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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA TO SEE NEW GENERATION HOUSING ESTATE

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WILL SEE AN EXAMPLE OF THE ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED BY THE NEW GENERATION OF HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES WHEN SHE VISITS CHEUNG CHING ON TSING YI ISLAND ON FEBRUARY 8 AS PART OF HER NINE-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THE PRINCESS AND HER HUSBAND, THE HON ANGUS OGILVY, WILL BE MET ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE ESTATE BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO.

THE ROYAL COUPLE WILL THEN TOUR THE ESTATE, VISITING SHOPS, A FAMILY AND A NURSERY.

CHEUNG CHING, OPENED IN 1977, IS THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE TO BE BUILT ON TSING YI WHICH IS LINKED BY A BRIDGE TO THE FAST-GROWING NEW TOWN OF TSUEN WAN.

THE ESTATE IS MADE UP OF SIX 22 TO 24-STOREY TWIN-TOWER BLOCKS AND ONE 13-STOREY SLAB BLOCK CONTAINING 4 500 FLATS WITH A DESIGNED CAPACITY OF ALMOST 35 000 PEOPLE.

RESIDENTS ARE PROVIDED WITH A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES, INCLUDING A COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, A SECONDARY SCHOOL, A KINDERGARTEN, A NURSERY AND STUDY CENTRES.

COVERED WALKWAYS OR PURPOSE-BUILT STAIRCASES PROVIDE CONVENIENT AND SAFE, TRAFFIC-FREE ACCESS WITHIN CHEUNG CHING AND CONNECT WITH NEIGHBOURING CHEUNG HONG ESTATE, WHICH IS BEING DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE 6 372 FLATS FOR MORE THAN 42 000 PEOPLE.

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TIME LIMIT FOR OBJECTING PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT IF THEY OBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS THEY SHOULD DO SO WITHIN ONE MONTH OF THE DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.

AS TO CLAIMS FOR PROPERTY TAX REFUND, THE TIME LIMIT IS 90 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE RELEVANT YEAR OF ASSESSMENT, OR 90 DAYS AFTER THE PROPERTY TAX NOTICE IS GIVEN, WHICHEVER IS THE LATER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID OBJECTIONS AND CLAIMS FOR REFUND FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED PROPERTY AND UNOCCUPIED PREMISES SHOULD BE MADE IN WRITING WITHIN THESE TIME LIMITS TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE.

HE SAID THE DEADLINE WOULD BE EXTENDED IF THE COMMISSIONER IS SATISFIED THAT, OWING TO ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG, SICKNESS OR OTHER REASONABLE CAUSE, THE PERSON OBJECTING TO ASSESSMENTS AND CLAIMING FOR REFUNDS WERE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID VACANCY CLAIMS CAN ALWAYS BE MADE WITHOUT SUPPORTING EVIDENCE TO MEET THE TIME LIMIT- BUT PROPERTY OWNERS, AGENTS AND OCCUPIERS OF DOMESTIC FLATS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FORWARD SUCH EVIDENCE AS ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER BILLS TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIMS.

FOR NON-DOMESTIC PREMISES, HE SAID, THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WOULD ISSUE VACANCY CERTIFICATES IN ALL APPROPRIATE CASES AND THESE FORMS MUST BE PRODUCED TO SUPPORT CLAIMS FOR REFUND.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION MAY CONTACT THE ASSESSOR (PROPERTY TAX) OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT AT 5-7959-5217 OR WRITE TO THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH GPO BOX 132, HONG KONG.

ADVICE IN PERSON IS OBTAINABLE FROM INLAND REVENUE OFFICES IN WINDSOR HOUSE, 17TH FLOOR, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG- 664 NATHAN ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, REAR PORTION, KOWLOON- AND FOU WAH CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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YOUNG MEN INVITED TO JOIN PWD'S CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME
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OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW OPENED TO YOUNG MEN TO JOIN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CRAFT APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME.

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 17 WITH A MINIMUM EDUCATION STANDARD OF FORM TWO ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE SCHEME.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES AND THE APPRENTICE TRAINING CENTRE OF THE PWD'S ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE.

MR WONG SHIU-KWONG, SUPERINTENDENT OF APPRENTICES OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE SAID, +CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR THE SCHEME WILL RECEIVE FOUR YEARS TRAINING AS CRAFTSMEN IN ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL OR AIR-CONDITIONING FIELD AND BE ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY SALARY BETWEEN \$550 AND \$830 WITH ANNUAL PAID LEAVE AND FREE MEDICAL CARE.

+ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, APPRENTICES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS ARTISAN IN THE GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE ALSO FREE TO JOIN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN WHICH WELL-TRAINED CRAFTSMEN ARE IN GREAT DEMAND,+

MR WONG POINTED OUT THAT PROMOTION PROSPECTS FOR ARTISANS WERE GOOD AND THEY WERE ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION TO WORKS SUPERVISOR OR EVEN MORE SENIOR POSTS DEPENDING ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE.

+THEY MAY BE EMPLOYED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, WATER SUPPLIES OFFICE AND GEOTECHNICAL OFFICE OF THE PWD OR KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WORKSHOPS ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL ALL BE TAKEN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE ADDED.

+YET, ARTISAN I AND II POSTS ARE NORMALLY FILLED BY CRAFT APPRENTICES WHO HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING.+

ABOUT 120 APPRENTICES WILL BE RECRUITED THIS YEAR.

THE FOUR-YEAR APPRENTICESHIP CONSISTS OF BOTH BASIC AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

DURING THE FIRST YEAR APPRENTICES WILL ATTEND A SIX-MONTH FULL-TIME ENGINEERING CRAFT COURSE AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER SIX MONTHS BASIC TRAINING IN THE APPRENTICE TRAINING CENTRE AT CAROLINE HILL.

IN THE FOLLOWING THREE YEARS, THEY WILL RECEIVE FURTHER TRAINING IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS AND PLANTS AS WELL AS ATTENDING PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS ON BENCH FITTING, MACHINE TOOLS, WELDING, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS AND SHEET METAL WORK.

+THE TRAINING SCHEME PRACTICALLY COVERS EVERY MAJOR ARTISAN TRADE THUS PROVIDING APPRENTICES WITH A BROAD ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE,+ MR WONG SAID.

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POWER SUB-STATION IN SHA TIN

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AN ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION IS TO BE BUILT AT TAI WAI, SHA TIN, FOR THE FUTURE ELECTRIFIED RAILWAY SYSTEM.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR CHEN SHAO-CHI, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID THE CONTRACT WOULD ALSO COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD AS WELL AS SITE FORMATION, FOUNDATION AND DRAINAGE WORK.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MR CHEN SAID THAT TRANSFORMERS AND OTHER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WOULD BE SUPPLIED AND INSTALLED UNDER SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TRANSMARK, THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS, THROUGH THEIR SUB-CONSULTANTS, ~~MAHSELL~~ MAHSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, SPENCE ROBINSON AND RANKINE AND HILL, UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DSW TO OFFICIATE AT RENAMING CEREMONIES
OF OLD PEOPLE'S INSTITUTIONS
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, WILL PERFORM TWO CEREMONIES ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 4) TO MARK THE RENAMING OF TWO OLD PEOPLE INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS.

THE RENAMING WILL BE MADE IN RECOGNITION OF DONATIONS MADE BY TWO LOCAL PHILANTROPISTS TOWARDS THE TUNG WAH GROUP'S SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE RENAMING CEREMONY FOR THE HING WAH HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10.30 AM AT THE HOSTEL IN HING WAH ESTATE, CHIN HING HOUSE, FIFTH FLOOR, IN CHAI WAN, WHILE THAT FOR A BLOCK IN THE DAVID TRENCH HOME FOR THE AGED WILL BE HELD AT 12.30 PM AT THE HOME AT 29 NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER BOTH CEREMONIES.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWAI CHUNG
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWAI CHUNG FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 5) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE JUNCTION OF WO YI HOP ROAD AND LEI MUK ROAD.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ON LEI MUK ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT ONTO WO YI HOP ROAD EASTBOUND, WHILE WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON WO YI HOP ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM MAKING RIGHT TURN ONTO LEI MUK ROAD NORTHBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS, FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 6) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE A LEAKAGE TEST.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY 1-50 STUBBS ROAD, 1-18 WONG NEI CHUNG GAP ROAD INCLUDING THE HONG KONG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, TUNG SHAN TERRACE AND SHIU FAI TERRACE.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
FEBRUARY 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM -- 5 PM
FEBRUARY 7 (THURSDAY)	8 AM -- 5 PM
FEBRUARY 8 (FRIDAY)	8 AM -- 4 PM

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