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APPOINTMENTS TO 19 DISTRICT BOARDS
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A TOTAL OF 132 PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE 19 DISTRICT BOARDS.

THE APPOINTED MEMBERS WILL SERVE THE BOARDS FOR THREE YEARS ALONGSIDE THE 237 NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS FROM NEXT MONTH.

SEVENTY-ONE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO BOARDS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND 61 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE 30 URBAN COUNCILLORS WILL CONTINUE TO SIT ON THE URBAN BOARDS AND THE 27 RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ON THE NT BOARDS AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, NOTED THAT THE APPOINTMENTS WOULD COMPLETE THE FULL COMPOSITION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NEW BOARDS WHICH WOULD BE RUN ENTIRELY BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

+THE NEW STYLED DISTRICT BOARDS ARE NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING INITIATIVE AND DYNAMISM IN THEIR WORK,+ HE SAID.

THE APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE WITH THE AIM OF PRODUCING BALANCED AND EFFECTIVE BOARDS WHICH WOULD COMMAND THE CONFIDENCE OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVED, MR LIAO ADDED.

OF THE APPOINTEES, 59 (OR 44.7 PER CENT) ARE NEW MEMBERS WHO COME FROM A DIVERSE RANGE OF BACKGROUND AND OCCUPATION, INCLUDING THOSE WITH EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY AND CIVIC AFFAIRS.

THE REMAINING 73 HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED AND THEIR EXPERIENCE WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE CONTINUITY IN THE NEW BOARDS.

LIKE THEIR ELECTED COUNTERPARTS, THE MAJORITY OF THE APPOINTEES ANNOUNCED TODAY ARE YOUNG, WITH 33.3 PER CENT IN THE 31 TO 40 AGE GROUP AND 28.8 PER CENT IN THE 41 TO 50 GROUP.

AMONG THE APPOINTED MEMBERS, 21 ARE WOMEN AND 111 ARE MEN.

OF THE APPOINTEES, 31 PER CENT COME FROM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, 18.9 PER CENT FROM THE EDUCATIONAL SECTOR, 14.4 PER CENT FROM INDUSTRY AND 13.6 PER CENT ARE PROFESSIONALS.

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REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS - AN IMPORTANT TASK

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HONG KONG ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE TASK OF CORRECTION AND REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS WHICH WAS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE SYSTEM OF LAW AND ORDER, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE PARADE GROUND OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY. THE PARADE ALSO MARKED THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS.

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SIR EDWARD SAID, OPERATED A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF CORRECTIONAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF OFFENDERS.

+THESE PROGRAMMES ARE CONSTANTLY REVIEWED AND BROUGHT UP TO DATE TO INCLUDE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN CORRECTIONAL THINKING AND TECHNIQUES,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD SAID 1984 SAW THE COMPLETION OF A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE LAI SUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS, A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON AT SHEK PIK, THE STANLEY WORKSHOP COMPLEX AND HOSPITAL EXTENSION, AND BAUHINIA HOUSE - A HALF WAY HOUSE FOR GIRLS.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES HAD ALSO CONTINUED TO EXPAND AND DIVERSIFY. TWO NEW TRADES, LEATHER WORK AND KNITTING, WERE ADDED IN 1984 TO THE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES AND THE TOTAL COMMERCIAL VALUE OF GOODS AND SERVICES AMOUNTED TO \$99 MILLION, WHICH MEANT AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 50 PER CENT OVER 1983.

+THESE INDUSTRIES PROVIDE INMATES WITH SKILLS WHICH WILL HELP THEM TO FIND WORK WHEN THEY ARE RELEASED,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD POINTED OUT THAT GREAT IMPORTANCE WAS ATTACHED TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

LAST YEAR, 19 OF THE 20 INMATES WHO SAT FOR THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE EXAMINATION FOR TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNICIANS PASSED AND MOST OF THEM WITH DISTINCTIONS.

IN ADDITION, 17 INMATES PASSED THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BOOK-KEEPING EXAMINATION, AND 14 FEMALE OFFENDERS PASSED THE PITMAN'S TYPE-WRITING EXAMINATION.

SIR EDWARD ALSO PRAISED THE DEPARTMENT FOR PERFORMING THE +ONEROUS AND THANKLESS TASK OF MANAGING CLOSED CENTRES FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

+GREAT CREDIT IS DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE WAY IN WHICH IT HAS ADAPTED ITS METHODS TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE,+ HE SAID.

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NOTING THAT TODAY'S PARADE WAS THE LAST ONE WHICH MR THOMAS GARNER ATTENDED AS COMMISSIONER, THE GOVERNOR PAID TRIBUTE TO HIM FOR HIS GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG.

+MR GARNER HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN SHAPING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND MAKING IT WHAT IT IS TODAY.

+THAT THE HONG KONG CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HAVE SUCH A HIGH STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY, AND INTERNATIONALLY AMONG FELLOW PROFESSIONALS, OWES MUCH TO HIS DEDICATION, HIS INSISTENCE ON HIGH STANDARDS AND HIS CONSTANT READINESS TO PROMOTE PROGRESS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF OUR INSTITUTIONS,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

MR GARNER WOULD BE RETIRING SOON AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 13 OF THEM AS COMMISSIONER.

DURING THE ANNUAL INSPECTION, SIR EDWARD PRESENTED COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDALS TO 40 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF FOR 18 YEARS' EXEMPLARY SERVICE.

SEVEN CONTINGENTS COMPRISING 196 OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL PARADE, COMMANDED BY SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WONG HON-CHUNG.

LIGHT AND MARCHING MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY THE CAPE COLLINSON MARCHING BAND. THE TAI TAM GAP GIRLS' PIPERS AND PRECISION MARCHING TEAM ALSO GAVE A PERFORMANCE.

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'HOTLINE' ON AIDS PROVED SUCCESSFUL

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THE INFORMATION 'HOTLINE' ON AIDS HAD ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVE TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON THE DISEASE, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANNING), DR S.H. LEE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, DR LEE SAID THAT A TOTAL OF 500 CALLERS WERE RECORDED TO HAVE MADE USE OF THE SERVICE DURING THE FIRST 12 DAYS OF THE OPERATION OF THE 'HOTLINE' SINCE MARCH 9.

OF THE CALLS RECEIVED, 44 HAD RAISED QUESTIONS AND ANOTHER 43 HAD MADE COMMENTS AFTER LISTENING TO THE RECORDED PROGRAMME. A TOTAL OF 18 CALLERS HAD LEFT THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR FURTHER CONTACT.

+IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED AND IN VIEW OF THE DEMAND FOR INFORMATION, ACTION IS NOW BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE INFORMATION 'HOTLINE' BY SPLITTING THE EXISTING BILINGUAL PROGRAMME INTO TWO SEPARATE LINES, ONE WILL BE ENTIRELY IN ENGLISH AND THE OTHER IN CHINESE,+ DR LEE SAID.

A HUNTING-LINE SERVICE WOULD ALSO BE INSTALLED SO THAT MORE PEOPLE COULD HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION AT THE SAME TIME. THE OPERATION OF THIS INFORMATION 'HOTLINE' WOULD BE RE-ASSESSED AGAIN IN ONE MONTH'S TIME. ANY USEFUL SUGGESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE WERE WELCOME.

+ALTHOUGH SOMEONE HAS SAID THAT THE 'HOTLINE' IS NOT 'HOT' ENOUGH, THE GENERAL COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATE THAT THE 'HOTLINE' IS A GOOD SOURCE OF INFORMATION WHICH HELPS TO CLARIFY MISCONCEPTIONS AND ALLEVIATE UNDUE ANXIETY OF THE PUBLIC,+ DR LEE SAID.

+THE AIM OF THE 24-HOUR INFORMATION 'HOTLINE' IS TO ENABLE THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO HAVE ACCESS TO ACCURATE AND UPDATE INFORMATION ON AIDS.+

DR S.H. LEE SAID THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR FEARING THAT AIDS COULD BE CONTRACTED THROUGH DONATING BLOOD.

+DONATING BLOOD IS A SAFE PROCESS AND THE FEAR IS TOTALLY UNFOUNDED.

+SINCE JUNE 1983, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS INTRODUCED A SCREENING PROCEDURE TO EXCLUDE PERSONS BELONGING TO HIGH RISKS GROUPS, SUCH AS HOMOSEXUALS AND DRUG ADDICTS, FROM DONATING BLOOD. THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN WORKING SATISFACTORILY,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAD ALL ALONG BEEN EMPLOYING DISPOSABLE SETS IN BLOOD COLLECTION, AND NEEDLES WERE USED ONCE ONLY AND NOT SHARED BETWEEN TWO DONORS.

TURNING TO THE RISK OF CONTRACTING AIDS BY HEALTH CARE AND LABORATORY WORKERS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAID THAT IF PROPER PRECAUTIONS WERE FOLLOWED THERE SHOULD BE NO UNDUE RISK OF DEVELOPING AIDS THROUGH OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE.

RECENTLY THREE HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN HONG KONG HAD BEEN REPORTED THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE SPECIMEN OF AN AIDS PATIENT. SOME PEOPLE SUGGESTED THAT THESE WORKERS SHOULD BE SUSPENDED FROM THEIR DUTIES UNTIL THEY WERE CONFIRMED TO BE NON-CARRIERS.

+SUCH A SUGGESTION IS IRRATIONAL, DISCRIMINATING AND IS OF NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS,+ DR S.H. LEE SAID.

AT THE LUNCHEON, DR LEE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE MODE OF TRANSMISSION OF AIDS, THE GENERAL SITUATION OF THE DISEASE IN U.S.A. AND U.K., THE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM ADOPTED IN HONG KONG AND PROGRAMMES LAUNCHED TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON AIDS.

MONEY CHANGERS ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT ON APRIL 1

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THE MONEY CHANGERS (DISCLOSURE OF RATES, CHARGES AND COMMISSIONS) ORDINANCE 1985 WHICH AIMS TO PROVIDE CONSUMER PROTECTION IN CURRENCY EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS WILL COME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1, 1985.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MONEY CHANGERS IN HONG KONG WILL BE REQUIRED TO GIVE THEIR CUSTOMERS A NOTE WHICH SETS OUT CLEARLY THE DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTION INCLUDING THAT OF ANY CHARGE OR COMMISSION, AND OBTAIN THEIR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE TERMS BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE EXCHANGE TRANSACTION. IF A MONEY CHANGER FAILS TO DO SO, THE CUSTOMER MAY RESCIND THE TRANSACTION WITHIN THREE DAYS.

SUCH A FAILURE WILL ALSO BE AN OFFENCE WHICH IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF \$2 000 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE AND A FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE.

THE NOTE TO BE SIGNED BY THE CUSTOMER SHOULD CONTAIN A PROMINENT STATEMENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, EXPLAINING THAT THE CUSTOMER HAS READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE DETAILS OF THE TRANSACTION SET OUT IN IT.

IF A MONEY CHANGER MAINTAINS A BOARD OR SCREEN TO DISPLAY THE CURRENT RATES OF EXCHANGE, HE IS ALSO REQUIRED TO DISPLAY CLEARLY THE NATURE AND AMOUNT OR THE METHOD OF CALCULATION OF THE CHARGE OR COMMISSION.

THE ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO A HOTEL IF ONLY A LIMITED SERVICE IS PROVIDED BY THE MANAGEMENT PRIMARILY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF ITS GUESTS. FURTHERMORE, THE ORDINANCE DOES NOT APPLY TO A LICENCED BANK, A REGISTERED OR LICENCED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, OR TO AN EXCHANGE TRANSACTION WHERE THE AMOUNT OF THE CURRENCY TENDERED FOR EXCHANGE EXCEEDS HK\$100 000 OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

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LADY YOUDE OPENS VISITOR CENTRE

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THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE, THE FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT VISITOR CENTRE OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY LADY YOUDE.

THE 400 SQUARE METRE CENTRE CONSISTS OF A RECEPTION HALL, AN EXHIBITION AREA AND AN AUDIO-VISUAL ROOM.

/THE DISPLAY

THE DISPLAY MOUNTED AT THE CENTRE PROVIDES VISITORS WITH INFORMATION ON THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA, LOCAL PLANTS AND ANIMALS, HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME AND OTHER COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS.

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, DR RIDDELL-SWAN, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, SAID THE OPENING OF THE VISITOR CENTRE MARKED AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY PARKS PROGRAMME, WHICH AIMED TO PROVIDE FACILITIES THROUGH WHICH THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER ACTIVE MEMBERS, COULD ENJOY THEIR COUNTRYSIDE.

+THIS ENJOYMENT CAN BE CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED BY A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND OF ITS PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE.

+THIS INCREASED UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS AS WELL AS MAKING VISITS MUCH MORE INTERESTING ALSO LEADS TO A GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE NEED FOR CONSERVATION; FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND ITS INHABITANTS AGAINST DESPOLIATION, ESPECIALLY FIRE, AND FOR GREATER EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE PROBLEM OF LITTER,+ HE SAID.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE MAIN FUNCTION OF A VISITOR CENTRE WAS TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THIS END, INCLUDING DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF WALKS, LOCATION OF POINTS OF INTEREST, LOCAL HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS TO BE SEEN.

+I AM SURE THAT MANY VISITORS WILL MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY AND THAT IT WILL CONTRIBUTE CONSIDERABLY TO THEIR ENJOYMENT, WELL BEING AND INDEED SAFETY,+ HE SAID.

SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK IS AMONG THE MOST POPULAR OF THE 21 COUNTRY PARKS DEVELOPED AND MANAGED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. THERE WERE MORE THAN TWO MILLION VISITORS LAST YEAR.

THE LATEST ADDITION WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRES TO THREE. THE OTHER TWO IN ABERDEEN AND TAI MEI TUK ARE SMALL AND WERE CONVERTED FROM OLD OFFICE BUILDINGS.

AFTER UNVEILING THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE, LADY YOUDE, ACCOMPANIED BY DR RIDDELL-SWAN, TOURED THE CENTRE.

PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE, LADY YOUDE AND DR RIDDELL-SWAN EACH PLANTED A CEREMONIAL TREE AT THE GARDEN OF THE CENTRE.

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NEW EX-GRATIA RATES FOR RESUMED LAND

THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED NEW EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION RATES FOR RESUMED LAND.

THE RATE FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WILL BE \$40.80 PER SQUARE FOOT. THE OLD RATE WAS \$38.40 PER SQUARE FOOT.

THE RATE FOR BUILDING LAND WITHIN THE NEW TOWN AREAS WILL BE \$66 PER SQUARE FOOT, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS RATE OF \$60 PER SQUARE FOOT.

THE RATES FOR LAND RESUMED OUTSIDE THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE THE APPROPRIATE PERCENTAGE OF THE BASIC RATES OF \$34 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND AND \$55 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR BUILDING LAND.

THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, WHICH PUBLISHED THE NEW RATES, ALSO CONTAINS A LIST OF REVISED CURRENCY VALUES OF NEW TERRITORIES LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS (LETTERS A/B).

ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, THE NEW VALUES REPRESENTED INCREASES BETWEEN 10 TO 25 PER CENT OF THE PRESENT CURRENCY VALUES, DEPENDING ON THE YEAR OF THE LETTER B WAS ISSUED.

+THE MONETISATION OF LETTER B HAS PROVED TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY ON APRIL 1 LAST YEAR, ABOUT 10 MILLION SQUARE FEET OR 30 PER CENT OF THE OUTSTANDING LETTERS B HAVE BEEN REDEEMED,+ HE SAID.

BOTH THE NEW EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION RATES FOR RESUMED LAND AND CURRENCY VALUES FOR LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS, WHICH IS REVIEWED EVERY SIX MONTHS, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1.

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CROWN LAND FOR AUCTION

FIVE PIECES OF CROWN LAND, ONE IN HONG KONG AND FOUR IN SHA TIN WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AT AN AUCTION ON APRIL 18.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE QUEENSWAY PLOT, NAMELY INLAND LOT NO. 8571, IS RESTRICTED TO NON-INDUSTRIAL, INCLUDING HOTEL PURPOSES AND MEASURES ABOUT 10 690 SQUARE METRES.

THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE NOT LESS THAN 96 210 SQUARE METRE GLOSS FLOOR AREA ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1991.

OF THE FOUR SITES IN SHA TIN, THREE OF THEM, KNOWN AS SHA TIN TOWN LOT NOS. 194, 225 AND 252, ARE LOCATED AT AREA 41A SHA TIN.

MEASURING ABOUT 11 710 SQUARE METRES, 9 515 SQUARE METRES AND 960 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY, THESE LOTS ARE TO BE USED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE LAST MEASURING ABOUT 4 915 SQUARE METRES AT AREA 14B, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON.

CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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SPEEDPOST REACHES NEW ZEALAND

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO NEW ZEALAND FROM MONDAY (MARCH 25), A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS WOULD BRING TO 30 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG, HE SAID.

SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO ALL AREAS IN NEW ZEALAND.

ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEES IN WELLINGTON, CHRIST-CHURCH AND AUCKLAND ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY, AND OTHER DESTINATIONS ON THE THIRD WORKING DAY.

ONLY +ON DEMAND+ SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

/THE MAXIMUM

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT PER ITEM IS 10 KG AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G	\$60
ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G	\$70
EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G	\$25

+THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING BUSINESS DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS.

+CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WANG TAU HOM ESTATE MAKING WAY FOR MODERN HOMES
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MORE THAN 2 000 OVERCROWDED FAMILIES IN SIX OLD BLOCKS IN WANG TAU HOM ESTATE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REALLOCATED LARGER SELF-CONTAINED FLATS IN ESTATES OF THEIR OWN CHOICE.

+BLOCKS 10, 11, 15, 16, 21 AND 22 WILL SOON BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR MODERN, HIGH-RISE BLOCKS TO HOUSE 6 000 PEOPLE UNDER A REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE ESTATE,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TODAY.

HE SAID THESE BLOCKS WERE NOW PRACTICALLY EMPTY AS OVER 95 PER CENT OF 9 650 PEOPLE IN 2 126 FAMILIES INVOLVED HAD ALREADY MOVED OUT.

+MOST OF THEM HAVE MOVED TO NEW BLOCKS IN THE SAME ESTATE OR TO THE NEARBY CHUK YUEN ESTATE.

+ALSO GONE ARE 264 SHOP TENANTS AND 202 HAWKERS WHO HAVE COLLECTED CASH COMPENSATION TOTALLING \$17 937 000.

+SOME HAVE SUCCESSFULLY BID SHOP PREMISES IN OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES THROUGH RESTRICTED TENDERS SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR THEM.+

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE FEW REMAINING TENANTS TO VACATE THEIR PREMISES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE DEMOLITION WORK TO PROCEED NEXT MONTH AS SCHEDULED.

+THEIR CO-OPERATION WILL NOT ONLY HELP FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, BUT ALSO RESULT IN EARLY REHOUSING FOR THEIR NEIGHBOURS.+

/HE SAID

HE SAID THE SITE WAS NEEDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX HIGH-RISE BLOCKS WHICH UPON COMPLETION WOULD PROVIDE A TOTAL OF 1 347 MODERN FLATS.

+THESE NEW FLATS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO FAMILIES IN WANG TAU HOM AND NEARBY ESTATES AFFECTED IN LATER PHASES OF REDEVELOPMENT.+

WANG TAU HOM ESTATE IS ONE OF THE FOUR MARK I/II PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN CENTRAL KOWLOON BEING REDEVELOPED UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY TRANSFORM THE DISTRICT INTO A MODERN URBAN COMMUNITY.

SO FAR IN THE ESTATE, THREE OLD BLOCKS HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED WITH SEVEN NEW BLOCKS PROVIDING COMFORTABLE HOMES FOR ABOUT 10 000 PEOPLE.

THE POPULATION IN THE ESTATE HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 64 100 PEOPLE IN 1976 TO THE PRESENT 35 500 PEOPLE, THUS GREATLY RELIEVING OVERCROWDING.

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SEMINAR FOR NEWLY ELECTED DB MEMBERS
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VETERANS AND NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) MET AT A SEMINAR TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID: +THE SEMINAR IS A FAMILIARISATION AND AN ORIENTATION COURSE FOR THE NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND DISCUSS HOW THEY ARE GOING TO HANDLE DISTRICT MATTERS.+

AT THE SEMINAR, A 30-MINUTE FILM ON +HOW TO CONDUCT A MORE PRODUCTIVE MEETING+ WAS SHOWN. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION LED BY THE CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING CENTRE, MR CHAN WING-KWAI.

A TALK ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WAS GIVEN BY A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN, WHO ALSO BRIEFED THEM ON THE FORMATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS, THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BOARDS AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, AS WELL AS THE CHANNELS FOR COLLECTING VIEWS AND OPINIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS.

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HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE OPENS ON WEEKEND
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THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE IN HO MAN TIN WILL REMAIN OPEN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AND ON SUNDAY TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR THE 4 120 FLATS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE UNDER PHASE VII B OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY (MARCH 25) AND A BALLOT WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH TO DECIDE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY SAID TODAY: +TO AVOID THE EXPECTED LAST-MINUTE RUSH FOR THE FLATS, APPLICANTS SHOULD HURRY UP AND SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IMMEDIATELY TO THE CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE OI MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE.+

+MORE THAN 12 000 APPLICATIONS HAVE SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED,+ HE ADDED.

+THE OPENING HOURS OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP CENTRE, WHERE AN EXHIBITION ON THE FOUR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME PROJECTS FOR SALE IS BEING STAGED, WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM.+

THE FOUR PROJECTS ARE AT PRIME VIEW GARDEN IN TUEN MUN, HOLFORD GARDENS IN SHA TIN, SUN LAI GARDEN IN NGAU CHI WAN AND GREENWOOD TERRACE IN CHAI WAN.

FLAT PRICES RANGE FROM \$103 500 TO \$380 000 AND GROSS AREAS VARY BETWEEN 41.5 AND 69.4 SQUARE METRES.

PRICES FOR THE LARGEST TYPE OF FLATS AT GREENWOOD TERRACE, WITH A SIZE OF 81.3 SQUARE METRES, RANGE FROM \$340 800 TO \$403 600 EACH.

TO ENABLE PROSPECTIVE HOME-BUYERS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE DESIGN AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE PROJECTS, SAMPLE FLATS WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN ON SITE IN THE WEEKEND FROM 10.30 AM TO 5.30 PM.

IN ADDITION, MOCK UP FLATS OF PRIME VIEW GARDEN ARE ALSO OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING DAILY ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF OI MAN COMMERCIAL CENTRE FROM 9 AM TO 7 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICANTS COULD ALSO OBTAIN DETAILS OF THE FOUR PROJECTS IN THE WEEKEND FROM EXHIBITIONS BEING STAGED AT THE MTR TSUEN WAN STATION, TELFORD CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY, BUTTERFLY COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND YAU OI COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

MEANWHILE, ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE 3 776 FLATS BEING SOLD UNDER PHASE VII A OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HAVE ALREADY BEEN SELECTED BY ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS IN THE PAST 24 WORKING DAYS.

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THE HOUSING SPOKESMAN SAID: +AMONG THE 2 981 FLATS SELECTED, 2 415 ARE AT FUNG SHING COURT IN SHA TIN AND THE REST AT CHING SHING COURT ON TSING YI ISLAND AND CHOI PO COURT PHASE II IN SHEK WU HUI.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE REMAINING 33 FLATS AT FUNG SHING COURT WILL BE SOLD OUT WITHIN ONE OR TWO DAYS WHILE THE SALES BOOKS ON CHING SHING AND CHOI PO COURTS WILL BE CLOSED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.+

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TRAINING CAMP ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR WILL HOLD A YOUTH TRAINING CAMP ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OVER THE WEEKEND AT THE HONG KONG PHAB CENTRE IN POKFULAM.

MORE THAN 100 YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP, WHICH IS AIMED AT HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT THE VARIOUS ASPECTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME THROUGH TALKS, DISCUSSIONS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAMP TOMORROW, DR HUANG CHEN-HA OF THE HONG KONG AFFAIRS SOCIETY WILL SPEAK ON +THE ROLE OF YOUTHS IN SOCIETY UNDER THE PRESENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT+. SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDWARD YAU, WILL SPEAK ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

A NUMBER OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL TAKE PART IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PARTICIPANTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YOUTH TRAINING CAMP ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 3.45 PM IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE HONG KONG PHAB CENTRE, NO. 75, POKFULAM RESERVOIR ROAD, HONG KONG.

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GRANT FOR CYCLING ASSOCIATION

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THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION AWARDED A GRANT OF ABOUT \$95 000 TO THE HONG KONG CYCLING ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NUMBER OF TRACK BICYCLES, ARTISTIC CYCLES AND EQUIPMENT TO HELP PROMOTE THE SPORT.

AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE VELODROME TODAY (FRIDAY), MR C.C. LO, CHAIRMAN OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE, HANDED OVER THE BICYCLES AND EQUIPMENT TO MR LEUNG SIK-WAH, CHAIRMAN OF HKCA.

GUESTS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY THEN WATCHED A TRACK CYCLE RACE, AN INDOOR CYCLING DEMONSTRATION AND A VIDEO DISPLAY OF CYCLE RACING.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE BOARD, SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

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TOILET, BATHHOUSE PLANNED FOR LEI YUE MUN

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THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC TOILET AND BATHHOUSE IN LEI YUE MUN TO MEET THE DEMAND OF THE VILLAGE RESIDENTS.

THE PROJECT, ESTIMATED TO COST \$1.8 MILLION, WILL BE BUILT ON A 445-SQUARE-METRE SITE ADJACENT TO THE LEI YUE MUN REST GARDEN.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A MALE AND FEMALE TOILET EACH WITH 12 COMPARTMENTS, A MALE AND FEMALE BATHHOUSE EACH WITH 10 COMPARTMENTS AND A UNISEX TOILET FOR THE DISABLED.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN NINE MONTHS' TIME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID THERE ARE AT PRESENT 7 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN RURAL BRICK HOUSES AND SQUATTER HUTS IN LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE WHERE ABLUTION FACILITIES ARE VERY SUBSTANDARD.

AND MOST OF THE TOILETS IN THE DWELLING HOUSES AND RESTAURANTS THERE ARE VERY PRIMITIVE AND WITHOUT A PROPER SEWER SYSTEM.

+THE PROVISION OF PROPER TOILET FACILITIES WILL NO DOUBT BE WELCOMED NOT ONLY BY THE LOCAL RESIDENTS BUT RESIDENTS BUT ALSO THOSE WHO VISIT THE SEAFOOD RESTAURANTS IN LEI YUE MUN EVERYDAY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE MEANTIME, HE ADDED, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS INSTALLED 16 FIBRE-GLASS TOILETS AT THREE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE OF THE VILLAGE.

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COMPETING IN METRIC

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A TV GAMES SHOW TO ROUND OFF A SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES ON METRICATION ORGANISED IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS WAS HELD AT VICTORIA PARK TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, CHAIRMAN OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, MR JAMES WU SAID, +OUR AIM IS TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF WEIGHING IN METRIC TO ALL AGES.

+WHILE PARTICIPANTS ARE ENJOYING FUN AND GAMES, THEY ARE AT THE SAME TIME LEARNING MORE ABOUT METRIC UNITS.+

THE SHOW WAS ORGANISED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE MESSAGE WOULD REACH PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGES AND BACKGROUNDS. THEY INCLUDED KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN TAKING PART IN A SINGING COMPETITION; PRIMARY STUDENTS PERFORMING IN A RHYME COMPETITION; AND HAWKERS COMPETING WITH HOUSEWIVES IN A +JUDGEMENT ON WEIGHT+ CONTEST.

THE CLIMAX OF THE DAY WAS A TELEMATCH IN WHICH SEVEN REPRESENTATIVES OF DIFFERENT TRADES PLAYED METRIC GAMES WITH SEVEN CELEBRITIES.

THE LATTER INCLUDED POP SINGERS, TV ARTISTES, FILM STARS, DANCERS AND DISC-JOCKEYS SUCH AS MISS ELIZA CHAN, MISS BRENDA LO, MR LEE LUNG-KEE, MR LAU WING, MR WAN CHI-KEUNG, MR KWOK KA-MING AND MR ROBERT MAK. THEY WERE BACKED UP BY CHEERING TEAMS WHICH ADDED MUCH COLOUR AND EXCITEMENT TO THE COMPETITION.

OTHER PROGRAMMES INCLUDED A SINGING PERFORMANCE BY MISS CONNIE MAK AND A PUPPET SHOW ABOUT WORLD RECORDS AND INTERESTING FACTS RELATING TO METRICATION.

THE TV GAMES SHOW, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB JADE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT 4.30 PM.

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LIFE SAVING COURSE FOR TEACHERS
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TEACHERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO OBTAIN A ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY BRONZE MEDALLION BY ATTENDING A COURSE STARTING IN APRIL.

THE LIFE SAVING COURSE WILL CONSIST OF 12 TWO-HOUR SESSIONS AT THE LAI CHI KOK PARK SWIMMING POOL IN KOWLOON. THERE WILL BE A MORNING SESSION AND AN AFTERNOON SESSION.

BRONZE MEDALLIONS WILL BE AWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AND THE EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS LIMITED TO 30 FOR EACH SESSION, AND THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE.

TEACHERS WISHING TO JOIN THE COURSE SHOULD APPLY ON OR BEFORE APRIL 4 TO THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE SECTION ON 3-884111 EXT. 278.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 25) IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF SHUI CHE KWUN STREET EXTENSION IN YUEN LONG.

- * SHUI CHE KWUN STREET WILL BE EXTENDED TO JOIN KUK TING STREET AND WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY.
- * A NEW PLB STAND WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG THE SOUTHERN KERB OF THE EXTENDED SECTION OF SHUI CHE KWUN STREET.
- * THE PLB STANDS IN KUK TING STREET AND TAI CHEUNG STREET WILL BE CANCELLED AT THE SAME TIME.

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