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GREEN PAPER 'HAS SET PEOPLE THINKING'
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THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE SOME PRACTICAL AND PRAGMATIC SUGGESTIONS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF EVOLUTION IN THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+IT HAS PROVIDED A PLATFORM FROM WHICH WE CAN BEGIN TO BUILD A STABLE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT WITH THE CONFIDENCE PROVIDED BY THE DETAILED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHINA AND GREAT BRITAIN,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING ON +THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF HONG KONG: ITS DEVELOPMENT AND 1997+ AT A SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AFFAIRS SOCIETY.

+CLEARLY THE SYSTEM WE DEVELOP IN HONG KONG MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE OVERALL STRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

+IT MUST BE STRONG IN ITS CONSTRUCTION, WITH ITS OWN SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS, AND YET FRIENDLY ENOUGH SO THAT IT CAN LIVE COMFORTABLY AS ONE OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE CONCEPT OF 'ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS'.

+THAT IS THE LONG TERM OBJECTIVE WHICH WE MUST RETAIN AS A BASIS FOR OUR OWN SYSTEM.+

+THE LARGER QUESTION BEFORE US IS HOW TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, TO PRESERVE HARMONY AND STABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ENSURE THAT OUR ECONOMY CONTINUES TO EXPAND AND OUR INDUSTRY PROSPER FOR WITHOUT THESE BASIC CONTRIBUTIONS, THE SOCIAL PROGRESS, WHICH IS THE FERVENT WISH OF ALL OUR PEOPLE, WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.

+THE GREEN PAPER IS NOT AN END BUT A BEGINNING OF A PROCESS OF CHANGE. IT HAS BEEN CHALLENGED BECAUSE IT CONTAINS NO BROAD VISION OF THE FUTURE, NO SET OF ANSWERS TO ALL THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE IN PEOPLE'S MINDS.+

MR AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT THE PUBLICATION OF THE GREEN PAPER HAS STIMULATED THINKING ABOUT OTHER ASPECTS OF THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE: ABOUT DIRECT ELECTIONS, ABOUT A +MINISTERIAL+ SYSTEM, ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS AND ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNOR.

+BUT IT HAS ALREADY DONE ONE THING; IT HAS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE ISSUES WHICH NEED TO BE ADDRESSED; IT HAS SET THE PEOPLE THINKING,+ HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER WERE THE CULMINATION AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL OF A PROCESS WHICH STARTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

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AND THE SETTING UP OF THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS HAD +FORTUNATELY ENABLED US TO THINK ABOUT CHANGES OF A MORE IMPORTANT NATURE AT THE SUMMIT OF THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT+.

+WITHOUT THE DISTRICT BOARDS OUR PROGRESS NOW WOULD BE MUCH SLOWER AND LESS CERTAIN.

+THE BOARDS WITH THEIR FAR-REACHING TERMS OF REFERENCE HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT, IF NOT VITAL, ROLE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CONFIDENCE; AS AN AVENUE FOR THE EXPRESSION OF OPINION; A STABILISING FACTOR; AND A CHANNEL OF ADVICE.

+THEY HAVE GIVEN A COHESION TO THE COMMUNITY AT A CRUCIAL TIME IN OUR HISTORY.+

FURTHERMORE, HE SAID THE ROLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD ALSO CHANGED DURING THE PAST YEARS.

+MORE PROCEEDINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; MORE QUESTIONS ARE ASKED; AND ITS ROLE HAS GENERALLY BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE.

+ON MAJOR MATTERS OF POLICY, AS WELL AS A MULTITUDE OF OTHER ISSUES OF PUBLIC CONCERN AND LOCAL SOURCES OF IRRITATION AND DISSATISFACTION, UMELCO MEMBERS HAVE PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE: ENQUIRING, PERSUADING, ADVISING AND DECIDING.

+THIS, TOO, HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE LONG PERIOD OF STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH WE HAVE ENJOYED AND THAT WE HAVE SURVIVED, WITHOUT SERIOUS AND LASTING EFFECT, THE CONSEQUENCES OF A PROTRACTED WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS.+

MR AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT IF THE GREEN PAPER PROPOSALS WERE TO BE IMPLEMENTED WITH OR WITHOUT MODIFICATION, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WOULD TAKE PLACE NEXT YEAR: A TWO-THIRD MAJORITY OF ELECTED MEMBERS IN MOST DISTRICT BOARDS; UNOFFICIAL DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN; NO OFFICIAL MEMBERS ON THE BOARDS; THE SETTING UP OF A NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL; AND INDIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+THE IMPACT OF THESE CHANGES ON THE POLITICAL LIFE OF HONG KONG WILL BE FAR-REACHING,+ HE SAID.

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TSUEN WAN TO DISCUSS GREEN PAPER
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RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG AT AN OPEN FORUM TOMORROW (MONDAY) EVENING.

THE FORUM, TO BE HELD AT 8 PM AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THREE AREA COMMITTEES.

IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANGUS MIU AND THE THREE AREA COMMITTEES' CHAIRMEN.

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ABOUT 25 TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS, TOGETHER WITH AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF, WILL CALL ON FAMILIES IN CAUSEWAY BAY SOUTH AREA TOMORROW (MONDAY) EVENING TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

THE HOUSEHOLD VISITS, LED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN NG, ARE PART OF A CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL VISIT ABOUT 200 HOUSEHOLDS IN NGAR CHOI HANG VILLAGE, 100 HOUSEHOLDS IN LIN FA KUNG VILLAGE, AND 60 HOUSEHOLDS IN EVELYN TOWER.

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SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE FULLY REDEVELOPED
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SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, ONE OF THE OLDEST PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, HAS BEEN FULLY REDEVELOPED, MARKING A MILESTONE FOR THE MASSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR OLDER ESTATES.

+REDEVELOPMENT WORKS ARE CONTINUING ON 11 OTHER MARK I-II ESTATES TO UPGRADE LIVING STANDARDS AND RELIEVE OVERCROWDING UNDER THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAMME, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD.

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+AT SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, THE LAST THREE NEW BLOCKS WITH 920 SELF-CONTAINED FLATS WERE COMPLETED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

+OVERCROWDING IS NOW A THING OF THE PAST IN THE ESTATE WHERE THE POPULATION HAS DROPPED BY ALMOST HALF FROM 62 400 TO 32 000 PEOPLE.

+ALTOGETHER 11 OLD BLOCKS ON THE ESTATE WERE DEMOLISHED AND QUICKLY REPLACED WITH MODERN DOMESTIC BLOCKS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY, RECREATION AND OTHER FACILITIES.

+OTHER BLOCKS WERE CONVERTED IN-SITU TO PROVIDE LARGER LIVING UNITS COMPLETE WITH INDIVIDUAL KITCHENS, TOILETS AND BALCONIES.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE WAS AMONG THE ORIGINAL 12 OLD ESTATES BUILT IN THE 1950S AND EARLY 1960S AS EMERGENCY REHOUSING FOR VICTIMS, OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND SQUATTERS FROM DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCE.

+SINCE THE ON-GOING REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BEGAN IN 1972, THE POPULATION ON THE PREVIOUSLY OVERCROWDED ESTATES HAS BEEN HALVED, AND MANY OF THE ORIGINAL RESIDENTS HAVE MOVED OUT TO NEW ESTATES.+

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1 000-A-MONTH SUCCESS IN TRAFFIC TICKET APPEALS
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A MOTORIST FACED WITH A FIXED PENALTY TRAFFIC TICKET MAY FEEL HE IS IN THE GRIP OF A FACELESS BUREAUCRACY GIVING HIM NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY UP OR GO TO COURT.

BUT DESPITE HAVING TO COPE WITH A MOUNTAIN OF PAPER WORK WHICH ONLY THE LIGHT-SPEED EFFICIENCY OF COMPUTERS CAN SCALE, THE POLICE CENTRAL TRAFFIC PROSECUTION BUREAU, DOES HAVE A HEART.

MOTORISTS WHO THINK THEY HAVE BEEN HARSHLY TREATED IN BEING HANDED A TICKET CAN APPEAL -- AND THEIR APPEALS ARE SUCCESSFUL AT THE RATE OF 1 000 A MONTH.

THE STAFF OFFICER AT THE CENTRAL TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS UNIT, SUPERINTENDENT NORMAN HUMPHREYS SAID :'' WHILE WE CAN'T CONDONE BLATANT TRAFFIC OFFENCES WE ALWAYS LOOK AT ANY SITUATION FROM THE PUBLIC POINT OF VIEW.

''WE TRY TO APPLY A JUDICIOUS BLEND OF POLICE ACTION AND TOLERANCE.''

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HOWEVER, SUPT HUMPHREYS DOES ADVISE TRAFFIC TICKET RECIPIENTS TO PAY UP FIRST AND THEN APPEAL, THE REASON BEING THAT IT TAKES LONGER FOR THE APPEAL TO BE CONSIDERED THAN THE TIME ALLOWED FOR A TICKET RECIPIENT TO PAY HIS FIXED FINE. IF THE FINE IS NOT PAID WITHIN THE STATED TIME THEN A SUMMONS IS AUTOMATICALLY ISSUED AGAINST THE MOTORIST.

THE CENTRAL TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS UNIT HANDLES 120 000 TICKETS A MONTH — THAT'S 1.4 MILLION A YEAR, BESIDES HAVING OTHER WORK SUCH AS COURT PROSECUTIONS TO DEAL WITH.

TO COPE THEY HAVE TO RESORT TO COMPUTERS AND THE UNIT HAS SOME OF THE FASTEST DATA PROCESSORS IN THE TERRITORY. SUPT HUMPHREYS SAID THAT SOME OF HIS GIRLS ARE CAPABLE OF 20 000 KEY DEPRESSIONS PER HOUR WHEN OPERATING THEIR MACHINES.

HE COMMENTED : "IT'S A FANTASTIC RATE REALLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THEY ARE WORKING FROM HASTILY WRITTEN TICKETS THAT IN SOME CASES ARE ALMOST ILLEGIBLE."

DESPITE THE HIGH RATE OF INPUT THE GIRLS HAVE A VERY LOW PERCENTAGE OF ERROR.

WITH SUCH A MOUNTAIN OF WORK THE UNIT COULD BE FORGIVEN FOR IGNORING APPEALS BY MOTORISTS, BUT THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

"WE GET ABOUT 3 000 PHONE CALLS A MONTH AND UP TO 2 500 LETTERS FROM PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GIVEN A TICKET. MANY OF THEM CONCERN PARKING METERS WHICH ARE NOT WORKING PROPERLY.

"CHECKING UP ON THEM MEANS A LOT OF WORK AND TAKES TIME SO IT MAY BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE A DECISION IS REACHED. WE HAVE SEVEN INSPECTORS AND SENIOR INSPECTORS WORKING FULL TIME CHECKING UP ON THESE COMPLAINTS."

SUPT HUMPHREYS'S ADVICE TO MOTORISTS RECEIVING TRAFFIC TICKETS IS "IF YOU KNOW IN YOUR HEART OF HEARTS YOU HAVE COMMITTED AN OFFENCE THEN PAY UP WITHIN DUE TIME.

"IF YOU WISH TO DISPUTE THE FACTS THEN FILL IN THE SLIP ON THE TICKET AND RETURN IT TO US AND A SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN COURT WILL FOLLOW.

"BUT IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEEN HARSHLY TEATED AND THERE IS SOMETHING NOT QUITE FAIR ABOUT THE TICKET, SEND IN YOUR TICKET, WITH A CHEQUE FOR THE FIXED PENALTY AMOUNT AND A LETTER OUTLINING THE FACTS.

"YOUR CASE WILL BE LOOKED INTO AND IF THE FACTS WARRANT IT THE TICKET WILL BE CANCELLED AND YOUR MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED."

SUPT HUMPHREYS SAID THAT ABOUT 6 000 COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES EACH MONTH RESULTED IN ABOUT 1 000 TICKETS BEING CANCELLED.

BUT AS HE EXPLAINED : "VERY FEW OF THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE TICKETS WE CANCEL EVER BOTHER TO SAY THANK-YOU."

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ENDANGERED DUCKS REARED IN HONG KONG
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THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS HAS SUCCEEDED IN PRODUCING DUCKLINGS FROM TWO PAIRS OF THE RARE WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCK *CAIRINA SCUTULATA* ON BREEDING LOAN FROM THE INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS WILDFOWL TRUST AT SLIMBRIDGE, WHOSE HONORARY DIRECTOR IS SIR PETER SCOTT.

THE BREEDING LOAN IS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT (WORLD WILDLIFE FUND PROJECT 406) TO SAVE THIS RARE DUCK FROM EXTINCTION.

ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO BUILD UP CAPTIVE-BRED STOCKS FOR RE-INTRODUCTION INTO ADEQUATELY PROTECTED SANCTUARIES WITHIN THE SPECIES' FORMER AND PRESENT RANGE.

THIS TECHNIQUE HAS ALREADY BEEN USED SUCCESSFULLY IN REHABILITATING THE HAWAIIAN GOOSE *BRANTA SANDVICENSIS* AND THE NORTH AMERICAN WOOD DUCK *AIX SPONSA*.

THE NATURAL RANGE OF THE WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCK IS FROM ASSAM AND BURMA, THROUGH THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA TO SUMATRA AND JAVA. THE BIRDS INHABIT SHELTERED POOLS AND SLOW STREAMS IN PRIMARY RAIN FOREST.

HABITAT DESTRUCTION ON A MASSIVE SCALE, COUPLED WITH POLLUTION OF AVAILABLE WATERS AND HUNTING, HAS LED TO A STEEP DECLINE IN NUMBERS, AND THIS SPECIES IS NOW EXTINCT OVER MUCH OF ITS FORMER RANGE.

TWO BROODS OF DUCKLINGS HAVE BEEN HATCHED THIS YEAR AT THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS. THE FIRST SIX ARE NOW SEVEN WEEKS OLD AND THE SECOND BROOD OF SIX WAS HATCHED ON JULY 29-30.

THE DUCKLINGS WERE HATCHED BY DOMESTIC CHICKEN ACTING AS FOSTER PARENTS, BECAUSE BY REMOVING THE FIRST CLUTCH OF EGGS THE DUCKS ARE STIMULATED TO BREED AGAIN.

IT IS PROBABLE THAT WHEN THEY ARE OLD ENOUGH THE YOUNG DUCKS WILL BE SENT TO A BREEDING CENTRE IN PRACHIN BURI PROVINCE, THAILAND, WHERE PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY TO REINTRODUCE WHITE-WINGED WOOD DUCKS TO THE WILD.

HONG KONG IS ONE OF ONLY FIVE CENTRES OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM TO WHICH THE WILDFOWL TRUST HAS SENT THIS SPECIES ON BREEDING LOAN. THE PAIR THAT BRED THIS YEAR AT THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN 1982.

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MORE WORKS FOR TOWN GROWTH PLAN
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO CARRY OUT A NUMBER OF ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS ON THE SAI KUNG RECLAMATION AS PART OF THE ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN.

WORK WILL INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF A CAR PARK AT THE MAIN GATE OF THE SAI KUNG SPORTS GROUND, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS TERMINAL, A MAXICAB AND A TAXI STAND NEAR THE SPORTS GROUND, WIDENING OF A NEARBY CIRCUIT ROAD TO PROVIDE LOADING AND UNLOADING BAYS FOR ADJACENT DEVELOPMENTS, IMPROVEMENT OF PO TUNG ROAD, AND THE EXTENSION OF A ROAD LEADING TO THE FUTURE RECLAMATION AREA.

ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORK AND LANDSCAPING WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED.

MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO PROVIDE LORRY PARKING AREAS AT MAN NIN STREET AND YI CHUNG STREET AND CONSTRUCT A ROAD AND NECESSARY FOOTWAYS TO CONNECT THE TWO STREETS.

THE PROPOSAL ALSO REQUIRES THE CLOSURE OF PART OF MAN NIN STREET WHICH FRONTS THE SEA AND ADJOINS HOUSES NOS 79 AND 93.

NOTICES CONCERNING THE PROPOSALS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

RELATED PLANS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG; THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG BRANCH OFFICE, 63 MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG.

ALL OBJECTIONS MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS IN WRITING BY OCTOBER 9.

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TWO NT SPORTS GROUNDS RE-OPEN SUNDAY
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TWO OF THE EIGHT SPORTS GROUNDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC NEXT SUNDAY (AUGUST 19) ON COMPLETION OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WORK.

THEY ARE THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND AND SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE OTHER SIX SPORTS FACILITIES WILL BE RE-OPENED AS FOLLOWS: THE KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND ON AUGUST 31, FANLING RECREATION GROUND, YUEN LONG STADIUM AND SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND AND TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND ON OCTOBER 1.

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THE STANDARD TURFED SOCCER PITCHES AT THESE SPORTS GROUNDS WILL BE OPENED FOR ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL, WHILE FIRST DIVISION FOOTBALL MATCHES CAN ALSO BE PLAYED AT YUEN LONG STADIUM AND TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TRACK AND FIELD FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE SPORTS GROUNDS. THERE ARE ALL-WEATHER 400-METRE RUNNING TRACKS AT THE OTHER SEVEN GROUNDS, EXCEPT AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO BOOK ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE SPORTS GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSIVE USE SHOULD CONTACT THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TEENAGERS TASTE ARMY LIFE * * * *

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YOUNG MEN TOOK PART IN A PASSING OFF PARADE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (VOLUNTEERS) AT THE REGIMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN HAPPY VALLEY TODAY (SUNDAY).

THESE YOUNGSTERS, ALL AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18, HAD SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A 220-HOUR MILITARY AND PHYSICAL TRAINING PROGRAMME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, AND GRADUATED AS MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS.

MOST OF THE TRAINING COURSES TOOK PLACE OVER WEEKENDS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO MAJOR TRAINING CAMPS WHICH WERE HELD DURING EASTER AND SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE NEW RECRUITS WILL JOIN THE 180 EXISTING MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DRILLING, RADIO OPERATION, FIRST AID, MAP READING, BAND TRAINING, SHOOTING AND LAND AND WATER SPORTS ETC.

INSPECTING THE PARADE WAS COL. J.R. HEYWOOD, THE HONORARY COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT. OTHER GUESTS INCLUDED HEADS OF AUXILIARY SERVICES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND PARENTS OF THE JUNIOR LEADERS.

MORE THAN 1 000 YOUNGSTERS HAVE JOINED THE CORPS SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1970, AND HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING TRAINED AS A SOLDIER.

THE CORPS CONDUCTS ITS RECRUITMENT EXERCISE IN APRIL AND NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR. BOYS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 16 WHO HAVE THEIR PARENTS' APPROVAL AND HEADMASTERS' RECOMMENDATION ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.

THOSE LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ARE GIVEN PRIOR CONSIDERATION. ONCE ACCEPTED, MEMBERS WILL BE SUBSIDISED WITH FREE MEALS AND NECESSARY UNIFORM FITTINGS DURING TRAINING PERIODS.

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LANE TO BE PARTLY CLOSED
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CLOSE PERMANENTLY PART OF THE LANE BEHIND GILLIES MANSION IN HUNG HOM, TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND PUBLIC TOILET.

HOWEVER, PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OVER THE REMAINING PART OF THE LANE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

THE LANE IS BOUNDED BY COOKE STREET, GILLIES AVENUE, BAKER STREET AND WALKER ROAD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE UNDER THE ROADS (WORKS, USE AND COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

A PLAN OF THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT:

* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE,
CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE,
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE;

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

* KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE,
NO. 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD,
1ST FLOOR,
KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS SHOULD BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE OCTOBER 9.

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TSUEN WAN ROAD WORKS
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR A NUMBER OF ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS WORKS IN CENTRAL TSUEN WAN.

WORK WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-CELL BOX CULVERT ALONG TAI HO ROAD BETWEEN HOI PA STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD, ANCILLARY WORKS IN TAI LEK HO CULVERTS, AND SITE FORMATION WORK IN THE EXISTING HOI PA VILLAGE AREA.

THE TWO-HECTARE SITE FORMED WILL BE USED FOR AN OPEN SPACE, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, REDEVELOPING PART OF HOI PA VILLAGE, AND EXTENSION OF YAN CHAI HOSPITAL AND TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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