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PRINCE PHILIP TO OPEN HOSPITAL

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE $200 MILLION PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL IN SAI YING PUN DURING A BRIEF STOPOVER IN HONG KONG ON MARCH 24.

THE GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED HOSPITAL, DESCRIBED BY ITS DIRECTOR, PROFESSOR GEOFFREY L. HOWE AS BEING +ONE OF THE MOST MODERN IN THE WORLD+, HAS STARTED ACCEPTING TRAINEE DENTISTS.

PRINCE PHILIP, THE CENTENNIAL PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION, IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG EARLY IN THE MORNING OF MARCH 24 AND DEPART THE SAME EVENING FOR AUSTRALIA. PROF. HOWE IS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DURING A TOUR OF THE HOSPITAL, PRINCE PHILIP WILL BE TAKEN THROUGH FOUR FLOORS WHICH HAVE BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT CHAIRED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MISS LYDIA DUNN.

HE WILL SEE TRAINEE DENTAL TECHNICIANS AT WORK IN THE HOSPITAL'S 228 CLINICAL CHAIRS -- 161 IN OPEN PLAN UNITS WITH ASSOCIATED BACK-UP FACILITIES, 56 INDIVIDUAL SURGERIES, NINE SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION SURGERIES AND TWO OPERATING THEATRES.

WORK ON THE HOSPITAL STARTED IN JUNE 1978= THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WAS COMPLETED A YEAR LATER, AND MUCH OF ITS HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WAS INSTALLED LAST YEAR.

PROF. HOWE, WHO IS ALSO DEAN OF DENTAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) SUITABLE PATIENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND TO MEET TEACHING NEEDS.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 120 000 PATIENTS WOULD BE NEEDED ANNUALLY -- AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 500 PER DAY -- TO COPE WITH THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES.

THE HOSPITAL IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE ABOUT 60 FULLY QUALIFIED DENTISTS OR TECHNICIANS A YEAR= THE FIRST BATCH WILL GRADUATE IN 1985.

THE FULL COURSES ARE FOR FOUR AND A HALF YEARS. DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS, THE HOSPITAL'S TRAINING STAFF (THERE ARE 55 INCLUDING PRE-CLINICAL TEACHERS AT THE MOMENT AND THIS WILL BE BOOSTED TO 80 ACADEMIC STAFF WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL) WILL DO MOST OF THE WORK ON THE PATIENTS WITH THE STUDENTS LOOKING ON. HOWEVER, STUDENTS DURING EARLY TRAINING WILL BE DOING SCRAPINGS, CLEANING AND SIMILAR DUTIES ON PATIENTS.

COURSES AT THE HOSPITAL INCLUDE TRAINING FOR DENTAL HEALTH INSTRUCTORS, DENTAL SURGERY ASSISTANTS (DSA), EXTENDED DUTY FOR DSA'S, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, DENTAL THERAPISTS AND ANCILLARY WORKERS SUCH AS TECHNICIANS.

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HK EXPORTS NOT DISRUPTIVE

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THE CLAMOUR OF CALLS FROM INDUSTRIES IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR INCREASED PROTECTION AGAINST IMPORTS FROM SO-CALLED LOW-COST SUPPLIERS IS OBSCURING THE FACT THAT GARMENTS FROM HONG KONG REPRESENTED ONLY 1.3 PER CENT AND 3 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OF US AND EEC CONSUMPTION.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FEBRUARY 24) BY MR BILL DORWARD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, WHEN HE REVEALED THAT, IN THE SO-CALLED +SENSITIVE+ CATEGORIES IN BOTH THOSE MAJOR MARKETS IN 1980, EXPORTS TO THE EEC HAD ACTUALLY DECLINED BY 0.1 PER CENT AND TO THE US HAD GENERALLY INCREASED BY ONLY 2 TO 3 PER CENT.

+NO ONE WITH ANY HOPE OF PRESERVING A SHRED OF CREDIBILITY CAN ARGUE THAT THESE NUMBERS REFLECT A TRADE WHICH IS, OR THREATENS TO BE, WIDELY DISRUPTIVE. TO DO SO WOULD BE EFFECTIVELY TO ARGUE THAT ALL IMPORTS ARE BY DEFINITION DISRUPTIVE- WHICH IS PATENT AND SELF-DEFEATING RUBBISH,+ HE SAID.

DESPITE THE SLUGGISH PERFORMANCE IN THE SENSITIVE CATEGORIES, HOWEVER, MR DORWARD REVEALED THAT IN 1980 TOTAL QUOTA UTILISATION FOR GARMENTS TO THE US SHOWED AN INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF EXPORTS OF ABOUT 4 PER CENT AND TO THE EEC OF ABOUT 7 PER CENT.

SPEAKING TO THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS AT THEIR ANNUAL SPRING DINNER, MR DORWARD SAID: +THE OVERALL INCREASE WAS ACHIEVED FIRST OF ALL AS A RESULT OF IMPROVED MARKET CONDITIONS FOR KNITWEAR AFTER A RELATIVELY SLOW YEAR IN 1979- AND ALSO, PERHAPS MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, BY YOUR ABILITY TO DEVELOP EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NON-SENSITIVE CATEGORIES.+

MR DORWARD TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT THESE VERY IMPORTANT FACTS WERE PRESENTED TO THE US NEGOTIATORS WHO ARE IN HONG KONG TODAY SEEKING STILL FURTHER CONCESSIONS IN RESPECT OF THE SO-CALLED +SENSITIVE+ CATEGORIES.

+AND THEY WILL BE MADE FIRMLY AND OFTEN IN THE COMING YEAR OR SO TO THOSE WHO ARGUE THAT OUR LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS TO FAIR TRADING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR MAJOR INDUSTRY SHOULD BE MORE AND MORE RESTRICTED,+ HE EMPHASISED.

ON THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS ON THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT, WHICH EXPIRES AT THE END OF 1981, MR DORWARD SAID IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT THE RENEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE IN A WORLD HIT BY ECONOMIC RECESSION- AND WITH A TEXTILE AND GARMENT INDUSTRY IN THE DEVELOPED WORLD AFFECTED BY UNEMPLOYMENT CAUSED MAINLY BY IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPORTS FROM OTHER, MORE COMPETITIVE, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

+THE PRESSURES ARE, OF COURSE, ON FOR RESTRICTION TO BE PILED ON RESTRICTION WHEREVER THIS CAN BE CONVENIENTLY DONE WITH LITTLE OR NO FEAR OF RETALIATION.

+FOR OUR PART, WE ARE PREPARING OURSELVES FOR THE MAJOR NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH SHOULD START IN THE EARLY SUMMER, BY MARSHALLING OUR FACTS AND THOUGHTS AND MAINTAINING CONTACTS AT SENIOR LEVELS AROUND THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

/+WE ARE .....

+WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY IN GENEVA WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH WHOM WE HAVE COMMON INTERESTS,+ MR DORWARD SAID.

FOLLOWING ON THE FIRST FORMAL CO-ORDINATING MEETING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HE HAD ATTENDED IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA LAST NOVEMBER, MR DORWARD ANNOUNCED THAT A FURTHER MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN DJAKARTA IN APRIL.

MR DORWARD ALSO DISCLOSED THAT HE WILL BE LEAVING LATER THIS WEEK FOR VISITS TO GENEVA, BRUSSELS, LONDON AND WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR POLITICAL AND OFFICIAL FIGURES.

+COMMUNICATION IS AN ESSENTIAL FEATURE OF NEGOTIATION IF WE ARE TO AVOID IT DEGENERATING, IN THE PRESENT DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, INTO CONFRONTATION,+ MR DORWARD CONCLUDED.

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SIR JACK TO VISIT GUANGDONG

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, WILL BE VISITING GUANGDONG FROM MARCH 9 TO 13 AT THE INVITATION OF VICE-GOVERNOR LIU TIANFU. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY CATER, MISS JACQUELINE CATER, AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, DR DAVID WILSON. DURING HIS VISIT TO GUANGDONG SIR JACK WILL DISCUSS ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND OTHER MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

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SCHOOLS INVITED TO JOIN JSEA SYSTEM IN 1982

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SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1982 JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) SYSTEM SHOULD APPLY TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 23 THIS YEAR, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS WHICH ARE NOT IN THE BOUGHT PLACE SCHEME AND WHICH CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JSEA SYSTEM, ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST NOTIFY PARENTS THAT THEIR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALLOCATION TO SUBSIDISED FORM 4 PLACES,+ HE SAID.

ALL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, AIDED SCHOOLS, NON-PROFIT-MAKING PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND INDEPENDENT PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE BOUGHT PLACE SCHEME WILL BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE NEXT YEAR.

SCHOOLS WHICH PARTICIPATED THIS YEAR ARE REQUESTED TO REAFFIRM WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN 1982.

IN ORDER TO ASSIST PARENTS OF PRIMARY 6 LEAVERS IN THEIR CHOICE OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE JSEA SYSTEM WILL BE EXPECTED TO GIVE THREE YEARS ADVANCE NOTICE OF THEIR INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SYSTEM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/+THIS MEANS .....

+THIS MEANS THAT SCHOOLS OPTING TO JOIN THE SYSTEM IN 1982 WILL BE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN THE SYSTEM AT LEAST UNTIL 1984,+ HE SAID.

SINCE THE IDENTITY CARD NUMBER OF EACH PARTICIPATING STUDENT WILL BE PRINTED ON HIS CERTIFICATE, STUDENTS SHOULD ENSURE THEY HAVE THEIR PERSONAL IDENTITY CARD BEFORE THEY ENTER FOR THE SCALING TEST, THAT IS, BEFORE SEPTEMBER OF THE YEAR THEY ENTER FORM 3.

SUCH IDENTITY CARDS SHOULD BE THE NEW TYPE WHICH BEARS THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE HOLDER, AND CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE.

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NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OPENS IN TUEN MUN

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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR JOHN DON, TODAY OFFICIALLY OPENED THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

THE OFFICE IS ONE OF FIVE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICES OPERATED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. IT IS THE THIRD NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE ACTUALLY LOCATED IN THE NEW TOWN IT IS BUILDING- THE OTHER TWO ARE IN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

MR STAN BARDEN, PROJECT MANAGER (TUEN MUN), TOLD THE GATHERING THAT WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICE, +OUR STAFF ARE NOW TRULY PART OF TUEN MUN'S LIFE AND THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE TOWN, BECAUSE THEY FACE SOME OF THOSE DIFFICULTIES THEMSELVES+.

HE SAID: +THERE IS A PRICE TO BE PAID OF COURSE, FOR WORKING IN A TOWN WHICH IS SO REMOTE FROM THE PLACE WHERE YOU LIVE, AND THAT IS THE TIME LOST EVERY DAY IN TRAVELLING.+

MR BARDEN POINTED OUT THAT THE LOSS OF TIME WAS SERIOUS.

HOWEVER, HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT PROGRESS ON SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM WAS SLOWLY BEING MADE AND HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THINGS WOULD IMPROVE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

MR BARDEN SAID VISITORS TO TUEN MUN WERE OFTEN A LITTLE PUZZLED ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING THE TOWN AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO BUILD THE TOWN.

+WE ARE A TEAM, AND WE ALL REALISE THAT NONE OF US CAN WORK IN ISOLATION,+ HE ADDED.

/MR BARDEN .....

MR BARDEN THANKED THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR ITS CO-OPERATION AND WAS GRATEFUL OF THE GUIDANCE GIVEN BY MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE YAN OI TONG, THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND ALL OTHER ORGANISATIONS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT THAT WORK TOWARDS THE GOOD OF THE FUTURE POPULATION OF TUEN MUN.

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CENTRE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE PO LEUNG KUK CENTRE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS NEAR KWAI CHUNG WAS LAID TODAY (TUESDAY) BY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

THE CENTRE WILL BE BUILT IN TWO PHASES ON A 7 500 SQUARE METRE SITE AT O PUI SHAN AND PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 200 ADULTS WHEN COMPLETED IN JUNE, 1983.

IT WILL HAVE TWO DORMITORY WINGS, EACH OF 100 BEDS, A KITCHEN, DINING HALL, ACTIVITY ROOMS, RECREATIONAL HALL, OFFICES AND STAFF QUARTERS. THE WINGS WILL BE LINKED BY COVERED WALKWAY AND BE SEPARATED FROM THE TRAINING AREAS. HYDRAULIC LIFTS WILL BE INSTALLED FOR THE DISABLED.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY MR AKERS-JONES RECEIVED A CHEQUE FOR $500 000 FROM MR CHENG YIK-CHEE, UNCLE OF PO LEUNG KUK DIRECTOR, MR ARTHUR CHENG. MR CHENG HAS AGREED TO DONATE A TOTAL OF $2 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF BUILDING THE CENTRE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE AROUND $15 MILLION.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE CENTRE WOULD NEARLY DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF PLACES IN HONG KONG FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS AND WOULD MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO EASING THE PRESENT SHORTAGE. FURTHER CENTRES WERE PLANNED BY OTHER AGENCIES FOR TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

HE SAID THE PO LEUNG KUK WAS NO STRANGER TO THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION AND SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. IT NOW OPERATED HOSTELS, SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING CENTRES IN ADDITION TO RESIDENTIAL HOMES.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTOR INSPECTS WELFARE SERVICES

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY (TUESDAY) INSPECTED THE WELFARE SERVICES OF A GIRLS' CENTRE, AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOSTEL AND A PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN IN ABERDEEN.

CONTINUING HIS SERIES OF VISITS TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HE FIRST CALLED ON THE MARYCOVE CENTRE, A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTRE RUN BY THE GOOD SHEPHERD SISTERS FOR GIRLS WITH PERSONAL OR FAMILY PROBLEMS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, SISTER MARY ANTIGUA, AND COORDINATOR, SISTER MARY DUNNE, MR ALLEYNE TOURED THE CENTRE WHICH ADMITS 200 ADOLESCENT GIRLS IN NEED OF CARE OR PROTECTION.

THE CENTRE PROVIDES FREE RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR GIRLS AGED 12 TO 18 YEARS REQUIRING A TEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE, DAY CARE SERVICE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO STUDY IN REGULAR SCHOOLS, AND HOSTEL SERVICE FOR GIRLS WITHOUT SUITABLE HOMES.

THE DIRECTOR LEARNED THAT THROUGH INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIP AND INDIVIDUALISED TREATMENT, THE CENTRE HELPS THE GIRLS TOWARDS FAMILY RECONCILIATION AND REINTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY.

MR ALLEYNE LATER CALLED AT THE WAI KEI OLD PEOPLE'S HOSTEL RUN BY THE HONG KONG AND MACAU LUTHERAN CHURCH, AND THE APLEICHAU PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE RUN BY THE HONG KONG SPASTICS ASSOCIATION FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.

HE WAS GREETED BY PRESIDENT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH, THE REV A. ESPEGREN, AND OTHER OFFICIALS AT THE HOSTEL WHICH CATERS FOR 107 ELDERLY PEOPLE PROVIDING MEAL SERVICE, RESIDENTIAL CARE AND ORGANISED ACTIVITIES.

AT THE PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE, HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN, THE REV ERIK KVAN, AND STAFF AT THE CENTRE. THE CENTRE PROVIDES BOTH DAY CARE SERVICE AND RESIDENTIAL TRAINING FOR MULTIPLE-HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGED UP TO SIX YEARS. ITS CAPACITY IS 48.

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SECOND PUMPING STATION IN LOWER SHING MUN

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A SECOND LOWER SHING MUN PUMPING STATION TO BOOST THE DAILY SUPPLY OF RAW WATER TO TSUEN WAN AND SHEK LEI PUI TREATMENT WORKS BY FOUR TIMES TO ALMOST 250 000 CUBIC METRES BY EARLY 1983.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER (RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR LEUNG KWOK-WAI SAID, +THE NEW PUMPING STATION, COSTING $8.5 MILLION, WILL HAVE A DAILY OUTPUT OF 182 000 CUBIC METRES.

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+IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED NEXT TO THE EXISTING ONE BELOW THE SHING MUN DAM AND WILL CONVEY PART OF THE RAW WATER FROM THE MAJOR AQUEDUCT SYSTEM FROM TAI PO TAU TO SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING UP-RATED TO A CAPACITY OF 1.36 MILLION CUBIC METRES A DAY.+

MR LEUNG WAS SPEAKING AFTER THE SIGNING OF A CONTRACT FOR THE NEW STATION WITH THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WO HING CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD., MR YU YUEN-HING, AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN LEIGHTON CENTRE.

HE SAID THE NEW PUMPING STATION FORMED PART OF THE $1 300 MILLION SCHEME WHICH WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THREE STAGES OVER THE NEXT 12 YEARS TO CATER FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER FROM CHINA.

THE NEW PUMPING STATION WAS THE SECOND MAJOR CONTRACT FOR WORK ON STAGE ONE.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, COSTING $11.7 MILLION, WAS AWARDED TO VIANINI S.P.A. RECENTLY. IT WAS FOR THE LAYING OF ABOUT 1.8 KILOMETRES OF MILD STEEL PIPE-LINES FROM FU TEI AU TO SHEUNG SHUI.

MR LEUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT WILL AWARD FIVE MORE MAJOR CONTRACTS FOR WORK ON STAGE ONE THIS YEAR.

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ILLEGAL GRAVES TO BE CLEARED

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THIRTY ILLEGAL GRAVES IN THE KWONG SHAN AREA IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE WILL BE CLEARED BY GOVERNMENT STAFF AFTER SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

WHERE RELATIVES CAN BE TRACED BEFORE EXHUMATION, THEY HAVE BEEN APPROACHED AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE THE GRAVES THEMSELVES.

UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, BURIALS OUTSIDE AUTHORISED CEMETERIES ARE NOT PERMITTED AS THE PRACTICE IS CONTRARY TO THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AND COULD CONSTITUTE A HEALTH HAZARD.

VISITORS TO ILLEGAL GRAVES IN THE KWONG SHAN AREA ALSO PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK BY ENTERING THE DANGER AREA OF THE CASTLE PEAK FIRING RANGE.

EXHUMED REMAINS OF THESE BURIALS WILL BE RE-INTERRED IN SANDY RIDGE CEMETERY.

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SECOND GOVERNMENT INTERDEPARTMENTAL RACE

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THE KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK WILL BE THE VENUE OF THE SECOND GOVERNMENT INTERDEPARTMENTAL RACE ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

THIS FOLLOWS THE SUCCESS OF THE INAUGURAL RACE LAST YEAR WHICH WAS RUN ON THE INTERHONG RACE COURSE AROUND MT CAMERON ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THERE WILL BE TWO RACES THIS YEAR: LADIES WILL START JUST AFTER 10 AM AND FOLLOW A COURSE OF ABOUT 4.5 KM= THE MEN WILL START AT 10.30 AM AND PROCEED ON A LONGER COURSE OF 7.5 KM.

18 DEPARTMENTS WITH ABOUT 300 PARTICIPANTS WILL ENTER THE RACES WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE COVERED IN LESS THAN 25 MINUTES.

THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL RACES, ORGANISED BY PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS ON YEARLY ROTATION, IS BEING ORGANISED THIS YEAR BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, HAS DONATED A TROPHY. HE WILL START THE RACES AND LATER PRESENT THE +ROBERTS SHIELD+ AND OTHER TROPHIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT THE SECTION OF GOLDEN HILL ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON AND BYEWASH RESERVOIR AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

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TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IN SHEK KU STREET

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TRAFFIC IN SHEK KU STREET IN HO MAN TIN DISTRICT WILL BE REVERTED TO TWO-WAY FLOW FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 27), A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE REVERSION TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC IS BEING MADE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORKS IN THE AREA.

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TSIM SHA TSUI WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE TEMPORARILY CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 26) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, KIMBERLEY ROAD, OBSERVATORY ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, CAMERON ROAD, AND CARNARVON ROAD INCLUDING KIMBERLEY STREET, GRANVILLE ROAD, SALISBURY AVENUE AND GRANVILLE CIRCUIT.

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