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## ZONING PLAN FOR TUEN MUN OUT

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A DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THAT THE AIM OF BUILDING TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WAS TO PROVIDE A REASONABLY WELL-BALANCED DEVELOPMENT WITH ADEQUATE PROVISION OF SUPPORTING FACILITIES FOR 550 000 PEOPLE.

THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY PLANNING FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE AND CONTROL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE NEW TOWN.

HE SAID, +THE BASIC DESIGN CONCEPT OF THE NEW TOWN ENVISAGES A 'CORRIDOR' OF DEVELOPMENT RUNNING NORTH-SOUTH FLANKED BY THE TAI LAM FOOTHILLS TO THE EAST AND THE CASTLE PEAK RIDGE TO THE WEST.+

THE INNER CORE OF THE TOWN ACCOMMODATING RELATIVELY HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS ON THE FLAT VALLEY FLOOR AND RECLAIMED LAND IN CASTLE PEAK BAY.

ON THE LOWER SLOPES OF THE VALLEY ARE LOWER-DENSITY DEVELOPMENTS FORMING A ZONE OF TRANSITION BETWEEN THE INNER CORE AND THE RURAL HINTERLAND OF THE NEW TOWN.

TO THE SOUTHWEST IS A BELT OF LAND DEVOTED LARGELY TO MAJOR UTILITY USES, SUCH AS THE TAP SHEK KOK POWER STATION, AND TO SPECIAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INAPPROPRIATE TO AN URBAN CENTRE LOCATION, SUCH AS THE CEMENT PLANT AND OTHER LAND-EXTENSIVE AND MARINE-ORIENTED INDUSTRIES.

TO THE SOUTHEAST IS AN AREA FOR LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, A PROPOSED MARINA WITH A YACHT CLUB AND OTHER ASSOCIATED FACILITIES, AND A NUMBER OF SWIMMING BEACHES, ALL MERGING WITH THE NATURAL SCENERY.

THE DRAFT PLAN COVERS A TOTAL AREA OF 2 152 HECTARES. OF THIS, 338 HECTARES WILL BE FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, 114 HECTARES FOR VILLAGE-TYPE DEVELOPMENT AND 172 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES WHICH INCLUDE A NEW HOSPITAL, A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, A SPORTS STADIUM, SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES AND OTHER FACILITIES.

ANOTHER 26 HECTARES OF LAND ARE EARMARKED FOR A COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL ZONE, INCLUDING THE TOWN CENTRE IN AREA 11, 110 HECTARES FOR GENERAL INDUSTRIAL USES, 151 HECTARES FOR OPEN SPACE INCLUDING THE TOWN PARK, 685 HECTARES FOR GREEN BELT AND 251 HECTARES FOR OTHER SPECIFIC USES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT ABOUT 138 HECTARES OF LAND HAD BEEN RESERVED TO MEET ANY FUTURE UNFORESEEN REQUIREMENTS AND, WHERE FUTURE DETAILED PLANNING STUDY IS REQUIRED, TO IDENTIFY FUTURE USES OF LAND.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN, TOGETHER WITH A SET OF NOTES SETTING OUT THE USES ALWAYS PERMITTED IN THE VARIOUS LAND USE ZONES AND THE OTHER USES FOR WHICH THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD'S PERMISSION MUST BE SOUGHT, MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 4TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD; THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (TUEN MUN), 201 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE DRAFT PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD BY SEPTEMBER 29, 1983.

THE DRAFT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AT \$10 FOR A BLACK-AND-WHITE COPY AND \$120 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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#### 1982-83 ACCOUNTS PUBLISHED

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THE GOVERNMENT'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1982-83 ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

EXPENDITURE ON THE MAIN ACCOUNT WAS \$34.6 BILLION WHILE REVENUE WAS \$31.1 BILLION. THE NET RESULT WAS A FINAL DEFICIT FOR LAST YEAR OF \$3.5 BILLION.

REVENUE IMPROVED MARGINALLY WITH THE BUDGET INCREASES IN DUTIES AND LATE RECEIPTS FROM LAND SALES.

OWING LARGELY TO THE VERY POOR WEATHER TOWARDS THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR SPENDING ON CAPITAL WORKS WAS DOWN, THE FINAL OUTTURN AT \$7.6 BILLION BEING SOME 15 PER CENT BELOW THE REVISED ESTIMATE.

AS A RESULT THE CAPITAL WORKS RESERVE FUND INCLUDED A CARRY FORWARD OF \$3.2 BILLION AS COMPARED WITH THE FEBRUARY FORECAST OF ABOUT \$1.6 BILLION.

THE GROWTH RATE IN TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE IN REAL TERMS FOR 1982-83 AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR WAS THUS ABOUT 10 PER CENT, WHICH IS LOWER THAN FORECAST.

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## SECOND READING OF BILL DEFERRED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEDED TO REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE UMELCO LEGISLATION SCRUTINY GROUP THAT THE SECOND READING OF THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) BILL 1983 SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE AUTUMN, IN ORDER TO GIVE FURTHER TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, QC, SAID IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BILL WAS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE REQUEST OF THE JUDICIARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE APPELLATE BUSINESS BY ENABLING A COURT OF APPEAL OF FIVE JUDGES TO REVERSE EARLIER DECISIONS OF A COURT OF LESS THAN FIVE JUDGES.

THE BILL IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE AN URGENT ONE AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS A HEAVY BURDEN OF BUSINESS TO COMPLETE THIS SESSION, WITH ONLY ONE MEETING AVAILABLE BEFORE THE SUMMER RECESS. BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF VIEWS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED ON THE BILL, THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH THEY CAN ALL PROPERLY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IS BY ALLOWING THE BILL TO GO OVER INTO THE NEXT SESSION.

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## ANOTHER CORRIDOR SECTION TO BE BUILT

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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT ANOTHER SECTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR WHICH WILL PROVIDE A MAJOR HIGH CAPACITY TRAFFIC ROUTE FROM HUNG HOM TO LAI CHI KOK.

THE PROPOSED ELEVATED DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WILL RUN FROM THE WESTERN END OF THE GASCOIGNE ROAD FLYOVER NEAR KANSU STREET ALONG FERRY STREET AND WILL BRANCH OUT NEAR SHAN TUNG STREET.

ONE CARRIAGEWAY WILL FOLLOW ALONG TONG MEI ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET TO MAPLE STREET, WHILE THE OTHER WILL CROSS THE YAU MA TEI RECLAMATION TO POK MAN STREET.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY ACROSS FERRY STREET NEAR SHAN TUNG STREET TO FACILITATE PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT IN THE AREA AND THE RECONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATIONS OF THE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1987.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD; THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, HOP FAT COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG PING BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 27, 1983.

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BILL TO IMPROVE CONVEYANCING SYSTEM

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A BILL WHICH SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM OF CONVEYANCING IN HONG KONG IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

UNDER THE CONVEYANCING AND PROPERTY BILL 1983, THE LAWS ON IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AND CONVEYANCING WILL BE BROUGHT IN LINE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A MODERN FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT CENTRE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE BILL PROPOSES TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE BY:

- \* REVISING AND CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS ORDINANCES RELATING TO LAND;
- \* INCORPORATING SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM LAW OF PROPERTY ACT 1925;
- \* INTRODUCING IMPLIED COVENANTS FOR TITLE;
- \* PROVIDING OTHER STANDARD COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS WHICH MAY BE INCORPORATED INTO CONVEYANCING DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE;
- \* PROVIDING STANDARD FORMS OF CONVEYANCING INSTRUMENTS SUITABLE FOR USE IN HONG KONG;
- \* INTRODUCING A NEW SYSTEM OF MORTGAGING BY WAY OF LEGAL AND EQUITABLE CHARGE INSTEAD OF BY WAY OF ASSIGNMENT; AND
- \* INTRODUCING OTHER PROVISIONS TO CLARIFY AND AUGMENT THE LAW AND SIMPLIFY DEALINGS IN LAND.

+INTERESTED PERSONS AND ORGANISATIONS CAN DIRECT ANY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE BILL TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL FOR CONSIDERATION WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF ITS PUBLICATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AFTER THIS PERIOD, THE BILL WITH ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BEFORE ITS INTRODUCTION INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LATER THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

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SOME SUNDAY TRAMS TO START HOUR LATER

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TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN TIN LOK LANE AND KENNEDY TOWN WILL START ABOUT AN HOUR LATER ON SUNDAY (JULY 31).

DEPARTURE TIMES FOR THE FIRST TRAMS FROM THE VARIOUS TERMINI WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:-

EASTBOUND

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DEPARTURE TIME</u>
HAPPY VALLEY	KENNEDY TOWN	7 AM
SHAU KEI WAN	WESTERN MARKET	6.30 AM
NORTH POINT	WHITTY STREET	6.50 AM

WESTBOUND

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DEPARTURE TIME</u>
KENNEDY TOWN	HAPPY VALLEY	7.35 AM
WHITTY STREET	NORTH POINT	7.30 AM
WESTERN MARKET	SHAU KEI WAN	7.25 AM

TRAM SERVICES BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL BEGIN AS USUAL AT ABOUT 6.30 AM, AND WILL BE AUGMENTED TO PROVIDE A FOUR-MINUTE FREQUENCY DURING THE FIRST HOUR OF ITS OPERATION.

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PAWNBROKING LAWS TO BE UPDATED

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THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF PAWNBROKING WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE AND IMPROVED UNDER A PAWNBROKERS BILL 1983 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, WHICH IS INTENDED TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ORDINANCE.

THE MAIN BODY OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION DATES FROM 1930 AND IN THE LAST 20 YEARS, AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE HAVE MAINLY BEEN LIMITED TO INCREASING THE LOAN LIMIT.

UNDER THE BILL, APPLICATIONS FOR A PAWNBROKERS LICENCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROCESSED FOR APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE WHO WILL ADDITIONALLY BE EMPOWERED TO CANCEL A LICENCE.

THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF A LICENCE CONDITION, LAST SET IN 1950, HAS BEEN REVISED FROM A FINE OF \$500 TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

/THE BILL .....

THE BILL ALSO REVISES THE LOAN LIMIT FOR PAWNBROKING TRANSACTIONS FROM THE PRESENT LEVEL OF \$5 000, FIXED IN 1970, TO \$25 000.

IT ALSO PRESCRIBES A STANDARD MAXIMUM RATE OF INTEREST, IN LIEU OF DIFFERENT RATES FOR PARTICULAR CLASSES OF GOODS, WHICH IS TO BE 3.5 PER CENT PER LUNAR MONTH FOR ALL LOANS. THIS RATE EXPRESSED AS AN ANNUAL RATE OF INTEREST IS LESS THAN THE 48 PER CENT PER ANNUM LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY THE MONEY LENDERS ORDINANCE, OVER WHICH RATES OF INTEREST ARE CONSIDERED TO BE EXTORTIONATE.

THE FIRST AND SECOND READING OF THE BILL WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 10. ITS LEGISLATIVE STAGES WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE NEW SESSION ON OCTOBER 12.

COMMENTS ON ITS PROVISIONS CAN BE ADDRESSED TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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#### DARK SMOKE REGULATIONS GAZETTED \* \* \* \*

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE EMISSION OF DARK SMOKE AND THE CONDUCTING OF APPEALS AGAINST DECISIONS BY THE CONTROL AUTHORITY OR THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE ARE GAZETTED TODAY.

THEY WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON THE DAY APPOINTED FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE 1983.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (SMOKE) REGULATIONS 1983 REPLACE IN SUBSTANCE PROVISIONS UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ORDINANCE, WHICH IS TO BE REPEALED.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO RAISE THE PENALTY RELATING TO DARK SMOKE EMISSION FROM A FINE OF \$2 000 TO \$5 000. FOR EVERY ONE QUARTER OF AN HOUR OF EMISSION, THE ADDITIONAL FINE WILL BE \$100 INSTEAD OF \$50.

THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL (APPEAL BOARD) REGULATIONS 1983, ALSO IN THE GAZETTE, SET OUT THE PROCEDURE FOR THE INITIATION AND PROCESSING OF APPEALS, THE RIGHT TO WHICH IS EXTENSIVELY CONFERRED UNDER THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE.

AN APPEAL BOARD WILL BE CHAIRED BY A PERSON QUALIFIED FOR APPOINTMENT AS A DISTRICT JUDGE AND COMPOSED OF MEMBERS DRAWN FROM A PANEL TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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YOUTHS URGED TO HELP IN FIGHT CRIME DRIVE

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THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, OPERATIONS, MR RICHARD QUINE, TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED 300 YOUNGSTERS WHO HAD JUST ATTENDED A FOUR-DAY FIGHT YOUTH CRIME SEMINAR CAMP TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POLICE MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN.

AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SEMINAR CAMP HELD AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE VILLAGE IN SAI KUNG, MR QUINE TOLD THE CAMPERS THAT HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD MAKE GOOD USE OF WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED AT THE CAMP IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIFE AND PASS ON THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME MESSAGE TO THEIR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.

REITERATING THE AIM OF THIS YEAR'S FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN- TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF SERIOUS AND VIOLENT CRIME COMMITTED BY YOUNG MEN IN THE 14 - 20 AGE GROUP, MR QUINE SAID THAT THE YOUNG MEN WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN THE SEMINAR CAMP SHOULD NOW HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN TACKLING THE PROBLEM.

"IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT METICULOUS CARE IS GIVEN TO PLANNING FIGHT CRIME MEASURES. THIS IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT WHEN APPLIED TO YOUTH CRIME.

"I AM INDEED DELIGHTED TO HEAR FROM THE CAMP STAFF ABOUT THE GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND KEEN INTEREST YOU HAVE SHOWN DURING THE TALKS AND SEMINARS. I FEEL SURE THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS DISSUADING OTHER YOUNGSTERS FROM STRAYING INTO A LIFE OF CRIME," HE CONTINUED.

MOREOVER, MR QUINE FELT THAT THE SEMINAR CAMP HAD GIVEN JPC MEMBERS AND LEADERS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND ENABLED THEM TO FOSTER BETTER TIES AND COMMUNICATION.

HE CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH BY REMINDING THE CAMPERS OF THE THEME OF THIS SEMINAR CAMP - 'DON'T GET INVOLVED IN CRIME' AND 'THERE IS NO GLAMOUR IN CRIME'.

STUDENTS TO CLEAN BEACHES

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SOME 50 CIVIC-MINDED STUDENTS FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL SPEND TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING COLLECTING RUBBISH AT THE REPULSE BAY BEACH.

ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S CLEAN HONG KONG WORKING GROUP, THE EVENT IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF BEACH CLEANING EXERCISES TO BE LAUNCHED IN THE COMING WEEKENDS.

/ON SUNDAY .....

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ON SUNDAY (JULY 31) AND THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND, STUDENTS, MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND FACTORY WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT WILL CLEAN THE BEACHES AT DEEP WATER BAY, STANLEY AND SHEK O.

BEACH-GOERS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO JOIN IN, AND THOSE WHO WISH TO HELP WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PLASTIC BAGS ON SITE.

+AS A GESTURE OF THANKS, SOFT DRINKS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BEACH-GOERS WHO HELP IN THE CLEAN-UP,+ A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, PARENTS AND CHILDREN FROM ABOUT 100 FAMILIES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL CLEAN THE SHEK O BEACH ON SUNDAY (JULY 31) MORNING, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC THERE.

THE ONE-DAY FAMILY OUTING IS ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE HUNG HOM KAIFONG ASSOCIATION AND THE HUNG HOM SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE.

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#### FOUR TO CONTEST BOARD SEAT

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A VACANT SEAT ON THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE CONTESTED BY FOUR CANDIDATES IN A BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 17.

THE FOUR CANDIDATES - MR CHUNG YEE-ON (56), MR CHAN PAK-CHEUNG (52), MR SZETO CHIK (51) AND MR KWONG HON-WAH (46) - WILL CONTEST THE SEAT MADE VACANT FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF AN ELECTED MEMBER FOR THE WAN CHAI WEST CONSTITUENCY, MR NG SAI-YING, LAST MONTH.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES CLOSED THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

TWO POLLING STATIONS, ONE AT THE HONG KONG METHODIST CHURCH, 36 HENNESSY ROAD, AND THE OTHER AT ST. GLORIA COLLEGE, 9-15 SHIP STREET, WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM ON ELECTION DAY.

THE 10 946 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE WAN CHAI WEST CONSTITUENCY WILL EACH RECEIVE A POLL CARD SHORTLY INFORMING THEM OF THE BY-ELECTION AND THE LOCATIONS OF THEIR POLLING STATIONS.

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GRATUITY MULTIPLYING FACTOR REVISED  
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THE MULTIPLYING FACTOR USED FOR CALCULATING THE COMMUTED PENSION OF CIVIL SERVANTS HAS BEEN REVISED FROM 12-1/2 TO 14 AS FROM TODAY.

THIS AMENDMENT IS CONTAINED IN THE PENSION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT A RETIRING CIVIL SERVANT MAY COMMUTE UP TO 25 PER CENT OF HIS ANNUAL PENSION INTO A LUMP SUM GRATUITY, AND THEN RECEIVE A CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCED PENSION THEREAFTER.

THE LUMP SUM GRATUITY WAS 12-1/2 TIMES OF THE ANNUAL PENSION COMMUTED. THIS FACTOR HAD BEEN IN USE SINCE 1954. THE NEW FACTOR OF 14 TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPROVEMENT IN LIFE EXPECTANCY SINCE 1954.

THE FACTOR IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE LUMP SUM GRATUITY IS BROADLY COMPARABLE IN VALUE TO THE PORTION OF THE ANNUAL PENSION IT REPLACES.

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SUMMER ACTIVITIES TO BE LAUNCHED  
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A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS WILL BE UNVEILED FOLLOWING THE LAUNCHING OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN MONG KOK AND KWUN TONG THIS WEEKEND.

TOMORROW (SATURDAY), THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 1.15 PM AT THE CHAN HING SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE IN FUK TSUEN STREET WITH GAMES STALLS, SINGING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR. THE EVENT WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

TO FULFIL THIS YEAR'S THEME OF +BETTERING ONESELF+ THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED A VOLUNTEER AWARD SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERS IN THE DISTRICT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

ON SUNDAY (JULY 31), THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OPENING WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUI PING ROAD RECREATION GROUND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM.

ABOUT 200 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HELP CLEAN THE KAI LIM ROAD IN TSUI PING ROAD ESTATE, WHILE GIRL GUIDES WILL TAKE PART IN A COMPETITION TO KNIT WOOLLEN SCARVES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

TEN GAME STALLS WILL BE PUT UP IN THE PLAYGROUND FOR THE RESIDENTS.

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CHILDREN'S DRAWINGS SHOWN AT MTR STATION  
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WINNING ENTRIES OF AN INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION IN CENTRAL FOR FOUR DAYS FROM SUNDAY (JULY 31).

THE DRAWING CONTEST, HELD EARLIER LAST MONTH AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, ATTRACTED MORE THAN 6 000 YOUNG PARTICIPANTS AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 13.

THE TITLES FOR THE DRAWING CONTEST WERE: +HONG KONG AS I SEE IT+ AND +THE FUTURE WORLD AS I SEE IT+.

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY.

THE CONTEST WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HARBOUR JAYCEES.

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STREET SECTION TO BE RESUMED  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO RESUME A SECTION OF MING YUEN WESTERN STREET AT NORTH POINT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ISLAND LINE.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT HAS BEEN GAZETTED TODAY. THE SECTION OF MING YUEN WESTERN STREET INVOLVED IS ADJACENT TO NOS. 404 AND 406 KING'S ROAD AND NOS. 1, 2, 3 AND 4 MING YUEN WESTERN STREET.

THE LAND IS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A VENT-SHAFT AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE SHORTLY.

ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED TO THE REMAINDER OF MING YUEN WESTERN STREET DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE VENT SHAFT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1985 WHEN THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD WILL BE REINSTATED.

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OFFICE OPEN DURING LUNCH HOUR  
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FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 1), THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT - SITUATED AT 92 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, LI PO CHUN CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR - WILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS DURING THE LUNCH HOUR BETWEEN 1 PM AND 2 PM.

THE NEW WORKING HOURS OF THIS OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY : 8.45 AM -- 4.45 PM  
SATURDAY : 9.00 AM -- 11.45 AM

ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THE OFFICE HANDLES ONLY DEATH REGISTRATION AND THE WORKING HOURS ARE FROM 10 AM TO 12.30 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES MAY TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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TAPS OFF FOR MAINS WORK  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE FANLING - SHEUNG SHUI AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 10 HOURS FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 2) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE MAINS WORK.

ALL PREMISES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM THE SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT TO SAN TIN WILL BE AFFECTED, INCLUDING TSUNG PAK LONG TSUEN, YIN KONG TSUEN, KAM TSIN TSUEN, HANG TAU TSUEN, KWU TUNG TSUEN, HO SHEUNG HEUNG TSUEN, DILLS CORNER, CHAU TAU AND SAN TIN.

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TALK GIVEN ON WATER SYSTEM  
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THE CHIEF ENGINEER (DESIGN) OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR TANG KWOK-YIU, TODAY SPOKE ON THE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF WATER IN HONG KONG TO ABOUT 40 DELEGATES FROM CHINA AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE TALK WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY A SLIDE SHOW ON HONG KONG'S WATER.

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TENNIS COURSE FOR CHILDREN

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OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN EIGHT AND 14 YEARS OF AGE TO LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS.

THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A +LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS+ COURSE TO BE HELD AT TUEN MUN TEMPORARY TENNIS COURT FROM MONDAY (AUGUST 1).

TWO-HOUR SESSIONS WILL BE HELD DAILY FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY. CLASSES GIVEN BY INSTRUCTORS APPOINTED BY THE HONG KONG TENNIS ASSOCIATION, WILL START AT 9 AM AND 11 AM.

THE COURSE FEE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT IS \$20.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE HEADQUARTERS AND ITS TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 5-458511, 5-741546 OR 0-813210.

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PRISONERS DO WELL IN BOOK-KEEPING EXAMS

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NINE YOUNG PRISONERS WHO PASSED THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES EXAMINATION ON ELEMENTARY BOOK-KEEPING +WITH REMARKABLE RESULTS+, WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TODAY.

THE RECIPIENTS, WHO ARE BETWEEN 20 AND 23 YEARS OF AGE, SAT FOR THE ELEMENTARY EXAMINATION IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND OBTAINED FIVE DISTINCTIONS AND FOUR PASSES.

THE BOOK-KEEPING COURSE WAS INTRODUCED IN PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN 1981 IN LINE WITH THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CORRECTIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

THIS COURSE IS AIMED AT GIVING INMATES A BASIC CONCEPT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE UP JOBS AFTER RELEASE OR TO ATTAIN HIGHER QUALIFICATIONS.

IT COMPRISES THREE 10-MONTH STAGES -- ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE AND HIGHER STAGES -- AND INCLUDES LESSONS IN CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

THREE OF THE RECIPIENTS HAVE SINCE BEEN DISCHARGED FROM THE INSTITUTION, ONE OF WHOM HAS ENROLLED IN THE SUMMER COURSE OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AT A POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE.

TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, OFFICERS AND MASTERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS PARENTS AND RELATIVES OF THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

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