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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO VOTE IN DB ELECTIONS

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CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL NEXT YEAR WILL MARK THE COMPLETION OF AN IMPORTANT PHASE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE ROTARACT DAY OF ROTARACT INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 345.

THE CHANGES INCLUDE ELECTIONS FOR TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS AND HAVING UNOFFICIALS AS CHAIRMEN.

HE SAID HE EXPECTED THIS SYSTEM TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP ITS OWN CHARACTERISTICS IN THE YEARS AHEAD TO BE BECOME SOMETHING WHICH IS UNIQUELY +HONG KONG+.

POINTING OUT THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS ALREADY HAD ESTABLISHED LINKS WITH THE CENTRAL COUNCILS OF HONG KONG, HE SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE EVENTUAL SETTING UP OF A SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

+THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WILL, BY THIS REPRESENTATIVE PROCESS, BE PUT IN A POSITION OF GREATER POWER TO CONTROL THE PACE AND DIRECTION OF CHANGE, WHICH WERE MAINLY INSPIRED BY GOVERNMENT IN THE PAST.

+THIS WILL NOT ONLY MODIFY THE PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, IT WILL HAVE AN INCALCULABLE IMPACT ON THE LIFE OF PEOPLE IN THE YEARS TO COME.

+THEY WILL HAVE A DIRECT INPUT IN THE FORMULATION AND EXECUTION OF POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES IN EVERY AREA THAT AFFECTS THEIR DAILY LIFE : HOUSING, SOCIAL WELFARE, TRANSPORT AND SO ON,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

HE STRESSED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE SUFFICIENT EXPERTS, TECHNOCRATS AND PROFESSIONALS IN THE CENTRAL COUNCILS TO ENSURE THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF ITS PEOPLE AT THE GRASS ROOTS.

THIS WOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT +IT HAS AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GOVERNMENT THE WISDOM AND SKILL TO DEVISE THE BEST POLICIES TO MAINTAIN THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF HONG KONG SO AS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS AND SATISFY THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO WILL BE THE MEN IN THE STREET OF TOMORROW, HAD A TWO-FOLD INTEREST IN THESE DEVELOPMENTS, AND A DUAL CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE.

+FIRSTLY, IF YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE YOU SHOULD REGISTER TO VOTE AND YOU SHOULD CAST YOUR VOTE IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS,+ HE SAID.

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+THE MORE PEOPLE WHO REGISTER AND CAST THEIR VOTE, THE MORE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE THE VIEWS AND ADVICE GIVEN BY THOSE ELECTED. IF YOU ARE TOO YOUNG TO VOTE YOU CAN NEVERTHELESS PERSUADE YOUR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS TO REGISTER AND VOTE.

+SECONDLY, WE MUST CONTINUE TO ADAPT, IMPROVE AND INTRODUCE NEW SKILLS AND NEW IDEAS TO MAINTAIN THE EXPANSION OF THE ECONOMY WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR OUR CONTINUING PROSPERITY.

+AND WE MUST ABOVE ALL HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE FACE.

+I AM SURE YOU, YOUNG PEOPLE, WILL CARRY THIS FLAME OF CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE INTO THE FUTURE SO THAT IN TURN, YOU TOO, LIKE YOUR PREDECESSORS, WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK AT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS WITH PRIDE AND SATISFACTION.+

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HOUSEHOLD VISITS TO PUBLICISE ELECTIONS

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL MAKE HOUSEHOLD VISITS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SAID TODAY THAT THE VISITS WOULD LAST UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. IT WAS HOPED THAT ALL THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, NUMBERING ABOUT 2 500, WOULD BE COVERED.

HE EXPLAINED THAT LETTERS GIVING THE DATE AND TIME OF THE VISITS WOULD BE SENT TO INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS A FEW DAYS IN ADVANCE, AND POSTERS ABOUT THE VISITS WOULD BE PUT UP INSIDE BUILDINGS.

ABOUT 60 STAFF AND TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS WILL TAKE PART IN THIS PROGRAMME.

+THE HOUSEHOLD VISITS ARE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO PUBLICISE THE COMING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND THE ELECTIONS,+ HE SAID.

A COMMITTEE COMPRISING BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA COMMITTEES, THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WERE FORMED RECENTLY TO CO-ORDINATE AND PLAN THE ACTIVITIES.

OTHER PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES WILL INCLUDE THE DISTRIBUTION OF PAMPHLETS, VIDEO PRESENTATIONS ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, A MOBILE REGISTRATION CENTRE, TALKS AND SEMINARS.

THE SIX-WEEK REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 15 AND THE ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 7.

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FACILITIES FOR VEGETABLE FARMERS
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LOCAL VEGETABLE GROWERS' HARD-EARNED MONEY IS PROTECTED FROM RACKETEERS -- THANKS TO THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION (VMO).

+MARKETING FACILITIES, AVAILABLE AT A VERY LOW COST, ARE PROVIDED FOR FARMERS AND WHOLESALERS TO MAKE A FAIR DEAL WITHOUT BEING MANIPULATED BY RACKETEERS,+ MR T.C. CHAU, SENIOR MANAGER OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION, SAID.

THESE FACILITIES INCLUDE COLLECTING DEPOTS IN LAM TEI, KAM TIN AND FANLING FROM WHERE VEGETABLES ARE TRANSPORTED TO BE WEIGHED AND SOLD AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE MARKET, MR CHAU SAID.

+THE COST CHARGED IS REASONABLE, A COMMISSION OF 10 PER CENT ON THE SALES,+ HE SAID.

THE ORGANISATION, A NON-PROFIT MAKING BODY OPERATED UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT (MARKETING) ORDINANCE, AIMS TO MAXIMISE RETURNS TO FARMERS BY MINIMISING MARKETING COSTS AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED.

IN THE 1983-84 FINANCIAL YEAR, A TOTAL OF 115 600 TONNES OF VEGETABLES, VALUED AT $317 MILLION, WERE SOLD THROUGH THE ORGANISATION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 50 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR.

+THIS IS LARGELY DUE TO THE BIGGER SUPPLY FROM THE SHENZHEN ECONOMIC ZONE WHERE HEAVY INVESTMENT IN VEGETABLE CULTIVATION BY HONG KONG FARMERS HAS TREMENDOUSLY BOOSTED PRODUCTION,+ MR CHAU SAID.

WHEN THE ORGANISATION WAS SET UP IN SEPTEMBER 1946, ITS INITIAL AIM WAS TO ASSIST IN THE POST-WAR REHABILITATION OF LOCAL FARMERS AND TO PROVIDE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT MARKETING FACILITIES AS ONE OF THE MEANS WHEREBY VEGETABLE FARMING COULD BE DEVELOPED AND THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE FARMING COMMUNITY IMPROVED.

+THIS HAS AGAIN BECOME SIGNIFICANT IN RECENT YEARS WHEN THE TOTAL LAND AREA AVAILABLE FOR VEGETABLE CULTIVATION HAS DECREASED BY HALF, FROM 1976'S 4 400 HECTARES TO 1983'S 2 440 HECTARES. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO HELP FARMERS SOLVE THEIR DIFFICULTIES AND INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION,+ HE SAID.

TO PROVIDE FARMERS WITH BETTER MARKETING FACILITIES, THE CHEUNG SHA WAN VEGETABLE WHOLESALE MARKET WAS BUILT IN 1965. AT PRESENT, THE MARKET HANDLES AN AVERAGE OF OVER 300 TONNES OF VEGETABLES A DAY, MR CHAU SAID.

/+LOCALLY PRODUCED .....

+LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLES REPRESENT 60 PER CENT OF TOTAL SALES AND IMPORT VEGETABLES FROM CHINA, USA, THAILAND, TAIWAN AND JAPAN MAKE UP THE BALANCE,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM MARKETING FACILITIES, A LOAN FUND WAS ALSO ESTABLISHED TO HELP FARMERS IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS AND TO PURCHASE SUCH LABOUR SAVING MACHINERY AS ROTARY CULTIVATORS, SPRINKLERS AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, 1 251 LOANS TOTALLING $15 MILLION WERE ISSUED.

TO KEEP LOCAL VEGETABLE FARMERS ABREAST OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND TECHNIQUES, STUDY TOURS TO AGRICULTURALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES ARE ORGANISED EACH YEAR.

IN ADDITION, MR CHAU SAID, SCHOLARSHIPS, INCLUDING GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS, ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUNGSTERS WHO WISH TO STUDY AGRICULTURE. TWENTY-NINE PERSONS HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1978.

THE ORGANISATION ALSO WORKS CLOSELY WITH SOME 30 VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVES IN PROMOTING VEGETABLE FARMING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE COOPERATIVES, IN COORDINATION WITH THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, SUPPLEMENT THE VMO'S SERVICE BY COLLECTING VEGETABLES FROM FARMERS IN REMOTE OR SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS.

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ANOTHER PRIVATE STREET TO BE RESUMED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PUSHING AHEAD WITH ITS PILOT SCHEME TO RESUME STREETS IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AREAS WHICH ARE IN A DILAPIDATED STATE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT YIN ON STREET IN TO KWA WAN WOULD BE RESUMED UNDER THE SCHEME, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF RESUMPTIONS SO FAR TO FIVE.

THE OTHERS ARE COMFORT TERRACE AND YUET YUEN STREET IN NORTH POINT, WHICH WERE RESUMED AT THE END OF MAY; SAM PAN STREET IN WAN CHAI, RESUMED IN MID-JUNE; AND SHIM LUEN STREET, MA TAU KOK, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN RESUMED.

A RESUMPTION NOTICE CONCERNING YIN ON STREET APPEARED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE SITE.

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ANYONE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE SHOULD SUBMIT A CLAIM IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS.

THE STREET WILL REVERT TO THE CROWN DURING THE LAST WEEK IN JULY.

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, HONG KONG;

* DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON; AND

* KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

FOLLOWING RESUMPTION, THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WILL CARRY OUT REPAIR WORK.

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NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS UP

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A TOTAL OF 83 856 WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS WERE IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1982, ENGAGING 531 125 PERSONS, ACCORDING TO SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH 1981, THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, BY FOUR PER CENT.

IN 1982, THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED $323 760 MILLION IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, AND SPENT $16 152 MILLION ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, $29 845 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES, AND $264 196 MILLION ON PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE.

COMPARED WITH 1981, SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS INCREASED BY SEVEN PER CENT, COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES BY 17 PER CENT, OPERATING EXPENSES BY 22 PER CENT AND PURCHASES OF GOODS FOR SALE BY FOUR PER CENT.

THE VALUE ADDED BY THE SECTOR, REPRESENTING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG, GREW BY FOUR PER CENT TO $32 903 MILLION IN 1982, FROM $31 504 MILLION IN 1981.

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ANALYSED BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT IN 1982, IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE RECORDED THE LARGEST SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS -- $205 319 MILLION OR 63 PER CENT OF THE SECTOR'S TOTAL.

RETAIL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR ANOTHER 17 PER CENT, WHILE WHOLESALE TRADE TOOK UP 14 PER CENT, RESTAURANTS FIVE PER CENT, AND HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES ONE PER CENT.

IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE CONTRIBUTED 51 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE ADDED IN THE SECTOR.

OF THE BALANCE, RETAIL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR 21 PER CENT, RESTAURANTS FOR 15 PER CENT, WHOLESALE TRADE FOR EIGHT PER CENT, AND HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES FOR FIVE PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH 1981, RESTAURANTS REGISTERED THE LARGEST INCREASE IN SALES AND OTHER RECEIPTS (15 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES (14 PER CENT), WHOLESALE TRADE (11 PER CENT), RETAIL TRADE (SIX PER CENT) AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE (FIVE PER CENT).

IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, HOTELS-BOARDING HOUSES RECORDED THE LARGEST INCREASE (12 PER CENT), FOLLOWED BY RESTAURANTS (NINE PER CENT) AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADE (SIX PER CENT). WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, ON THE OTHER HAND, RECORDED DECREASES OF THREE PER CENT AND ONE PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

FIELD WORK FOR THE 1982 SURVEY WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN MAY 1983 AND FEBRUARY 1984.

THE SURVEY WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF ANNUAL SURVEYS CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE AND SERVICE SECTOR AND UPDATING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT OF HONG KONG.

A TABLE, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED BY FACSIMILE, PROVIDES THE PRINCIPAL STATISTICS BY ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FOR 1981 AND 1982. COPIES OF THE TABLE MAY ALSO BE COLLECTED FROM THE GIS NEWS ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW PREPARING A REPORT ON THE 1982 SURVEY OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, WHICH WILL CONTAIN A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS BY MAJOR TRADE GROUP AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S WHOLESALE-RETAIL TRADE STATISTICS SECTION AT 3-7216024.

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HOUSING ADVICE SERVICE BEING EXTENDED

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS TO EXTEND ITS POPULAR HOUSING ADVICE SERVICE FROM TUEN MUN TO NEW ESTATES COMING ON STREAM IN OTHER NEW TOWNS.

+THE SERVICE HAS HELPED THOUSANDS OF INCOMING TENANTS ADJUST TO FRESH ENVIRONMENTS AND SETTLE DOWN QUICKLY IN NEW ESTATES IN TUEN MUN,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUTHORITY SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID THAT WHEN INTAKE TO THESE ESTATES IS COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR, EXPERIENCED STAFF WOULD MOVE ON TO MAN HOUSING ADVICE CENTRES IN NEW ESTATES IN SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND TAI PO NEW TOWNS.

+AT PRESENT, ADVICE CENTRES ARE OPERATING IN WU KING, SHAN KING AND BUTTERFLY RENTAL ESTATES, AS WELL AS IN THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME SIU HONG AND SIU SHAN COURTS.

+STAFF ATTEND TO ENQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS, PROVIDE INTAKE GUIDANCE, MAKE GOOD-WILL HOME VISITS AND PUBLICISE FACILITIES ON THE ESTATES AND IN THE NEW TOWNS THROUGH TALKS AND PAMPHLETS.

+THE SERVICE HAS PROVED INCREASINGLY POPULAR AMONG TENANTS, WITH THE NUMBER OF VISITS TO THE CENTRES RISING FROM 1 171 IN APRIL LAST YEAR TO 4 132 IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

IN 1983-84, HOUSING ADVICE CENTRES DEALT WITH MORE THAN 33 000 CASES OF ENQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS FOR INTAKE GUIDANCE FROM INCOMING TENANTS.

+MOST ENQUIRIES WERE ON HOUSING MATTERS, WHILE OTHERS CONCERNED EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION IN THE DISTRICT.

+HOUSING STAFF HAVE ALSO MADE MORE THAN 5 000 HOME VISITS TO FOSTER MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP AND HELP TENANTS SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

THE HOUSING ADVICE CENTRE SCHEME WAS STARTED AT THE TWIN ESTATES OF ON TING AND YAU OI IN TUEN MUN IN 1981 AND WAS LATER EXTENDED TO NEW ESTATES AS THEY OPENED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

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HOUSEHOLD SURVEY INCLUDES NEW TOPICS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WILL INCLUDE NEW QUESTIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY TO SEPTEMBER.

THESE QUESTIONS WILL COVER SUCH TOPICS AS PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE WORK OF DISTRICT BOARDS, SMOKING HABITS OF THE POPULATION, EMPLOYEES' SICK LEAVE PATTERN AND THE USE OF TREASURY SERVICES, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED MONTHLY SINCE AUGUST 1981, IS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

AS IN THE PAST, THE PRESENT SURVEY WILL ALSO INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON AGE, SEX, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, HOURS OF WORK AND OCCUPATION.

SOME 5 000 HOUSEHOLDS ARE SELECTED AT RANDOM EACH MONTH FROM ALL DISTRICTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.

ABOUT HALF OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INTERVIEWED THREE MONTHS AGO, WILL BE SURVEYED AGAIN TO MEASURE MORE ACCURATELY THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN.

AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SAMPLED HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY AND TO SEEK THEIR COOPERATION.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH CARRYING AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE TREATED CONFIDENTIALLY AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PLAYGROUND IN KWAI CHUNG READY SOON

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PHASE TWO OF A MULTI-PURPOSE PLAYGROUND IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE READY FOR USE NEXT MONTH (AUGUST).

THE $5.5 MILLION HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND IS LOCATED ON A 1.74-HECTARE SITE ADJACENT TO THE POPULAR OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL.

DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE HANDED OVER ON COMPLETION TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT.

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FACILITIES IN THE SECOND PHASE INCLUDE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH MODERN PLAY EQUIPMENT, A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AND A LANDSCAPED REST GARDEN WITH ARBOURS AND BENCHES.

THE FIRST PHASE, CONSISTING OF TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES AND A CONCRETE SPECTATOR STAND, HAS PROVED TO BE POPULAR SINCE IT WAS OPENED LAST DECEMBER.

MEANWHILE, THE NTSD IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT PHASE TWO OF THE PLAYGROUND.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY START BUSINESS ON SEPTEMBER 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON BEFORE 9 AM ON JULY 20 (FRIDAY).

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE KIOSK MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE KWAI CHUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 0-209204.

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DB TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT STUDY

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THE RECENTLY-COMPLETED TSUEN WAN TRANSPORT STUDY PHASE THREE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (JULY 3) AFTERNOON.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE STUDY WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN MAY 1982.

THE STUDY OUTLINES THE REQUIREMENTS OF NEW ROADS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING ROADS IN THE NEW TOWN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW ON THE BOARD'S MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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HYGIENE CAMPAIGN FOR FOOD OPERATORS

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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS TO LAUNCH ITS ANNUAL FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN FROM JULY 9 TO JULY 31.

IT IS A YEARLY SUMMER HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME AIMED AT REMINDING FOOD OPERATORS AND FOOD HANDLERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SANITATION IN FOOD PREMISES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN WILL BE PEST CONTROL IN FOOD PREMISES.

THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT 16 SEMINARS FOR MANAGERIAL AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF FOOD PREMISES THROUGH SLIDES, FILM SHOWS AND OPEN DISCUSSIONS.

+BASICALLY WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN WE CAN FURTHER ALERT FOOD BUSINESS OPERATORS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD HYGIENE, AND ALSO TO SUGGEST TO THEM SOME PRACTICAL METHODS TO RAISE THE HYGIENIC STANDARD OF THEIR FOOD PREMISES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS ALSO OUR AIM TO REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE OF FOOD-BORNE DISEASES AND OTHER GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES, WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH UNCLEAN AND UNWHOLESOME FOOD AND WATER.+

AS AN INCENTIVE, CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE CAMPAIGN.

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EXHIBITION ON TEACHING RESOURCES

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AN EXHIBITION OF TEACHING RESOURCES AND THE COURSE WORK PRODUCED BY PARTICIPANTS OF A RETRAINING COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (JULY 6 AND 7).

IT WILL BE STAGED IN THE ANNEX OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 9/F, ARGYLE CENTRE, PHASE I, 688 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE COURSE WORK ON BASIC TEACHING SKILLS, TEACHING KITS, TEACHING RESOURCES ON PRIMARY EDUCATION, PLUS BULLETINS ON GENERAL AS WELL AS CULTURAL SUBJECTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A SLIDE SHOW INTRODUCING THE CURRICULUM OF THE PRIMARY RETRAINING COURSE OFFERED BY THE COLLEGE, AND VIDEO TAPES ON PRIMARY EDUCATION.

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THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO SCHOOLS USING OR PLANNING TO USE THE ACTIVITY APPROACH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

HEADMASTERS AND TEACHERS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO THE EXHIBITION.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON 3-910012 OR 3-910043.

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CARNIVAL FOR NORTH DISTRICT

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A CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON JULY 14 (SATURDAY).

THE NORTH DISTRICT WATER CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

IT IS AIMED AT PROVIDING FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND AT PROMOTING WATER SPORTS IN THE DISTRICT, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE EVENTS RANGING FROM SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING, LIFE-SAVING AND FIRST AID DEMONSTRATION TO A CANOE POLO MATCH.

THERE WILL ALSO BE WATER GAMES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS CAPABLE OF SWIMMING AT LEAST 25 METRES.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE WATER GAMES AS WELL AS FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE CARNIVAL ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

* THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL;

* THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, GARAGE NO. 1, TAI YUEN ESTATE, TAI PO;

* THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (NORTH OFFICE), FOURTH FLOOR, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO; AND

* THE SHEUNG SHUI SUB-OFFICE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, 24 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES SECTION OF THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 0-6571043.

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NEW ROADS AT SHEK WU HUI

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO BUILD NEW ROADS TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS AT SHEK WU HUI, FANLING.

THERE WILL BE 10 ROADS IN ALL, TOTALLING THREE KILOMETRES IN LENGTH.

FOOTPATHS, CYCLETRACKS, TWO SUBWAYS, A BOX CULVERT AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND FOUL DRAINAGE SYSTEMS SOUTH OF CHOI YUEN ESTATE AND YUK PO COURT WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED AS PART OF THE PROJECT.

SOME FOOTPATHS FROM TAI PO ROAD TO NG UK TSUEN AND KAI LENG WILL BE CLOSED AND TWO STRIPS OF LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 0.5 HECTARE NEAR KAI LENG WILL BE RESUMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TEMPORARY ACCESS TO THE VILLAGE WILL BE MAINTAINED TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

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;

* NORTH DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE;

* NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, TAI PO MARKET, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES; AND

* NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, FANLING SUB-OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORK SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS IN WRITING BEFORE AUGUST 28.

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STORM WATER DRAINS AT WESTERN RECLAMATION

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THREE SINGLE-CELL BOX CULVERTS, EACH MEASURING ABOUT 210 METRES, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE SECOND STAGE OF WESTERN RECLAMATION.

THEY WILL REPLACE THE TEMPORARY CHANNELS WHICH WILL BE FILLED IN LATER.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND TAKE 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 20.

THE SECOND STAGE OF WESTERN RECLAMATION, WORK ON WHICH HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED, WILL MEASURE ABOUT 18 HECTARES.

IT IS BEING BUILT OFF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN SUTHERLAND STREET AND WATER STREET.

THE LAND FORMED WILL BE FOR NEW ROADS, A FERRY CONCOURSE, A BUS TERMINUS, CARGO-HANDLING AREAS, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL, LOCAL OPEN SPACE, A POLICE STATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY USES.

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REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR TUEN MUN

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A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IS TO BE BUILT ON A 168-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT TUEN MUN.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECENTLY AWARDED A $550 000 CONTRACT TO CHUNG SHING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.

THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, SITUATED AT TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR CHI LOK GARDEN, WILL BE A SINGLE-STOREY REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURE WITH A MEZZANINE FLOOR.

BESIDES A REFUSE COLLECTION AREA, FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE LOADING BAYS, HANDCART WASHING SPACES, TOILETS, ROLL-CALL ROOMS, OFFICES AND A STOREROOM.

WORK WILL START IN MID-JULY AND TAKE SEVEN MONTHS.

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RESTRICTED ZONES IN WONG TAI SIN

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 3), THE FOLLOWING STREET SECTIONS IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES DURING THE PERIODS SPECIFIED:

* FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY

THE SECTION OF SHEUNG FUNG STREET BETWEEN FUNG TAK ROAD AND KAM FUNG STREET.

* FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY

THE SECTION OF SHEUNG FUNG STREET BETWEEN KAM FUNG STREET AND SHUNG WAH STREET.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, 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.

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PARKING SPACES CANCELLED

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 3), THE GOODS VEHICLE PARKING SPACES ON HOP YICK ROAD IN YUEN LONG WILL BE CANCELLED TO IMPROVE LOCAL TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.

NEWLY DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES FOR GOODS VEHICLES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VICINITY.

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