OR SOCIAL WORKERS.

OF THE 50 000 PUPILS FROM 325 SCHOOLS WHO BENEFITED FROM THE SERVICE IN THE 1977-78 FISCAL YEAR, ABOUT SEVEN PER CENT OR 3 500 WERE IDENTIFIED TO HAVE VARYING DEGREES OF HEARING IMPAIRMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT SCREENING TESTS ARE CONDUCTED BY TRAINED PERSONNEL OF THE SECTION.

THE EXAMINATION INVOLVES A FIVE-MINUTE HEARING TEST IN A QUIET ROOM MAINLY TO FIND OUT THE PUPIL'S RESPONSE TO CERTAIN FREQUENCIES OF SOUND AT FIXED SCREENING INTENSITY WITHIN NORMAL SPEECH RANGE, HE EXPLAINED.

+PUPILS WHO FAIL THE TEST OR ARE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF SCREENING WILL RECEIVE A FULL-SCALE ASSESSMENT AT ONE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRES AFTER WHICH A VERBAL REPORT ON THE HEARING ABILITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PARENTS. A WRITTEN REPORT WILL ALSO BE SENT TO THE HEADS OF SCHOOLS CONCERNED SOON AFTERWARDS,+ HE SAID.

+FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN, VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE INCLUDING SPECIAL SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CLASSROOM, PROVISION OF HEARING AIDS FREE OF CHARGE, PERIPATETIC TEACHING SERVICE, AND PLACEMENT IN SPECIAL CLASSES OR SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

+AT THE SAME TIME, REGULAR SPEECH AND AUDITORY TRAINING WILL BE GIVEN TO ENHANCE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN THE HEARING IMPAIRED CHILD. THOSE IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION WILL ALSO BE REFERRED TO SPECIALISTS FOR TREATMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NEW BUS ROUTES TO SERVE MTR COMMUTERS

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A NETWORK OF BUS FEEDER ROUTES TO PROVIDE INTERCHANGE SERVICES TO MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY COMMUTERS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE THREE PHASES OF THE NEW RAILWAY SYSTEM BETWEEN OCTOBER AND NEXT FEBRUARY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE BUS FEEDER ROUTES ARE PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN HONG KONG.

+IN ADDITION TO THE NEW BUS FEEDER ROUTES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +EXISTING BUS SERVICES SERVING MTR STATIONS WILL INCREASE THEIR PASSENGER CAPACITY TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC USING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.+

THE ENTIRE SERVICE NETWORK WILL BE CAREFULLY MONITORED SO THAT ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE FROM TIME TO TIME TO MEET DEMAND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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+A LARGE PROPORTION OF MTR PASSENGERS ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE USE OF THE NEW BUS FEEDER ROUTES,+ HE SAID.

WITH PHASE ONE OF THE MTR'S MODIFIED INITIAL SYSTEM BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND SHEK KIP MEI OPENING ON OCTOBER 1, NEW BUS ROUTES AND INCREASED CAPACITY ON THE EXISTING ROUTES HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO PROVIDE INTERCHANGE SERVICES AT THE NINE STATIONS.

FOUR FEEDER ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THEY CAN BE EASILY DISTINGUISHED WITH THE LETTER +M+ AFTER THE ROUTE NUMBER. THE FOUR NEW ROUTES ARE:

- * 13M - BETWEEN KWUN TONG STATION AND SAU MAU PING ESTATE-
- * 21M - BETWEEN CHOI HUNG STATION AND CHOI WAN ESTATE-
- * 6M - BETWEEN SHEK KIP MEI STATION AND LAI CHI KOK- AND
- * 40M - BETWEEN SHEK KIP MEI STATION AND TSUEN WAN FERRY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OPENING OF PHASE TWO OF THE MIS ON JANUARY 1, 1980 BETWEEN SHEK KIP MEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI, AND OF PHASE THREE OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR SECTION ON FEBRUARY 12, WOULD REQUIRE THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE FEEDER ROUTES. DETAILS OF THE ADDITIONAL ROUTES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

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NEW RANGE OF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR NT LIBRARIES

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A NEW PROGRAMME OF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR ITS FIVE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN OCTOBER.

BESIDES REGULAR FILM SHOWS, BOOK DISPLAYS, MUSIC APPRECIATION, MINI-MUSEUM EXHIBITION AND ART DISPLAY, THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR NT PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN OCTOBER IS A POPULAR SCIENCE LECTURE ON 'CHINESE MEDICINAL PLANTS'.

IT IS THE FIRST TALK OF ITS KIND TO BE CONDUCTED IN A NT PUBLIC LIBRARY AS AN EXTENSION ACTIVITY.

THE FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED PROGRAMME OF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIVE NT PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN OCTOBER:

TSUEN WAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCT. 1 - 31	BOOK DISPLAYS	HI-FI FOR THE ENTHUSIASTS HANDICRAFTS
OCT. 1 - 31	MINI-MUSEUM EXHIBITION	CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY : YUAN TO CHING DYNASTY
OCT. 6 (10.30 A.M.) 13, 20, 27 (2.30 P.M.)	STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN	

OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28 (9.30 A.M.)	INTEREST GROUP	BASIC DESIGN
OCT. 12 (4 P.M.)	FILM SHOW	
OCT. 13 (3.30 P.M.)	SUBJECT TALK	CHINESE MEDICINAL PLANT
OCT. 20 (3.30 P.M.)	MUSIC APPRECIATION	

SHA TIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCT. 1 - 31	BOOK DISPLAY	AUTO AGE THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SCIENCE
OCT. 1 - 31	MINI-MUSEUM EXHIBITION	CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY : SIX DYNASTIES
OCT. 5 (3.30 P.M.)	FILM SHOW	
OCT. 6 (10.30 A.M.), 13, 20, 27 (2.30 P.M.)	STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN	
OCT. 7, 14 (9.30 A.M.)	INTEREST GROUP	PAINTING FOR PLEASURE
OCT. 13, 20, 27 (3.30 P.M.)	INTEREST GROUP	EVERYDAY MANDARIN

TUEN MUN PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCT. 1 - 31	BOOK DISPLAYS	COMPUTERS IN OUR DAILY LIFE CHILDREN'S LIFE
OCT. 1 - 31	MINI-MUSEUM EXHIBITION	POSTERS OF AIR PHOTOGRAPHY
OCT. 1 - 31	WALL-CHART DISPLAY	TRANSPORT
OCT. 1 - 31	ART DISPLAY	CHILDREN'S PAINTING
OCT. 6 (10 A.M.), 13, 20, 27 (2.30 P.M.)	STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN	
OCT. 19 (4 P.M.)	FILM SHOW	

TAI PO PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCT. 1 - 31	BOOK EXHIBITION	DO IT YOURSELF
OCT. 1 - 31	MINI-MUSEUM EXHIBITION	POST-IMPRESSIONISM : SEURAT SIGNAC, TOULOUSE, LAUTREE, REDON

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OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24 (4 P.M.)	INTEREST GROUP	ELEMENTARY PAINTING
OCT. 6 (10.30 A.M.), 13, 20, 27 (2.30 P.M.)	STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN	
OCT. 13 (3.30 P.M.)	SUBJECT TALK	CYCLING AND CARE OF CYCLES
OCT 31 (4 P.M.)	FILM SHOW	

SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCT. 1 - 31	BOOK DISPLAYS	OUTDOOR LIFE EVERYDAY SCIENCE
OCT. 1 - 31	MINI-MUSEUM	POST-IMPRESSIONISM : GAUGUIN
OCT. 4, 11, 18, 25 (6 P.M.)	INTEREST GROUP	PHOTOGRAPHY
OCT. 6 (10.30 A.M.), 13, 20, 27 (2.30 P.M.)	STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN	
OCT. 26 (3.30 P.M.)	FILM SHOW	

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PROPERTY OWNERS REQUIRED TO REPORT CHANGE

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED PROPERTY OWNERS THAT THEY SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ONCE THEY STOPPED OCCUPYING THEIR PREMISES EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE REQUIREMENT APPLIED TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING JOINT OWNERS, WHO HAD OCCUPIED PREMISES SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND FOR WHICH PROPERTY TAX HAD NOT BEEN CHARGED OR REDUCED.

+THEY SHOULD INFORM THE DEPARTMENT IN WRITING WITHIN THREE MONTHS SHOULD THEY CEASE TO OCCUPY SUCH PREMISES EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES,+ HE SAID.

AS REGARDS PROPERTY OWNED BY CORPORATIONS WHERE PROPERTY TAX HAS BEEN EXEMPTED, ANY CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR OF USE WHICH MAY AFFECT SUCH EXEMPTION MUST BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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+THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR HEAVY PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS,+ HE SAID.

ANY PROPERTY OWNERS REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR OBLIGATIONS SHOULD TELEPHONE THE ASSESSOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROPERTY TAX ON 5-79595217 OR WRITE TO THE DEPARTMENT, G.P.O. BOX 132, HONG KONG. PERSONAL ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT THE PROPERTY TAX SECTION, 17TH FLOOR, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG.

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ID CARD REGISTRATION SERVICE
TO BE PROVIDED IN SHAM SHUI PO

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S BRANCH OFFICE IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL EXPAND ITS SERVICES TO INCLUDE REGISTRATION FOR IDENTITY CARDS FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 1).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SATURDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: +WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS SERVICE IN SHAM SHUI PO, RESIDENTS IN WEST KOWLOON WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO TRAVEL TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE AT CANTON ROAD TO REGISTER FOR AN IDENTITY CARD.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD LONG FELT THE NEED TO EXTEND ITS REGISTRATION SERVICE TO WEST KOWLOON, BUT IT HAD HAD DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION THERE.

RECENTLY, THE SHAM SHUI PO BRANCH OFFICE, LOCATED AT 286-300 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, HAS ACQUIRED AN ADDITIONAL PREMISES JUST NEXT DOOR TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF ITS SERVICES.

THE NEW SERVICE WILL INCLUDE REGISTRATION FOR ADULT AND JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND REGISTRATION OF NEW ARRIVALS, EXCEPT THOSE FROM CHINA WHO ARE DEALT WITH AT THE QUEENSWAY BRANCH IN VICTORIA BARRACKS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, ALL PERSONS ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER UNLESS THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED BY LAW. FOR INSTANCE, A PERSON WHO IS ON A VISIT IN HONG KONG IS EXEMPTED FROM REGISTRATION IF HE STAYS FOR LESS THAN 180 DAYS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN ADULT OR A NEW ARRIVAL TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION, A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO REGISTER A CHILD FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARD WITHIN ONE MONTH OF HIS 11TH BIRTHDAY AND A PERSON TO RE-REGISTER FOR AN ADULT IDENTITY CARD ON ATTAINING THE AGE OF 18. ALL IDENTITY CARD HOLDERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT CHANGES OF REGISTERED PARTICULARS.

+FAILURE TO DOING SO IS LIABLE TO HEAVY PENALTIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

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VICTORIA ROAD TO BE IMPROVED

TENDERS ~~ARE BEING~~ INVITED FOR WORK TO IMPROVE THE JUNCTION OF VICTORIA ROAD AND BISNEY ROAD, AND THE SHARP BEND SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID: +THIS SECTION OF VICTORIA ROAD IS NARROW AND TORTUOUS WITHOUT A FOOTPATH AND CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL HAZARD TO THE INCREASING VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT WORK INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD ABOUT 235 METRES LONG ON AN IMPROVED ALIGNMENT BY BUILDING RETAINING WALLS AND CUTTING INTO THE EXISTING HILLSIDE.

ON COMPLETION, THE ROAD WILL HAVE A 7.3-METRE TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WITH 2.75-METRE FOOTPATH ON BOTH SIDES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER 1979 AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. THE WORK HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (HC) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PLB BAN IN TSZ WAN SHAN TO BE EASED

PROHIBITION IMPOSED ON PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AT TWO LOCATIONS IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE EASED FROM 24 HOURS DAILY TO A PERIOD BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 1).

THE TWO PLB PROHIBITED ZONES ARE THE SECTION OF SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN LUNG FUNG STREET AND TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD- AND THE SECTION OF TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD BETWEEN SHATIN PASS ROAD AND THE CAR PARK OUTSIDE SHATIN PASS ESTATE.

DURING THE PROHIBITION PERIOD ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ARE BANNED FROM ENTERING THESE TWO AREAS EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WHAMPOA ESTATE

NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN WHAMPOA ESTATE, HUNG HOM, FROM TUESDAY (OCTOBER 2) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, MAN TAI STREET AND THE SECTION OF MAN SIU STREET BETWEEN MAN TAI STREET AND THE ENTRANCE OF HONG KONG UNITED DOCKYARDS WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION.

THE SECTION OF MAN SIU STREET BETWEEN TAK MAN STREET AND THE ENTRANCE TO HONG KONG UNITED DOCKYARDS WILL REMAIN TWO-WAY.

THERE WILL BE A +BOX JUNCTION+ RESTRICTION AT THE WUHU STREET/ TAK MAN STREET/DOCK STREET JUNCTION AND A TAXI STAND WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TAK MAN STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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